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Welcome and Hello

Today you will be greeted by **Lois Strauss**. Our program chair is **Chris Davis**.

Future Program Chairs &-Greeters

The first name listed is Program Chair; the second is Greeter. Please let President Elect **Dave Preble** and Reader editor **Lois Strauss or John Griffith** know whom you have for a speaker, so it can be published in upcoming Rotary Readers. Please remember that when you are Program Chair, you are expected to lend a hand after the meeting putting away the club's paraphernalia.

- 9/19 **Ron Morse and Joel Speakman**
- 9/26 **Dave Preble and Frank Shorey**
- 10/3 Students of the Month and **Lynne Schott**
- 10/10 **George Rice and Jack Richardson**
- 10/17 **Patty Rice and Patty Rice**
- 10/24 **Jack Richardson and George Rice**
- 10/31 **Lynne and Dave Preble**

Visitors and Guests

We had two guests last week. **Pat Cook** brought Tom Lawton while **Dan Allen** hosted Chris Summers. Chris would like to join our club.

New Member Proposal

Dan Allen is proposing Chris Summers as a new club member with the classification of (additional) electrician. Speak to a Board member to comment on this proposal.

Upcoming Events

9/19 Today's meeting will be at 5:30 at **Ron Morse's** Norway Lake house.

9/28 District 7780 Membership Seminar in Rochester, NH 2PM-8PM

Announcements

Jack Richardson served as today's President *pro tem*. He led us in the pledge. **Lois** led us in performing a Row, Row, Row Your Boat round. **Glenn** led us in prayer.

We were reminded that on September 19, we'll meet at **Ron Morse's** house on Norway Lake at 5:30PM. The address is 116 Goat Island Rd (Lane 18). Plan on bringing your own beverage and an appetizer or dessert to share. If you need directions or have questions call **Ron** at 743-6944.

Ron Morse announced that we are planning on selling Cabot Cheddar Cheese wheels again this year. Each wheel has the Rotary logo on it and makes a great gift.

Program

Lobster/Steak Feed Review

Dave Preble moderated our discussion of the 2012 Lobster Feed. He announced that we grossed almost \$8800 and expects that we'll net about \$4000.

Dave opened the discussion for Promotion. The following ideas were discussed.

- (1) Why are we printing tickets with stubs unless we do something with the stub such as a raffle? The stubs have been available for accountability issues but haven't been used that way. Perhaps we should collect email addresses on the stub and start a database so we can remind previous ticket holders that new tickets are available.
- (2) We could print lobster on the red tickets and steak on the tan tickets because we found that some people, when they turned in their tickets, did not realize that they had already made a choice.
- (3) Patty Rice's weekly press releases were a great help with promotion.
- (4) Facebook and Radio advertising were also helpful.
- (5) Sending letters to businesses is helpful if followed up with a phone call. We need to do that at least a month before the event.
- (6) It would be nice to have a banner at all our events showing some of the many ways we use funds which we raise.
- (7) We might want to include entertainment in our promotion of the event including printing that fact on the posters and tickets.

Next we discussed Equipment and Set-Up.

- (1) Most thought the set-up went well, but we could have used more volunteers.
- (2) Renting the cookers from the Greenwood Fire Dept has worked out well.

Next we discussed the Event itself.

- (1) Folks liked the music and many suggested inviting them back next year.
- (2) There was a problem with French fries getting backed up. We may need an additional cooker to solve that.
- (3) Some clams were gritty even though they had been thoroughly washed. Perhaps we should substitute clam chowder or consider a different supplier for the clams.
- (4) People liked the steak, but many were overcooked. We need a way to let the servers know which steaks are rare, med. or well done. Perhaps the servers need to cut into each steak. Since they continue to cook after removal from the grill, they should probably should all be cooked rare and only cooked longer as required by orders.
- (5) Corn seemed overcooked.

- (6) We need to make sure everyone gets silverware.

Last we discussed Cleanup. The main issue here was that we needed more people involved in clean up. Using local Scouts and Interact kids to help with tables and chairs could help a lot. More of us need to plan on staying late for cleanup.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Rob Armstrong was happy that he's accepted a new job in southern Maine, but truly sad that he won't be able to stay with our club.

Lynne was happy that she was okay even though she totaled her car.

Someone read a note from Warren Spencer that he was having some complications after a knee replacement.

Tally was happy that **Fred** has a lead on a house buyer, but wants to make sure that **Fred** still visits us once in awhile when he no longer has a lakefront cottage.

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Pat Cook failed to draw the King of Clubs so the pot continues to grow.

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