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Welcome and Hello

Today you will be greeted by **Lois Strauss**.
Dave Preble will introduce our speaker from the Oxford Casino

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.

- 10/3 **Tally DeCato** with Brian Hamlin 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 several guests who were the spouses of Club members.

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

- 9/29 Repair our trailer, Cottage St. 8 AM
- 9/28 District 7780 Membership Seminar in Rochester, NH 2PM-8PM
- 10/19 AARP Food Drive, Norway Savings Bank
- 10/27 Rotary Foundation Seminar, Bridgton

Announcements

Bob Schott asked for a short business meeting to discuss a proposal. **Bob** proposed a new way to do a meeting makeup. He suggested that the member who needed the makeup would donate \$10 to the Rotary Foundation. For this \$10 the member would be able to "buy" a makeup from another club member who has an extra makeup available for "sale." **Bob** indicated that our current DG, Marty Peak Helman, approved of this idea. **Bob** suggested that both the "buyer" and "seller" of the makeup would get a \$5 credit for the Foundation contribution. He thought we might want to limit the number of makeups that an individual member could buy to six or less per year.

A lively discussion followed. Some concerns that were expressed included whether it was "legal" according to the Rotary Manual of Procedures. Another concern was that it might encourage absenteeism. Also we still have to cover the cost of a minimum number of meals.

One person suggested that the E-club makeups available on the internet were easy to do and required were free although a donation is suggested. That person said that the articles

available to read were interesting and informative. Another individual expressed that the E-club makeups were a waste of time. Another thought that we shouldn't "pay" for makeups.

There were also members who saw advantages to this idea. It would increase our Club donation to the Rotary Foundation. It would be a very easy way to do a makeup. We could try it for a year and see how it worked and stop the procedure if we encountered problems.

The consensus seemed to be that this idea needed more discussion and research.

Program - Good Times At the Morse House

There was plenty of food in the form of appetizers, salads and desserts. **Ron** cooked up plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers. No one went home hungry.

Everyone had fun mingling with other Club members and spouses.

We are very thankful to Laura and **Ron Morse** for hosting this social time in spite of the fact that their kitchen was being renovated and they had no kitchen counters and no kitchen sink. They are truly gracious hosts.

Happy/Sad Dollars

There were lots of happy dollars, but by that time the Editor had put away her pen, paper and memory. So if you wanted to know who was happy and why, you had to be there.

The Editor does recall, however, that **Rob Armstrong**'s son came through the surgery on his nose with flying colors.

50/50

The Editor also failed to record the results of the 50/50.

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The Four Way Test

As Rotarians we have pledged to follow the four-way test in everything we do. Do you know the four-way test? Are you practicing it?

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think say and do,

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?