

December 3, 2009

Make-up Opportunities:

Biddeford-Saco-Wed 12:15 pm, Captain's Galley, OOB – **Breakwater Daybreak**-Wed., 7:15 am, Betsey Ross House, 99 Preble St., So Portland - **Kennebunk**-Thurs-12:15 pm, Holy Cross Lutheran Church – **Kennebunk Portside**- Tues. 7:15 am, Community House, Temple St., K'port – **Ogunquit**-Wed. 12:00 pm, Jonathan's Rest, Bourne Lane, **Portland**- Fri. 12:15 pm, The Portland Club, State St. – **Sanford-Springvale**- Thurs. 7:30 am, Knights of Columbus Hall, High St. – **Scarborough**- Tues.6:50 am, Scarborough Downs, **South Portland-Cape Eliz.**,-Wed. 6:15 pm, Purpoodock Club, 300 Spurwink Ave., C.E. – **Wells**, Mon. 7:30 am, The Bull n' Claw, Rt. 1

- Dec. 3 Club Assembly**
- Dec. 10 Junior Achievement of Maine**
"Invite a potential member day"
- Dec. 17 Classification Talks**

New Member Induction
Joanne Landry



Joanne officially became a Saco Bay Rotarian on Nov. 19th. As you can see, Dru and Dennis are ecstatic. Joanne is the Office Manager of the Occupational Health Dept. at Southern Maine Medical Center. Welcome to our club, Joanne.

Announcements

♠ Katie gave us a UNE Rotaract update: The students are busy shopping for Toys for Tots; hosting breakfast with Santa at UNE; Gift wrapping; working at the 2nd annual pancake breakfast; bell ringing at Walmart. They are also gathering cards, Christmas and all types for the troops in Iraq to use. **PLEASE BRING ANY EXTRA CARDS TO OUR MEETING NEXT WEEK FOR THE TROOPS' USE.**

♠ Jack Turcotte, the OOB Interim Town Manager wrote us a thank you letter for building the 2 kiosks at Memorial Park...thanks to Sam and his crew.

- ♠ Deb Cote extended an invitation for all to come to the Christmas luncheon at St. Andre's on Dec. 9th from 11:30 – 1:30 PM. Santa will be there.
- ♠ There is a sign up sheet to help for the Rotary breakfast on Dec 5th for Toys for Tots. Please sign up.
- ♠ On Dec 6th, OOB will have their annual celebration of Christmas by the Sea. The Rotary wheel will be displayed. It will also be in the Saco parade on Dec. 5th.
- ♠ Norman asked as many Rotarians (friends and family are all invited to participated) to sign up for the bell ringing on Dec. 4th.
- ♠ Brian reminded everyone of the Red Cross blood drive on Dec. 15th at the Captain's Galley. He will also coordinate a Toys for Tots drop off as well on that date.

50/50 Raffle Update

Kelly LeBlanc struck out. The pot is now at \$158.



BREAKING NEWS...Nancy found her camera.

Sergeant at Arms
John Bouchard

▶ John heard some interesting excuses for the missing in action Rotarians at last week's meeting. A most interesting one was that Scott was not at the meeting because he was taking his

wife out for a walk in the woods. (*Scott we would like to know more.*)

On the other hand, Dave Wilson would have had a difficult time flying in from his trip to Jordan and Israel just for our meeting.



Happy Birthday to David Greene who turned 86 on November 24th and John Anagnostis who celebrated his 80th BD on November 19th.

A special cake was made in their honor.

\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$

► Congratulations to Brad who has been in law enforcement for the last 34 years and who just celebrated is 29th wedding anniversary.

► Tony and his wife just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

► Janet is back from surgery. *We are happy to see you back with us.*

► Andrea thanked those who supported the Toys for Tots luncheon last week.

► David is back from a 3-week vacation with his “other half” in Jordan and Israel.



Nancy Kelley presented our club an award for our participation in the walk “Run for the Fallen”

New Member Proposal:

Bryan Albert and
Steve Urbach

Speaker

Melvina Gregory

Director of Interpreter Services
for Catholic Charities of Maine



David Wilson who volunteers as an interpreter for this organization introduced Melvina.

There are folks who speak 80 different languages that are helped at the Refugee & Immigration Services in Maine as they re-settled in various towns in Maine. This organization was founded in 1975 and has assisted thousands of refugees from 25 countries. Not only does the program help to re-settle refugees but it also offers interpreter services; case management; elder services; mental health services; and cultural skills training.

Last year alone, the organization placed 79,000 refugees who are coming into this country for various humanitarian reasons. Due to this integration of various cultures into our towns and cities, Maine’s landscape is changing. Melvina stated that Washington County was the most diverse county in Maine having many Indians and migrant workers.

President’s Closing Remarks....

All the problems we face in the United States today can be traced to an unenlightened immigration policy on the part of the American Indian.

Pat Paulsen