

March 25, 2010

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 Henry VIII, Cabella's Plaza, **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

PROGRAMS

April 1 Kathy Duke, Stone Soup Food & Pantry
April 8 Club Assembly
April 15 Building Communities Bridging Continent, Dru LaDuke
April 22 Ferry Beach Ecology School

ROTARY MINUTE

Dru read a poem that was composed by 15 yr. old Amber Collins following a visit to the Smokey Mountain in the Philippines. This is not a place of beauty but rather one of the largest rubbish dumps in the world.

*Walk down the streets of sadness, colder than the snow,
See the children crying, but no one seems to know.
Sifting through the garbage, trying to find a meal.
With wounds that cut so deep, scars that never heal.
Hidden in the shadows they are crying out a prayer,
'Another one has passed away. Doesn't anybody care?*

*No matter what I do, no matter what I say,
I am just one person, like I was yesterday.
Please don't turn away, I want you to understand,
It wasn't my intention ; was not what I had planned.
Because I want to help, there's just one thing I see,
To heal the world of suffering, the change must start
With me.*

(A very astute observation by a 15 year old. We can also make a difference in our own community.

Let your Rotary show!

In Memoriam.....

On March 23rd, Rotarian, **Cliff Kelsey** passed away at his home at the age of 87. We at Saco Bay remember Cliff as the "ultimate professor" who always took his favorite place at the Senior table. Cliff was also a World War II Veteran. His funeral was held on Monday, March 29th at Trinity Episcopal Church. His wife, Peg Would be glad to receive a card from us. Her address is: 7 Shannon Lane, Saco, Me 04072

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ Norm G. asked us to save the date of Tues, May 11th A breakfast will be held at Dunegrass by the Salvation Army to benefit kids at play. The speaker will be Lou Colby. Please see Norm for tickets.
- ★ Dru reminded everyone who might have an interest that the District Assembly is coming up on April 10th at YCCC from 8:00- 2:30PM. Our Club will pay all expenses. Please consider attending.



Joanne Landry who recently vacationed in St. Martins brought back one of their Rotary Flag. There are 4 Clubs on the Island.



Janet Davis was highly praised for her diligent work as our Auction Chair. Janet modestly gave credit to all of those folks who just know what to do and who showed unbelievable teamwork. Per Janet, approximately \$52,000 was raised. The final number

will be divided by both Rotary clubs and used for our Charitable Giving. Kudos were given to Janet by many of our club members. *Well done, Janet!*

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Ma-Li tried to win the \$84.00 pot. Better luck to the next person.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

John Bouchard

- ★ Saco, Chief of Police, Brad was fined for being late. The unusual thing about this fine was that the only excuse that Brad had was that “his blue lights were not working”.
- ★ John said that he was handed down team photos of a Portside Golf Tournament that he and John Hart, Jeff Shaw and Chris Jacques played 2 years ago. As they say” better late than never”. *I bet if the photos had been passed around, we would have found that allot of aging has taken place!!!!*

HAPPY DOLLARS

- \$ John A. reminded everyone that today, March 18th. was Greek Independence Day!
- \$ Phil shared with us that he recently returned from a trip to Allentown, Pa. Because he was driving a Toyota, he made the trip in 2 hours instead of the usual 7 hours.
- \$ Andrea gave a very happy \$ to compliment Chris Jacques’ son who sat behind her at the auction. She said that Chris’ son is an exceptional young man. Chris proudly followed up with the fact that his son recently made the Honor Roll.
- \$ Norm was proud to announce that his son, Andrew will be the principle trumpeteer at a Manhattan School of Music concert.
- \$ Tony’s girls also made the Honor Roll. Kudos to smart children who apply themselves



David hospital robe was passed on once again to Al Carignan who was to have hip replacement surgery this week. Best of luck and speedy recovery, Al.

Speaker

Ed Gardner



Ed, a Saco resident, retired engineer and World War II veteran shared with us what it is like to become “legally blind” .In June of 2009, he was declared blind with the condition of “macular degeneration” He is not quite in the dark but the medical profession cannot do anything more for you. He told us of a department in the State of Maine, The Division of Blindness that was helpful. They will come to your home and help people adjust to their condition in terms of providing living skills, dealing with the emotions that are involved in this adjustment and offer mobility training. As a veteran, Ed also qualifies for assistance through the VA. He has found them very helpful and able to provide equipment to make his life easier. The VA also offers a 6-week course to help in learning to use the eyesight that you have left. There are many areas to find help for your condition and there is a Support Group in Wells. Ed also mentioned a book that was very educational and helpful to him with his condition.

Macular Degeneration- The Complete Guide to Seeing and Managing your Sight”

Authors..Lylas G Mo-Gk & Marja Mo-Gk, PHDs.

President’s Closing Remarks.....

I am not going to buy my kids an encyclopedia. I’ll just let them walk to school like I did. (Yogi Berra)