

Chatham-Harwich Newcomers General Meeting

January 22, 2009

9:54 a.m. President Jerry Lima opened the meeting with a warm greeting to all our members.

Due to time restraints, Jerry Lima introduced our speaker, Dr. Richard F. Salluzzo, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cape Cod Healthcare. He is very concerned about healthcare in America and Cape Cod. He spoke regarding cost, quality and economic impact. He went into detail about duplications, unnecessary costs and the economic worries. The U.S. is in the bottom 10% of universal healthcare overall. He expanded on what CCHC is focusing on regarding physician partnership, safety, quality & service, performance improvement, brand, facilities excellence, fiscal excellence and selected growth. He carefully explained universal healthcare in other countries and how it would benefit the U.S. He was very well spoken.

Business meeting followed:

Secretary's report was posted on the web site and accepted.

Treasurer Don Kolp reported that because of activities and dues we had an income of \$1000 with \$6000 dispersed. We have a balance of \$4347 for our working capital. (savings). Report accepted as read.

Vice President, Mike Cimini gave an update on the upcoming Valentine luncheon at Old Yarmouth Inn on Saturday, February 14. Flyers will be on the web site and mailed to those without internet connections. Other upcoming events will be April 19 the spring dinner dance. During the Christmas luncheon \$640 was collected to help with Toys for Tots. A thank you note was received.

Membership Chair Art Hanrahan reported that we have 92 new members to date with a total membership of 398.

Charlie Moeder reiterated about checking the correctness of e-mail addresses as most of the club information is now e-mailed to save postage. If anyone has a spam filter, please allow the club's e-mails through. Pictures are always welcome.

Dave Ryer reported the following planned events from the Day Travel Committee.

1. March 6 to Providence R.I. to hear Yo Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble plus Dinner on Federal Hill at Panne e Vino Restorante". The group will be joining CONCH.
2. Bye Bye Birdie at the Harwich Junior Theater and dinner at Alouette is planned for March 8. Option would be for dinner only.
3. Big Apple weekend in New York, is planned for April 3-5, includes theater tickets, dinner, etc. Option would be to take the bus to New York only.

4. April 27 will be a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.
5. In June, a tour of the Boston Globe and Harvard University and Harvard Square is in the works.
6. August, a waterfire trip to Providence.

The Travel Committee is looking for any new members to help out with the plans.

New Members who recently joined Newcomers were introduced.

Betty Hann, Activities, said that all of the activities are going well with people enjoying themselves.

Jerry thanked the Greeters who welcomed everyone, the Hospitality people who provided a coffee and refreshment table and the activity people, who make the club so viable. He also thanked the members who generously contribute to the Family Pantry.

Jerry then asked if there was any other business; and Mark McGrath indicated he will start a new activity; "Ice Skating". He will e-mail those interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann O'Callaghan