

# Minutes

CHATHAM HARWICH NEWCOMERS MEETING

1-24-08

The meeting began at 9:55 AM when President Mark McGrath introduced the theme of Volunteerism. Illustrating this spirit was David Wadsworth, who at 92, still volunteers 700 hours a year. In recognition of this, the Newcomers donated \$100 to his favorite charity, the Samaritans.

Dr. William J. Manning from Cape Cod Hospital presented the members with a very comprehensive overview of hip and knee replacement, including visuals to illustrate his explanations. With 300,000 hip and 300,000 knee replacements done in the U.S. every year, the topic proved to be quite relevant. The information ranged from the types of arthritis, which may necessitate replacement surgery, to the sequence of events leading to surgery, and to the aftermath of surgery.

Using a computer-guidance system, with synthetic bones and replacement parts supplied by the Stryker Company, an actual demonstration of the navigation phase of a knee replacement procedure was shown to the attentive audience. Following this, Dr. Manning answered questions from the Newcomers.

## Officers' Reports

Treasurer, Mike Cimini, reiterated that the club was "financially sound" with \$6200 in the bank and \$3800 in working capital.

Vice President, Jerry Lima, reminded members of the upcoming Valentine Luncheon and announced that the year-end dinner dance will be held on April 20th.

Activities Director, Betty Hann, encouraged members to participate in the many offerings of the club.

Travel Planner, Dave Ryer, announced that "The Drowsy Chaperone" was sold out and had a wait list. A possible Boston trip is being discussed for late May, which would include the high-speed ferry and a trolley ride. Also, a trip to Saratoga and Glens Falls for August 19-20 with the Nauset Newcomers has become available to the C/H members.

## Other News

The Newcomers Club now has 391 members with 88 new members

The Chatham Library is sponsoring a spelling bee on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Newcomers will sponsor a team for interested participants.

Representatives from local organizations explained the goals of their various groups and solicited support from those present. Volunteers should contact Second Glance Thrift Shop, Habitat for Humanity, Cape Cod Hospital, Friends of Pleasant Bay, Harwich Evening Women's Club, Chatham Nauset Lions Club, and/or Big Brothers/Big Sisters for additional information.

At the end of the meeting, Rich Clifford, creator of the "Countdown Cod" for Chatham's First Night, relayed his experience in this endeavor—from its genesis, to its construction, and to its success when it was lowered at midnight to the crowd of delighted spectators.

Submitted by,  
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