

Chatham-Harwich Newcomers Meeting for November 15, 2007

Minutes for General Meeting

The meeting began at 10:05 A.M. when President Mark McGrath welcomed everyone and had new members introduce themselves. Following the meeting, the freshmen were invited to enjoy lunch at the 400 Hundred on Route 28, organized by Dave Guernard.

Collections for The Family Pantry and Toys for Tots were made available.

Mark reassured the Newcomers that the club was thriving in the areas of finances, membership, and activities.

Mike Cimini echoed this opinion with the Treasurer's Report, stating that the club had no bills, \$4500 in the bank, and \$3800 in working capital.

Vice President Jerry Lima reminded members of the Christmas luncheon to be held at Eastward Ho on Monday, December 3rd with reservations still available.

Dave Ryer, Travel, outlined upcoming events: The Cape Pops with dinner following at the Old Yarmouth Inn on December 2nd (sold out), the production "Bus Stop" at the Barnstable Comedy Club with dinner following at the Barnstable Tavern on January 27th for \$49.50 per person, The Boston Opera House featuring "Drowsy Chaperone" on April 27th for \$72. per person, and a potential day trip in the spring from Provincetown to Boston on the fast ferry for a day of fun.

Catherine Clark informed members of the first fine dining event on January 16th 2008 to be held at the Nauset Beach Club for the price of \$38. per person.

Winter Walks ("anything but pavement") will be on Mondays headed by Pat Sarantis.

Jim Rappolt invited interested male members to join the Men's Gourmet group.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Sally Foster is looking for volunteers in all venues for Chatham's First Night. Volunteers will be trained and rewarded with pizza and a party for their efforts.

Rich Clifford is creating "a work of art" with a reflective aluminum cod which will be lighted at First Night in Chatham.

Reverend Evelyn Lavelli spoke on behalf of various local churches and encouraged members to join if they so desired.

Larry Thayer from “Capabilities,” a 40 year organization on Cape Cod which functions to “enhance the lives of people with disabilities,” recounted the many opportunities afforded its members.

Mary Anderson from The Family Pantry, which provides food and clothing to those in need, requested help from male volunteers in the area of “bottles and cans.”

Peg McLaughlin from the Cape Cod Hospital Auxiliary, which has raised 6 and a half million dollars for the hospital, reported that new members would be welcomed.

ENTERTAINMENT

Jack McDowell introduced Bill Burley, an accomplished and entertaining bagpiper, who performed marches, jigs, and a dirge while supplying information on the historical background of piping and the tradition involved in his attire. He also showed the audience a small modern bagpipe, a parlor pipe, and a large, modern plastic bagpipe in addition to the traditional bagpipe. He is a member of Colum Cille, teaches bagpiping, and answered questions from members. Bill was knowledgeable and enthusiastic about his craft which was evident in his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

Submitted by
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