

Chatham-Harwich Newcomers General Meeting

May 17, 2010

President Mike Cimini welcomed everyone to the General Meeting and introduced Jack Wyatt who introduced our speaker, Rachel Meyer, Communications and Marketing Specialist from the Better Business Bureau.

Rachel spoke about the benefits of what a BBB Accreditation can mean to businesses and how they can help them. Her main topic was Identity Theft. It can happen by phishing (unsolicited e-mails), shoulder surfers, dumpster divers, lost or stolen wallets and internet fraud, among others. You can minimize your risk in a few simple ways such as keeping personal information private and in a secure place at home, shredding all your documents containing personal information, double checking all bank statements and credit card bills with your receipts. Before doing business with a company you can check their reliability with the BBB. Also, check your credit report at least once a year by contacting a credit agency. For more information, check their websites either info@boston.bbb.org or www.bbb.org.

Mike Cimini took a vote for the March minutes and they were accepted as posted on the website.

Don Kolp gave the Treasurer's Report. The Club continues to be financially sound and it has no outstanding debts. We have a checkbook balance of \$7,105 and a working capital of \$4,095. Don Kolp reported that Tom Philips would assume the treasurer's position effective July 15.

Vice President, Eve Dalmolen reported that the Spring Luncheon April 26 at the Barnstable Tavern was successful. The Clambake in June is sold out with a waiting list. Also asked if anyone would be interested in marching in the Chatham July 4 (on July 3) parade as part of the Chatham/Harwich Newcomer group.

Standing Committee Reports:

Dave and Chris Taylor will be chairing the Christmas Pops, scheduled for Saturday, December 4). Save the date if you are interested and signup sheets will be available at the September meeting.

Membership Chair Bob Sarantis reported that we currently have a total of 411 members.

Linda Devonshire, the Nominating Chair recommended the following for next year's officers:

President: Eve Dalmoelen
Vice President: Dave Ryer
Treasurer: Tom Phillips
Secretary: Elizabeth Mizoras

All were voted in favor and there were no nominations from the floor.

Announcements:

Suzy McDowell, Activities Chair had a statement read by Mike Cimini. Still needed are chairpersons for the Movie Group, Political Discussion Group and In Home Dining. It was mentioned that In Home Dining had a poor involvement this year and if no chairperson, it will be eliminated.

Kathleen Ryan, representing the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association invited anyone from the Chatham Harwich Newcomers Club to the 10th Anniversary Hooker's Ball, Saturday, August 14 at the Chatham VFW on George Ryder Road in West Chatham. There is a special price for Newcomers at \$100 per person if purchased by July 1. Anyone interested in attending contact her at 508-945-1770 or visit www.ccchfa.org.

Stephanie Hamilton from the Atwood House was looking for volunteers for this summer to work at several of the museums they run. The schedule was flexible either weekly or semi-weekly. Contact her at 508-945-3967 or hbones11@aol.com.

Paul Adams from CONCH spoke about an opportunity to spend a Day at Foxwoods, June 16, 2010. Trip includes voucher for lunch and special game bets plus bus transportation, a Legends in Concert Show, free time for gaming and shopping. Cost is \$69 pp. Make checks payable to CONCH and mail to Paul Adams, 102 Miles St., Harwich Port, MA 02646 by May 14.

Patty McGrath spoke for Mark that he is planning a trip to Boston, June 23 for \$6. The group would car pool, take a ferry ride to Boston and enjoy museums, the North End, hopefully Fenway Park. Contact Mark for further information.

Chris Taylor mentioned that the last event for Women's Gourmet is Thursday, June 2 at Brooks Library for their salad luncheon. Contact Chris if interested in attending or joining.

Maureen Langille mentioned Women's Golf plays Wednesday mornings at Seaside Links in Chatham. Contact her for further information.

Peter deBakker invited anyone interested that there is a Pleasant Bay Sailing Club that sail and socialize. Contact him for further information.

Eve Dalmoelen thanked the Treasurer, Greeters and Hospitality Chairs for their participation and presented Mike Cimini with a gift certificate for his work as President. Our next meeting will be September 20, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann O'Callaghan
Secretary