

Newcomers' Meeting of 9-17-07

At 10:05 a.m. President Mark McGrath greeted the assembled Newcomers with a quick overview of the club's 30 years. He moved on to this year's theme of "Let's Go Exploring," taken from the book It's a Magical World.

Jacqueline Pentz Greene spoke on behalf of an upcoming event to be held at the Wequassett on November 16th to benefit her granddaughter and others who have cystic fibrosis.

Jerry Lima, vice president, reviewed the three Newcomer luncheons and one dinner dance to be held this year.

Mike Cimini, treasurer, reported a \$5,143.82 working capital at this time.

The 52 new members stood and introduced themselves.

Mark reported that the Charitable Contributions of \$300. each would be given to The Harwich Ecumenical Council, The Harwich Food Pantry, The Harwich Community Center, The Chatham Homeless, The Chatham Food Bank, and The Eldredge Library.

One of Mark's objectives this year will be to explore the transition of Newcomers to Conch with approximately 9 activities connected between the clubs.

Another objective will be to improve the Newcomers web site with different pictures and blogs. Susan Buoniconti helps in this endeavor.

Jack McDowell reviewed the programs for the upcoming Newcomers meetings with Bill Burley and his bagpipe in November, a speaker from Cape Cod hospital in January, a representative from the Heritage Museum in March, and Craig Weigand from the Water Department in May.

Art Hanrahan, membership, reported that 50 new members joined Newcomers for a total of 393 members.

Betty Hann, activities, introduced the committee chairs who spoke briefly about their activities. Not included in the Newcomers flyer is the addition of Dog Walkers.

Barbara Lynyak reviewed the Travel Committee events for the year with a scallop festival in September, a visit to a winery in October, the Cape Cod Symphony in December, and local theater in February. An outing for the spring remains to be planned.

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