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Next meeting: Noon - April 8 - Norway Congregational

SPEAKER: DECA Club — Maureen Howard, program chair

April 1 attendance: 22/48 members; 25 total — 50-50: Roy Gedat - \$29 to dance raffle

GUESTS: Roy Gedat of Bill Haynes, SAD 17 staff member Debra Roy and Key Club members Kirsten Searles and Laura Farr.

KEY CLUB: Kirsten reported the election of the following officers: President - Lindsey Kriger; Vice-President - Christy Farr; Treasurer - Michael Walker; Secretary - Laura Farr; Bulletin Editor - Kristen Lindstrom; and Public Relations - Abbie Morton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tina reminded us that we are looking for a vice presidential candidate. ☞ We will meet at the Middle School for breakfast on the third Thursday in May. ☞ Cheryl Lang, SAD 17 Ms. March, sent a thank you letter for her lunch and a happy dollar because she was "happy



knowing that I am part of such a supportive community" and a sad dollar because she won't be joining us for the next luncheon. ☞ Janet Truman sent a thank you letter and a \$50 check for dump fees for cleaning out the contents of the McWain Pond home. ☞ The Bike Rodeo is May 15 and all hands are needed to make it successful. ☞ Don't forget our big April weekend: April 9 dance (SELLTICKETS!!) and April 10 Green Day TV collection 9-1 at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School parking lot. ☞ The board gathered after the meeting to accept the membership of Roy Gedat. A former member in the 90s, Roy is now the

Oxford County Treasurer. ☞ Rick Colpitts (in photo above) introduced Harrison second grade teacher Debra Roy, Ms. April. "Deb is ALWAYS willing to go above and beyond answering questions," Rick said of one teacher comment. "Debra is the reason that I graduated college to become a teacher," was another. Congratulations.

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Mary Ann Brown - Happy dollar for *Crazy For You* that was "absolutely wonderful" and full of "amazing talent," including her grandson (you knew there had to be a family member involved...) She also has concurrent graduations to deal with.

Bill Stockwell - Happy because his Handicapped Skiing fundraising team won the fundraising challenge raising \$7,896 for the program. The group originally set the goal at \$5,000 then bumped it to \$6,400. The total raised for the program exceeded \$304,000. Thanks to all in our club that pitched in to help.

Helga Thurston - Put in two happy dollars: one for Lissa Merrill named the new rehab director at Stephens and the second for Roy Gedat, who was elected as a new board member of the McGlaughlin Garden. Sad dollar for the passing of Lester Soule.

Sarah Glynn - Sad she wasn't able to make the breakfast but happy dollar for Chris Longley's birthday. Chris makes out the birthday cards for everyone else throughout the year.

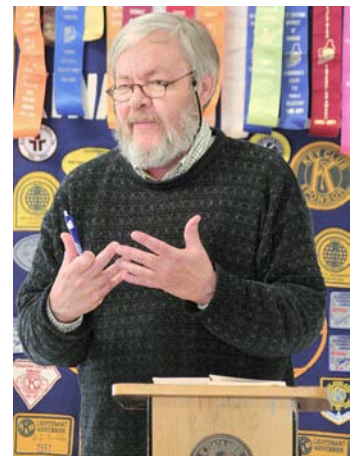
Dick Gleason - offered a happy dollar for John McDonald, one of his favorite storytellers.

Stuart Cummings - Was proud of himself for picking up on former member Elliott Munn's name in the Spring Bowdoin College Planning and Development office newsletter. The news brief noted that Elliott developed a peer support program at Seeds of Peace camp in Otisfield. Stuart was treated to a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday by the gathering.

Ted Morton - Happy dollar because his oldest daughter was just inducted in the National Honor Society.

Tina Croteau - Happy because her son made the varsity baseball team.

Jane Davis - Happy because she is finally getting her house back after rebuilding the old foundation wall.

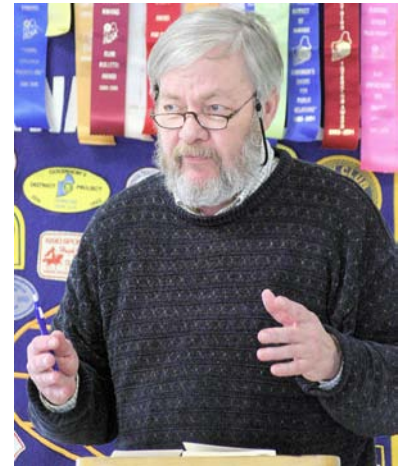


SPEAKER

John McDonald regaled us with April Fool's stories including the one about the Swiss spaghetti trees. The BBC news show *Panorama* in 1957 announced that thanks to a mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. The story ran with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Hundreds of people called in wanting to know how to grow their own. "People were told to take a sprig of spaghetti and put it in a can of tomato sauce and hope for the best," John said. In 1958, *Sports Illustrated* published a story about a rookie pitcher, Sidd Finch, who planned to play for the Mets. He reportedly could throw a baseball at 168 mph with pinpoint accuracy, a full 65 mph faster than the previous record. Although never having played the game before, he reportedly mastered the "art of the pitch" in a Tibetan monastery under the guidance of the



"great poet-saint Lama Milaraspa." Mets fans were ecstatic and celebrated their good fortune, flooding the team with requests for more information.



Unfortunately, Sidd existed only in the imagination of author George Plimpton. In another famous prank, Taco Bell announced it had purchased the Liberty Bell and was renaming it the Taco Liberty Bell. Hundreds of outraged citizens called the National Historic Park in Philadelphia to express their anger. The best line of the day came when the White House press secretary, while responding to questions about the sale, said that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and it would now be known as the Ford Lincoln Mercury Memorial. Then there was the Burger King spoof about the left-handed hamburger. For several weeks, customers were requesting the new left-handed hamburger or

insisting that they get the traditional right-handed hamburger. He concluded the program by reading from "A Moose and a Lobster Walk into a Bar," a collection of his early newspaper columns. Thanks to John for supplying us with his wonderful humor and inimitable style of storytelling.

Speaker Schedule

April 15 - Rev. Henry Male - 7:30 a.m. - Harper Center
April 22 - Rep. Rick Sykes, Kathy Laplante - Oxford Advent
April 29 - Key Club Banquet - 5-7 p.m. - OH Culinary Arts
May 6 - Mark Eastman - Mary Anna Palmer - S Paris Cong.

May 13 - Ed Michaud - Norway Congregational Church
May 20 - Builders Club breakfast - Middle School
May 27 - Diana McLaughlin - Oxford Advent
June 3 - Jean Millett - South Paris Congregational