



# Norway-Paris Kiwanis

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**NEXT MEETING:** April 29 - 5-7 p.m. - OHCHS cafeteria  
**SPEAKER:** Key Club Banquet - Pot Luck supper

April 23 attendance: 15/49 members; 17 total — 50-50: Sarah Glynn - \$10

**GUESTS:** Kay Sykes of Kathy Laplante.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

President-elect Becky gave the first of two readings of the slate of officers for the coming year. They are: President Becky Toothaker, President-elect Cindy Hakala, Vice President Maureen Howard, Treasurer Mary Ann Brown, Secretary Diana McLaughlin, Asst. Secretary Bill Haynes and Directors Phin Walker and Bill Stockwell for three years, Mary Anna Palmer and Kathy Laplante for two years and Chris Longley and Tony Butterall for one year, ☞ The Bike Rodeo is coming up May 15 at the high school parking lot, the same day as Rotary's May Day - Play Day. We will need plenty of help fitting helmets, inspecting and fixing bikes and running the rodeo obstacle course. ☞ Sarah Glynn said the Westbrook club has a huge project May 7 and is looking for help. Contact her for details. ☞ This year's auction will be held on **Friday** from 4-10 p.m. This was decided following the special joint meeting with Rotary Thursday afternoon at Norway Savings. With 15 Kiwanians in attendance (more than twice as many Rotarians) the group voted to also hold a preview from 3-4 p.m. but hide the items from view during the auction. Paul Arsenault has agreed to run the auction during the 5-9 p.m. prime time. Following spirited discussion, the assemblage agreed with Dan Allen's suggestion to limit the lots to 200 and to be selective. A knowledgeable appraiser will be brought in to separate the good from the bad from the ugly. More of the low-end items will be put into the Flea Market. A sub-committee will work on a better way to deal with gift certificates, such as a silent type of auction. The Flea Market will also be open Saturday morning as well as during Sunday's pancake breakfast. The Flea Market over the past decade has annually raised from \$500 to \$1,300.

## HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

**Kathy Laplante** - Happy to have Rick and Kay at the meeting and a second happy dollar to celebrate her 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary married to Ray.

**Diana McLaughlin** - Happy because her son, Dillon, is turning 21 and not coming home for the weekend.

**Mary Ann Brown** - Sad dollar because she had to put four new tires on her Jeep.

**Sarah Glynn** - Thought the I-Movies at the high school was a great event with highly photogenic kids that were delivered in limousines. She said Builders did a nice job with their movie.

**John Cox** - Happy to see Rick Sykes and thanked him and the delegation for all their good work.

## SPEAKER

Rep. Richard Sykes (R-Harrison) gave us an update of the Legislative session that just finished. The UNH graduate served as assistant principal at Cape Elizabeth High School, moved on to become principal at Lake Region and Lewiston High School



principal, where he served for 15 years. After retiring, he was twice recruited to run for the Legislature and twice declined. When asked a third time, he told his wife he might like to try it. "She said to me, 'Are you Crazy? You're going to go from a job where you make something happen every day to a job where you never make anything happen?'" Eight years later after a successful career in the Legislature serving District 98 (Bridgton, Harrison, Lovell, Stow and Sweden), he finds himself unable to run again because of term limits. He advised us to be "very, very cautious when you read in the paper about a bill. Bill titles are designed to be deceptive." He pointed to "An Act to Prevent the Spread of H1N1," as an example. It sounds like an effort to



promote vaccinations or more clinics but what it really turned to be was a labor bill that mandated 52 hours of paid sick leave for every employee in the state. The second thing he cautioned us about was voting on bonds. "Bonds are mortgages, a loan that

includes principal and interest that has to be paid back." There is a wide misconception that the federal government pays for these bonds, he said. "Next year, we will pay roughly \$130 million in interest and principal" annually on \$11.5 billion owed. "Think of all we could do if we didn't have to pay this interest," he said, noting that this year's cuts in general purpose aid for education totalled \$38 million. In next year's budget, that cut is expected to triple. "My basic message to you today is be careful of this fiscal situation...It's pretty serious." He said that in the State House, there seems to be a faulty air conditioning system that affects speech and the ability to pronounce words. "Once you're in Augusta, you're actually unable to pronounce one of the smallest words in the English language. It only has two letters. And it's NO." Thanks to Kathy for inviting Rick.

### Speaker Schedule

May 6 - Mark Eastman - Mary Anna Palmer - S Paris Cong.	June 3 - Joint meeting with Rotary - So Paris Congregational
May 13 - Marissa Pike, trip to Quebec - Norway Cong.	June 10 - Tom Morton - Norway Congregational Church
May 20 - Builders Club breakfast - Middle School	June 17 - Spiritual Aims - Harper Center
May 27 - Diana McLaughlin - Oxford Advent	June 24 - Ted Morton - Oxford Advent