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NO MEETING DEC. 24

Next meeting Dec. 29 at the Oxford Advent Church

Dec. 10 attendance: 20/50 members; 22 total — 50-50 - Phin Walker - \$13

GUESTS: Chris & Jim Lamb, alias Mr. & Mrs. Claus.

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Mary Ann Brown - The Lake Region girls hoop team is 3-1 with granddaughter Morgan helping to lead the way. The wood furnace saga continues. While moving a wheelbarrow full of wood, the gravity police swooped in and a runaway stick landed on her little toe. "You would not believe how much that hurt," she said, still wincing at the memory that left her foot black and blue. Steel-toed boots are recommended when working around firewood, for obvious reasons.

Bob Bizier - He has been buying Christmas gifts for his bride, Barbara, for many years now and finally hit the wall. He caved in this year and bought her a 10-week-old Shih Tzu puppy. "What a life changing experience," he remarked. The trio will be returning to Florida shortly.

Sarah Glynn - A reminder of the Governor's visit Jan. 9 in Scarborough.

Mary Anna Palmer - Didn't realize that there was a directors' meeting last week when her husband was voted in as a member. She said she might have voted against his admission into membership had she been there. Guess we'll never know now.

Don Malpass - Seems his son has a Guinea Pig and it becomes his job to clean up when it messes. Also recalled when he was president that the club was told it couldn't place wreathes on utility poles. So what's with all the wreathes on poles in Norway?

Phil Corneliusen - Even though our annual auction is more than a half-year away, one of our storage containers is already one quarter full. Thanks to Rob Kaiden's wife who sells on E-Bay, a couple loads of material have been brought in. He encourages others to remember the auction.

Kathy Laplante - Spent Friday night with a group of 35 to 40-year-old women making gingerbread houses. "They were not as well behaved as the 3-year-olds I worked with last week." Also, took four grandchildren to an indoor water park in Massachusetts and had to drive home in Sunday night's snowstorm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jane Davis said Beth's House project involves selling Valentines for \$1 each. Mailing has gone out asking for help to build the new house. Beth Coffin is a 24-year-old with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. The total project will cost up to \$115,000. ☹ Apparently Stuart Cummings was unable to come up with a speaker for Jan. 7 so Don Malpass stepped up with the Abanaki District Executive from the Boy Scouts. An investigation has revealed that Stuart didn't really try to get a speaker. ☹ A reminder that we are not meeting this week and will resume our regular programming on **TUESDAY, DEC. 29** in Oxford. ☹ Several members were seen speaking in hushed tones with Santa after the meeting. One can only guess the nature of the conversations. Visions of sugarplums dancing in some of members' heads may turn to anthracite if their behavior over the past year is any indication what could be their yuletide outcome.

SPEAKER

Jim and Chris Lamb made their annual visit and updated us on the "Santa Visits Oxford" program, now in its 21st year. The couple will don their holiday wardrobe 25 times between the lighting of the Meeting House and Oxford Rec trees the day after Thanksgiving through the Chamber of Commerce parade to the final Christmas eve event. There are about 20 volunteers in the program started by Paul and Lucille Hodsdon that annually bring a joyful holiday to about 40 children. Jim has been involved for 18 years and Chris 12. They took over the reindeer reins when Paul and Lucille retired three years ago. The Santa letter writing to local kids that used to be part of the program has pretty much ended because the Oxford post office forwards all Santa letters to Portland, as do all rural post offices. The "Santa Visits Oxford" program continues to thrive through donations and has strong support in the area. Thanks to Chris and Jim for what they do in the community and for sharing their Christmas spirit with us.

Speaker Schedule

Dec. 29 - Sharon Bouchard, Sun Journal, "Words of Wisdom for the New Year" - Oxford Advent Church
 Jan. 7 - Scott Verrill, Boy Scouts- S Paris Congregational
 Jan. 14 - Suzanne Plourde - "Elderly Parents-Concerns and Questions on Good Care"- Norway Congregational
 Jan. 21 - Spiritual Aims - Harper Center

Jan 28 - Jane Davis - Oxford Advent Church
 Feb. 4 - Bill Eaton - S Paris Congregational Church
 Feb. 11 - Dick Gaisford - Norway Congregational Church
 Feb, 18 - Rev. Frank Jewett - Harper Center
 Feb. 25 - Sarah Glynn - Oxford Advent
 March 4 - Dick Gleason - S Paris Congregational



Kathy Laplante, who ran Thursday's meeting, presents Santa and Mrs. Claus with a check for \$50 for the "Santa Visits Oxford" program. Below, Chris Longley seems to be negotiating Christmas with Santa while Don Malpass appears to be trying to convince Santa he has been good all year.

