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Next meeting: 7:30 a.m. Feb. 18 - Harper Center

Program: Rev. Frank Jewett from Oxford Advent Christian Church

Feb. 11 attendance: 20/50 members; 23 total — Tom Morton, 50-50 - \$11

GUESTS: Key Club members Kristi Farr and Abby Simmons.

KEY CLUB: The talent show at the end of the month is closing in. An extremely busy week is coming up for our sponsored youth group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our president received an application from Pearl Ivey, sponsored by Mary Anna Palmer. Pearl is a Human Resources assistant at Western Maine Health. Her induction is scheduled for Thursday. ☞ Past President Helga Thurston, filling in for Tina, said that Lifeflight (the helicopter ambulance people) would like to come speak to us. If anyone needs a program, contact Tina or Diana ☞ We were reminded of the Valentine's Dance to benefit Beth's House. ☞ We all signed a condolence card for Becky Toothaker's mother, Jean McAllister.

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Chris Longley - \$3 for Sarah Glynn, who was sorry she couldn't make the meeting, happy she saw her granddaughter while on vacation and happy for the Saco River Valley Club growth.

Mary Ann Brown - Attended the West Paris Library grand opening Sunday and it was "wonderful." She also mumbled something about the bulletin editor making a mistake in the number of points her granddaughter scored last week. Couldn't really hear her too well.....

Don Malpass - Happy for 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts and a dollar for Bob Bizier, who is once gain in Daytona for the 500.

SPEAKER

Roberta Howard, president of Poland Spring Academy, told about the school and its origin. She was teaching Adult Ed in Mechanic Falls when there was an influx of young people that had dropped out of high school. She was asked if she would be willing to teach them. She developed a different curriculum for each of the 12 in her class, "and they all graduated." That turned out to be a life-altering experience for her. She went to her husband, with whom she had built their mortgage-



free home, and told him that God was telling her to start a school and it might mean a lot of sacrifices. As Roberta tells it, "He looked at me and he said, 'what are we waiting for?'" It did take sacrifice but she said it has all been worth it. "At Poland Spring Academy, we individualize for every single student and we have seen that it makes such a big difference in their lives," she said of the K-12 school on 100 acres. The young people the school deals with often have low self esteem or are angry because they have had a tough time in school. Roberta's mission is to turn that around. "The one thing they really like about our school is there is no homework." Many of the students that graduate go on to further their education, join the military and have found ways to be successful. "Our goal is to promote positive leaders of the future." Three years ago the school had 72 students but the census has declined along with the economy. Students are



not turned away because they can't afford to come. "We find a way to make it happen as long as the parents are willing to try and help us." Roberta affirmed. Thanks to Dick Gaisford for inviting Roberta to speak to us.

Speaker Schedule

Feb. 25 - Linda Russell, Estate Planning - Sarah Glynn -
Oxford Advent Church

March 4 - Dick Gleason - Charlie Eshbach, President of the
Portland Sea Dogs - South Paris Congregational

March 11 - Stuart Goodwin: Ben Tucker IV - Norway Cong.

March 18 - Spiritual Aims - Harper Center

March 25 - Cindy Hakala, program chair - Oxford Advent

April 1 - Bill Haynes: Humorist John McDonald - Paris Cong.

April 8 - Maureen Howard - Norway Congregational Church

April 15 - Spiritual Aims - Harper Center