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Next meeting: Noon Feb. 25 - Oxford Advent Church

Linda Russell - Estate Planning - Sarah Glynn, program chair

Feb. 18 attendance: 20/50 members; 21 total — Arnold Weeks, 50-50 - \$15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The winter breakfast is edging closer and tickets will be available soon. Also, tickets will soon be available for the April 9 Ray Brown Special Olympics dance in Mechanic Falls. Our Kiwanis One Day Green project collecting TVs with eWaste Recycling Solutions is April 10 at the Gouin Field. President Tina inducted Pearl Ivey, sponsored by Mary Anna Palmer, using the new abbreviated ceremony. Pearl is a Human Resources assistant at Western Maine Health. Welcome to the club.



HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Chris Longley - \$1 for Sarah Glynn, who (again) was sorry she couldn't make the meeting.

Mary Ann Brown - Claims she doesn't mumble and perhaps the bulletin editor needs hearing assistance. She is also pulling for the Lake Region girls in the tournament.

Juanita Smith - A big "Yay" for Seth Wescott's win in the Olympics and happy dollar for her niece who got married on Valentine's Day.

Jean Millett - Happy because she has been at Norway Savings for five weeks.

Kathy Laplante - Hopeful that Lake Region will be successful in the basketball tournament.

Phil Corneliusen - Had a wonderful trip traveling with his wife, dog and camper down south. He can understand why people love to travel from one state park to another,

Tina Croteau - Went to the EL-Bangor game. Was one of the best games she has seen. Also stayed for the Hampden Academy-Brewer game so it was a late night but well worth it. She is predicting an EL-Cheverus state Class A final next weekend.

SPEAKER

Rev. Frank Jewett talked to us about giving, "something that doesn't come easy to people." As Kiwanians, we are aware of giving and "the willing spirit is a pretty important part of giving," said the Oxford Advent Christian Church pastor. He was taught the art of tithing at an early age (giving 1/10th of your income to charity). In high school, his English teacher told him that if

he tithed, "you will always be okay financially." Even in tough times, the philosophy has proven to be true for him and "that has always been the case." He went back to his original question: "Why is it so hard for people to give? I believe that it involves

just a little bit of ignorance. If we have our facts in order, if we have the right mindset, giving doesn't have to be a problem at all." When he said that, he asked if anyone wanted to give him \$100. Several people made jokes but it was Stuart Cummings who rose to his feet, dug into his wallet, walked to the front of the room and handed Rev. Jewett a crisp \$100 bill. The mouths of the assembled Kiwanians went slack and a rousing round of applause spontaneously erupted. People were in disbelief. "That's pretty cool," the pastor said, staring at the donation. After a few moments, he continued: "It wasn't hard for Stuart to give that to me, because I gave it to him at 10 minutes past seven." Rev. Jewett was making that point that the Bible tells us that "everything we have comes from God. So when he asks us to give something out of our pocket, it's not a big

deal. It's his anyway. He just asks to have you give some of that back. Once we get that in our heads, it changes how we look at giving." Thank you to Frank was serving as our Spiritual Aims speaker at our monthly breakfast.



Speaker Schedule

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 - REACH - Cindy Hakala - Oxford Advent

April 1 - Humorist John McDonald - Bill Haynes - Paris Cong.
April 8 - Maureen Howard - Norway Congregational Church
April 15 - Spiritual Aims - Harper Center
April 22 - Kathy Laplante - Oxford Advent
April 29 - Chris Longley - Location undecided