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NEXT MEETING: 5:30 p.m. July 29 - Alternative Modular Homes
SPEAKER: 86th birthday celebration - \$15 for catered BBQ - BYOB
July 22 attendance: 21/47 - 22 total — 50-50 Bob Bizier- \$12

GUESTS: Pat Winsor of Tom and speaker Rep. Sawin Millett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's meeting will feature a history presentation by a team of Kiwanians. The brief but informative program will look at the club from its inception in 1924 through the decades of community service. Connie Allen and friends will present a brief history of Kiwanis-sponsored RightStart as well. Remember to bring your own beverage, whatever that may be. Phil C. and his band of merry men will put up the tent at 3 p.m. Tuesday after their "meeting" at the Naples Country Club. The Harrison Lions will also be setting up a tent. The BBQ will feature steak and chicken. ☞ Anyone desiring to attend the charter meeting Thursday of the Saco River Valley Kiwanis Club should contact Sarah Glynn or Kathy Laplante.

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Mary Ann Brown - Seems to have left her money in the car but President Tina decided to trust her (after all, she is our treasurer). She was happy for the recent trip to the University of Pittsburgh with her daughter, Nancy, and granddaughter (and prospective attendee) Morgan. They also stayed with relatives along the way.

Don Malpass - Son Cody has been at camp for 2½ weeks and was sent with pre-addressed post cards for everyone. But so far, the only one to receive a communiqué has been the dog.

Sarah Glynn - Thrilled at the upcoming charter ceremony for the new Saco River Valley Kiwanis Club at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Saco.

Bob Bizier - Sad dollar because more people haven't signed up for the 86th birthday celebration coming up Thursday.

SPEAKER

State Rep. H. Sawin Millett, R-Waterford, Senatorial candidate and longtime member of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee, spoke about the financial woes in Augusta and what the next Legislature faces. The Dixmont native, who lives on his farm in



Waterford with wife, Barbara, is concluding his final term as a state representative and is seeking the Senate seat being vacated by Bruce Bryant, who also has fallen victim to term limits. Millett has served in numerous capacities in Augusta including Commissioner of Education and Finance Commissioner in the McKernan administration. He talked about the state's debt structure as well as the retirement obligation and how we are living with unfunded commitments. As he described it, "we promised more than we funded." Additionally, the \$750,000 shrinkage in the state's portfolio had a crushing affect on earnings last year but didn't show up until after the Legislature adjourned, creating a serious problem for the next session. Some of the debt problems are rooted in the Maine constitution while others find their direction from federal requirements. The weak economy continues to affect the state. Additionally, the \$186 million "rainy day fund" has been cleaned out and the \$700 million in federal stimulus will be gone as of the end of the year. The Legislature faces a dismal future with tough decisions ahead, including increased agency requests and not keeping up with the 55% school funding mandate. He said there are ways to mitigate the problems, which may include constitutional remedies, not complying with obligations and raising the retirement age. "It's not a very pretty picture." Thanks to Tom Winsor for inviting Rep. Millett.

Speaker Schedule

Aug. 5 - Win Carrick: Trip to Mexico - So Paris Congregational Church
Aug. 12 - Arnold Weeks - Norway Congregational Church
Aug. 19 - 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Harper Center
Aug. 26 - Juanita Smith, Oxford Advent Church

Sept. 2 - Tina Ruhland - So Paris Congregational Church
Sept. 9 - Helga Thurston - Norway Congregational Church
Sept. 16 - 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Harper Center
Sept. 23 - Banquet - location TBA