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NEXT MEETING: Noon Aug. 5 - So. Paris Congregational Church
SPEAKER: Win Carrick - A Trip to Mexico; Herb Strauss prog. chair
July 22 attendance: 21/47 - 46 total — 50-50: Lois Strauss - \$44

GUESTS: Member guests were Barbara Bizier, Cheryl Corneliusen, Joan Cummings, Laurie Gaisford, Rich Little, Krista Hakala, Steve Ivey, Ray Laplante, Rosemary Malpass, Willie McLaughlin, Doug Smith, Lois Strauss and Dick Toothaker. Past Presidents with guests were Herb & Mary Adams and John & Barbara Chandler. Other guests were RightStart representatives Connie Allen & Karen Ellis, Jane Hathaway & Mike Silverman from New Mexico of John & Mary Anna Palmer, NE Dist. Gov. candidate for Governor-Elect Vesta & Tom Brown, Past Governor Ron Forest and current Gov. David Koohy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tina presented Connie Allen and Karen Ellis with a "big" \$500 check for Rightstart. The actual money will follow (see below). Vesta Brown talked briefly about the online Kiwanis Club that meets at 8:30 p.m. Sundays as a way of "keeping connected with people from all over" from the comfort of one's home. We had a rather dismal turnout of past presidents outside the club - two. And less than half the club attended the celebration. ☹

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Mary Ann Brown - Paid up the IOU dollar from last week, had a happy dollar for a trip to Rockland and a stupid dollar for grabbing the wrong briefcase and forgetting the club checkbook and the \$500 check for Rightstart.

Lois Strauss - Happy dollars for the "other" club, the Rotary Quartet singing Happy Birthday and the near completion of Beth's House. She also put a plug in for the Rotary steak/lobster bash coming up and the Red Sox raffle tickets for Beth's House.

Helga Thurston - Happy \$5 for her daughter Barbara's wedding, last in Massachusetts. "It was the most emotional thing I've ever gone through," she said. Also 110 degrees.



Vesta Brown - Happy birthday dollar for the club and happy for the tour of Maine.

Juanita Smith - Happy son and daughter-in-law home from Georgia and celebrated with lobster in Belfast.

Mary Anna Palmer - Happy for everyone that came and really happy to see her friends from New Mexico.

Gov. David Koohy - Several happy dollars for Lt. Gov. Sarah and the new Saco River Valley Club that was installed earlier in the day. Wished us all a happy birthday but pointed out that Sarah promised there would be snow on the ground.

Past Gov. Ron Forest - Happy to see that we are still as crazy as we were five years ago when he last visited and wished up good luck in the new 86th years. Also happy for Vesta running for Governor: "She's a crazy person, too."

Bob Bizier - Happy \$5 for he and his golfing partner, Doug Smith. "We're killing 'em."

Don Malpass - Son Cody almost ready to come home from camp. He was happy to report that the dog received a second of the pre-addressed post cards along with some for other members of the family.

Sarah Glynn - Thrilled to have the Governor, past Governor and a Governor-in-the-running attending the birthday session.

Bill Haynes - Prefaced his dollar remark by noting that he would be the last one to comment on the lousy singing but he was confused about the alleged patriotic song because it sound more like "Row Row Row Your Boat" with the main tent singing the first part and the second tent group the second. The good thing was he couldn't hear Stuart Cummings.

SPEAKER

Bill Haynes introduced Bob Bizier (member since 1982, past president in 1986, former Lt. Governor and Charlie Goodspeed award winner) who gave us a nickel tour of the some of the highlights from the past 86 years of our club. Tidbits include the fact that a group of Rotarians from Auburn-Lewiston came to town in the early 1920s trying to recruit a club

with no success. Then a former college classmate of Earl Clifford made contact with the South Paris postmaster about possibly



starting a Kiwanis club. Earle was able to recruit 45 men and the new club held its first meeting in what is today the Creative Media building in Norway. Or the former Grassroots Graphics building - or even further back, V.H. Ashton Co. It was agreed that the luncheon meetings would alternate between Norway and Paris at church vestries. The name was decided by a coin flip (as was that of our sponsoring club - Auburn-Lewiston Kiwanis). Irving Barrows, who died in 1988, was the last charter member. Bob remembered him as perhaps the most infamous prankster the club has ever known. He once dressed up as a hobo and came to a meeting. None of the properly attired business folks knew who he was. You can imagine what a stir it must have caused as the men tried to figure out the mystery and why he was there. I actually remember that day because he showed up at the Advertiser-Democrat where I was working at the time. I didn't actually know him but he seemed to know me and we had a good chat. He was quite a clown. It was a pleasure to have known him and I wish I could recall some of the stunts he pulled over the



years (a few at my expense). Bob pointed out that in his 64 years as a member, Irving never held office. » In 1927, while Clarence Morton was president, our club sponsored the Berlin, NH club. There are many stories that have come out of the Feb. 28, 1927 train ride to the charter ceremony made by 200 Kiwanians and their spouses. » The Morton family boasts the most number of presidents with Hank, Ted and Tom rounding out the list. The last three are still members. » In 1957, the Sanford club brought a goat to an interclub. We took care of the goat until it was presented at an interclub at the Fryeburg club. » Bob recalled in 1994 while he was Lt. Gov. that Brunswick brought a rabbit with them. » The presentation provided a glimpse at some of the club's history. I will post it on the club website. Thanks to Bob for the 86th birthday program.



<u>Speaker Schedule</u>	
Aug. 12 - Arnold Weeks - Norway Congregational Church	Sept. 9 - Helga Thurston - Norway Congregational Church
Aug. 19 - 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Harper Center	Sept. 16 - 7:30 a.m. Breakfast - Harper Center
Aug. 26 - Juanita Smith, Oxford Advent Church	Sept. 23 - Banquet - location TBA
Sept. 2 - Tina Ruhland - So Paris Congregational Church	Sept. 30 - Rick Colpitts - Oxford Advent



86th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION — New England District Gov. Dave Koohy, center, poses with, from left: Lt. Gov. Sarah Glynn, President-elect Becky Toothaker, candidate for Governor Vesta Brown, Norway-Paris President Tina Croteau and past president and Lt. Gov. Bob Bizier. Below, members and guests go through the buffet line and Gov. Koohy speaks to the gathering under the tents.

