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NEXT MEETING: 7:30 a.m. July 15 - Harper Center at SMH

SPEAKER: Jeff & Jenni Padgett - Adoption Awareness

July 8 attendance: 26/47 - 32 total — No 50-50 ☺

GUESTS: Barbara Bizier of Bob, Patty Rice of Kathy Laplante, coaches Shane Slicer and Joe Oufiero plus players Cody Hadley, Matthew Verrier and Dennis Croy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Fifth Thursday in July will start at 5:30 p.m. at Alternative Modular Homes at the junction of Rts. 26 & 121 in Oxford. The catered affair is \$15 and BYOB. We need reservations by July 9 so contact Kathy Laplante at 583-2978. She reported that 30 had signed up so far. You can pay upon arrival that evening. The program will focus on the club's 86-year history presented by Team Kiwanis and will feature reminiscences from past presidents. Sarah G. said that both Governor-elect candidates will attend. Tina also wants to make a Rightstart presentation at the event. ☺ The Big Weekend is upon and Tina reminded all that if they have signed up to work, please show up. This is the time when all hands are needed. Phil talked about the Kiwanis tent, which went up after the meeting, although Rotary had placed an extra tent where we normally go. The combined crew from both clubs began hauling from the containers early Friday to beat the heat. The grills will be set up at noon Saturday. Don Malpass, the master of the Flea Market, asked for the donation of any plastic bags. Ed Michaud has the food side of things under control.

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Kathy Laplante - Sad that she forgot the 50-50 tickets and even sadder that she still has nearly three years to go as a Harrison selectman (read this week's headlines).

Mary Ann Brown - The holiday saw 60 in attendance at a reunion at Whitney Pond plus a happy dollar for the speaker, another one of her "favorite people." She seems to have a lot of them...

Stuart Cummings - The singing of Jack Norworth's 1908 classic, *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*, "was the worst we've ever done."

Patty Rice - Our favorite Rotarian offered a happy dollar as she looked forward to working with Kiwanians at the auction.

Bob Bizier - Happy dollar for Shane and the State Champion Vikings.

Sarah Glynn - Happy dollars for Kathy Laplante and for Sharon Binnette, our incoming Lt. Gov., for her wonderful assistance.

Tina Croteau - A happy dollar because it is a real pleasure working with Patty Rice. Attempts to buy out her contract with Cleveland, I mean Rotary, have thus far failed. She was told that if she ever wants to become a free agent, the door is always open. Tina was sad that her attempts failed to have son, Jordan, attend the meeting with his teammates and coach, but apparently lunch with mom couldn't compete with the allure of the little white ball.

Bill Haynes - Asked if we remembered the elementary school events we took our kids to in where everyone sang in a different key. He said that's what our singing sounded like - everyone in a different place. And even with piano accompaniment. He agreed with Stuart (it might be a first) and asked if there was perhaps a music camp we could go to this summer.

SPEAKER

Oxford Hills varsity baseball coach Shane Slicer joined us along with the players listed above. He answered the question that everyone has been asking him since the June 19 Class A state championship win over Biddeford 1-0: What made Oxford Hills so



successful this season? "You have to be good and they were very, very good," Slicer said, noting that this team of nine seniors and one starting freshman "was good at every aspect" of the game. The goal

has been to win a state championship from the start of the season in March for this group that has been playing together most of their school lives. Since losing in the second round of the playoffs in 2009, the Vikings went 32-3 and the whole time "they believed they could win it all," Slicer said. He pointed to five reasons why this team is the best in the state. 1) TALENT, including the best player (Matt Verrier) in the state and several others that have won numerous awards. 2) DESIRE. "They worked hard," and a lot of credit goes to the parents and the youth program that taught them the skills they needed to succeed. 3) CHEMISTRY. "These guys love each other and support each other." 4) ABILITY TO WIN UNDER PRESSURE. "You have to win the big games," Slicer said. "These kids believed in the fact that they were good enough to win." 5) GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE. He said that his players were not only a good group of kids with strong values but also they managed to stay out of trouble, even through graduation, and they all had the same goals. "You make your own luck... Once we got by Cony, I really thought we could win it all," he said, noting that Brewer knocking off top-seeded and undefeated Bangor was a real bonus. Slicer said in 2005 when they won the state title, "I thought the other team was better. This year, I thought we were the better team." As far as next year goes, "there may be a little rebuilding coming up..." Thanks to Hank Morton for inviting coach and the team.

Speaker Schedule

July 22 - Tom Winsor, gubernatorial candidate - Oxford Advent	Aug. 19 - Breakfast - Harper Center
July 29 - 86 th Birthday - 5:30 p.m. Alternative Modular Homes	Aug. 26 - Juanita Smith, Oxford Advent Church
Aug. 5 - Herb Strauss - South Paris Congregational Church	Sept. 2 - Tina Ruhland - So Paris Congregational Church
Aug. 12 - Arnold Weeks - Norway Congregational Church	Sept. 9 - Helga Thurston - Norway Congregational Church