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Next meeting: Noon - April 1 - So. Paris Congregational

SPEAKER: Maine Humorist John McDonald - Bill Haynes, program chair

March 25 attendance: 16/49 members; 21 total — 50-50: Mary Ann Brown - \$10

GUESTS: Key Club members Christy Farr and Anna Sanborn plus Janet Dillingham and Beth McIntire joining speaker Debbie Dembski from REACH.

KEY CLUB: Members bowled in the Big Brothers-Big Sisters event March 20. The annual election of officers will be coming up March 30 and the New England convention is in Springfield, MA April 9-11. Kemsan Searles is running for Governor. A dozen members will be attending. They are also participating in the Easter Fest in Norway.

BUILDERS CLUB: Kathy Laplante attended this week's meeting. The members wore costumes for the breakfast (see photos below). Two teams participated in Saturday's bowling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will meet at the Middle School for breakfast on the third Thursday in May. ☞ Camp Susan Curtis sent a thank you letter because we increased our donation. ☞ President Tina reported that we served 118 at the breakfast and raised \$638. The impact of the twirling group was zero. ☞ The Bike Rodeo is May 15 and all hands are needed to make it successful. ☞ Don't forget our big weekend coming up: April 9 dance (SELL TICKETS!!) and April 10 Green Day TV collection 9-1 at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School parking lot.

HAPPY/SAD \$\$\$

Kathy Laplante - Sad dollar because she has decided to run for selectman in Harrison.

Mary Ann Brown - Happy dollar because when she woke up this morning, she thanked God for all her friends and family.

Bill Stockwell - Happy because his Handicapped Skiing fundraising team is within \$70 of hitting its goal and currently sitting third overall in the effort that ends soon.

Dick Gaisford - Had a request \$1 from Stuart Cummings, who saw a robin this week. Stuart was unable to attend because of a doctor's appointment.

Bill Haynes - Unveiled the "Big Check" that will be used for future donation photos. The 22-x 48-inch check will also provide a place for some of the more timid members to hide - at least

partially.

SPEAKER

Debbie Dembski from REACH updated us on the activities of the Rape Education and Crisis Hotline in Oxford County. She was joined by educators Beth McIntire and Janet Dillingham. The group formed in 1981 to cover the county except Porter and Hiram because of distance. To help balance the load, it took on Harrison and Bridgton from Cumberland County. The services are free and confidential to women, men and children in the areas of rape reduction, prevention and coping with crisis for anyone that has been sexually assaulted in now or in the past. It is estimated that at least one in three females experience sexual or physical violence - most often by a person known to them. Debbie said REACH counselors will meet with victims and stay with them throughout the legal process - "whatever is needed." There are also support groups for adult survivors. REACH, which has four staff people including two educators, also puts on a two-day training at no cost to local law enforcement personnel. She said two-thirds of reports made are by school age children, half of them under 12. "Although it is not up to a child to keep themselves safe, it is up to an adult to keep our children safe," she said, noting that it helps to educate children so they will understand. She concluded by saying that it is important for the abused to "let it out" as part of their therapy, because too often, the abused becomes the abuser without the right help. Thanks to Cindy Hakala for inviting Debbie to speak to us.

Speaker Schedule

April 8 - OHCHS DECA Club, Maureen Howard - Norway Cong
April 15 - Spiritual Aims - Harper Center
April 22 - Rep. Rick Sykes, Kathy Laplante - Oxford Advent
April 29 - Key Club Banquet - 5-7 OH Culinary Arts

May 6 - Mark Eastman - Mary Anna Palmer - S Paris Cong.
May 13 - Ed Michaud - Norway Congregational Church
May 20 - Builders Club breakfast - Middle School
May 27 - Diana McLaughlin - Oxford Advent



The creatures roamed freely during the March 20 breakfast. Above right, Master Chef Ed Michaud to Garrett: "I have much to teach you, grasshopper." Below, the book swap table was popular. Below left, our club leaders, President-elect Becky and President Tina, were overseeing the activity. In the center, cooks Kathy Laplante, Arnold Weeks and Diana McLaughlin kept the food flowing. Below right, young Garrett McLaughlin had mastered the art of baking hash browns.

