



HOT POTATO

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Potato Festival Still Undecided

The attendance was down last meeting. Perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned the P-word at all last week. I can almost understand if you stayed away. There is usually so much hemming and hawing when the subject comes up. Last meeting was no exception, and I will cut right to the chase, even if it's out of sequence. Only one salient point came up, the rest was just the same old stuff. During the week, Beverly will be contacted to see if she is interested in making more money on the effort, i.e. on a commission basis. Some, in my opinion, unrealistically low percentages (25%) were mentioned, so I have little hope in that regard. Hiatus seems the logical choice.

Fortunately, we have a program next meeting. The DEC representative had to cancel last week. Bath Central School was successful in sports, and he attended his child's game. He promised to return for next meeting instead. Without this program last week, the Festival got more attention than originally planned. So, I think it should be fairly safe for you to come next week. There should be minimal PF talk. Please come!

No more boring stuff for this issue. The Miller House served hot roast beef with mashed potato, gravy and carrots. For dessert, we had a delicious cake, a little like a carrot cake with some caramel stuff, and covered by a mocca frosting.

Nancy Levesque was not on hand to collect the money. Milt was scheduled to have his back operation early Wednesday morning, so they probably stayed in Rochester over night. We shall keep Milt in our minds. Hope it goes well.

Roy Robinson reported that Polly Shriner came home the Friday before last meeting, and is coming along fine.

President Don had to confess to some publicity seeking the week before. He had his picture taken on Mole Day at 6:02 on October 23 (based on Avogadro's number 6.023×10^{23}). I guess you have to be into chemistry to fully appreciate it. A couple of past presidents decided on one dollar.

The subject of moles brought out a lot of wild stories around the table. Sally Smith originated most of them. She has many unusual pets, most notably opossums. It was very entertaining. Who needs a program?

Business

Tom Didas started by reporting from the Halloween Parade. It was held on a brutally cold day, so the 65 participants must be considered a success. It was noted that the number of very small children had grown in proportion, making it a memorable affair.

Tom particularly wanted to thank Nancy, who wasn't present. She solicited donations for donuts and cider from Sugar Creek and Sure Fine. He also mentioned Janine Miceli's efforts in producing the numbered signs for the participants, and for organizing the prize envelopes.

Tom was also grateful for the judges participation, and he would like to write thank you notes to the police and fire departments for their help. The school band was excellent and deserves a big thank you. They all performed with enthusiasm in spite of the weather.

The kids were really great in spite of the weather. I just hope that not too many caught colds. Some had very flimsy outfits for the cold weather with its merciless wind. The donuts and cider charged them right back up, however.

Art Traphagen submitted material to Peter Vogt at the Genesee Country

Express, including pictures. I hope the kids get to see themselves in the paper.

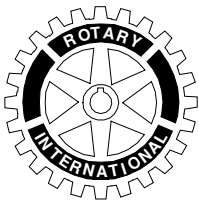
Tom had also counted 12 Rotarians at the parade, - a nice "show of force." It was also noted that many parents took their time to thank us for putting on the parade.

Sally Smith reported about the Ice Cream Social that the Interact Club put on that same week. New students and teachers to the Wayland Cohocton Central School system were invited, and the intent is to ease their transition into the new school system. Six students and two teachers had attended, and this year the Interactors mingled well, which is the purpose of the event.

The following Saturday, five of the Interact students, Sally and Don go to the Rotary Sunshine Camp, where they join from 30 to 60 other Interactors for the weekend. Lots of fun activities are on the slate. The weather seems promising, so I hope that they will have lots of fun.

The same Saturday, Pat Lysell and Bob Oswald will attend a leadership training event at Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua.

Marty was kind enough to donate his 50/50 winnings to the club, thereby reducing the deficit for the evening.



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