



# HOT POTATO

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## Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival Big Success

It is gratifying that attendance keeps us above the waterline every meeting. We had twelve members and Jim Burns last week.

After a very promising start with clam chowder instead of salad with the buns, the Miller House followed with baked fish, macaroni and cheese (!), and a medley of corn and snow peas. Original combinations aren't necessarily bad but unfortunately, the fish was over-baked and -salted to the point it was hard to tell what kind it was. It was a rare gaffe on the kitchen's part, but maybe cheesecake dessert made up for some of it.

Come confession time, it was good to see Nancy Levesque back to her usual self. That's what a trip to Aruba does for you. It was surprising to hear that once you leave the coastline, there are desert like conditions. That's why Milt preferred to stay on the topless beaches, I bet. A five dollar fine started a trend.

Tom Quinlan went to a Pharmacy Convention in Las Vegas. It sounds like work, but when you consider 4 rounds of golf, it sounds even more strenuous, and add no time to sleep because of countless shows, it seems almost unreasonable with a five dollar fine...

Sharon Vogt threw in five happy ones for a gift placed on "her" chair. There was no elaboration as to the nature of this gift, but we thank you anyway.

Sally Smith had a complaint against Tom Didas. She came early on Saturday morning of the Festival, ready to cook. Tom had declined her offer, explaining that no women would cook on his grills. Oh Tom, not the best answer, and when he started to explain to the club that what he meant was that no respectable people should stand behind those grills, six of us cooks at the meeting took offense. Five dollars seemed low for the implication on our respectability.

Bob Oswald had taken one of the biannual trips to Pennsylvania with his father, who had offered the young man's services in various moving exercises of huge desks, tables and shelves in his uncles small house. Bob thought he shouldn't have to pay the full five in light of all this work. Pat let him off with four, especially since Bob brought us more Birch Beer.

Marty Kimmel picked up Carol from Cleveland in a one day return trip. He was glad to contribute for having her back.

Then we had Tom Didas again. Helen and he had gone to New Hampshire to see Colleen, so i think he had to cough up another couple of bucks for that. Then he also remembered the real story behind the early wakeup call to Bob Radell, which leads us to the very rare occurrence of a

## RETRACTION

The table fiasco wasn't poor planning on Tom's part. It was Art Traphagen who had issued the contra order, so that Bud and Bob had to leave that morning with no tables. Anyway, Tom was away on business in New Jersey, and he insisted on paying a buck for that, even though all of us were very sympathetic. You just shouldn't have to pay to go there.

President Pat tossed in another five happy bucks, for what I don't know.

Bob Radell's happy buck for avoiding a hernia while handling the grills was more understandable.

## Business

We were all very eager to hear what the outcome of the Cohocton Fall Foliage Festival was. Tom Didas was able to tell us that we had grossed \$8,100, and that a net of four thousand wouldn't be out of reach, once the Cohocton Development Corporation had been paid for the booth fee and the raw food we bought from them. The excellent help we received from the "soccer girls" was Janine Miceli's idea. All they wanted was for us to buy their tee shirts. They were a fantastic

bunch, and they are well worth that. Maybe there is something else we can do?

Tom proceeded to thank everybody for their help. Jim Burns spent the entire two days at the concession. He helped procure the drinks, transported grills, and many other things.

Bob Radell spent practically the entire weekend at the festival, and he too lugged grills, as you already heard. Then Tom mentioned the unrespectable cooks (in addition to Jim and Bob), Bud, Bo, Bob O., plus general helpers like Wayne and Marty. Ellen Stephens, Sharon Vogt, Pat Lysell and Sally Smith manned the cash boxes, and organized napkins, buns, etc.

Unfortunately Janine Miceli was absent, for she deserves a special thank for organizing the "personnel." She also did some heavy lifting, i.e. grills!! Her soccer girls, including Kerrigan worked so hard, but cheerfully. We must salute her next meeting!

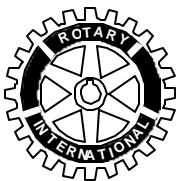
We saluted Tom Didas for taking on this job, and executing it admirably.

In other business, the Halloween Parade is apparently on, because it has been advertised for October 28.

We received thank you letters from many of the children. One in particular thanked Janine Miceli for coming, "and even Mr. Traphagen." Hilarious!

Tom Quinlan will look into the Noyes pledge situation since we haven't received a form, or voucher.

Sharon Vogt won the 50/50 in absentia.



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