



# HOT POTATO

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## Cozier Winter Meeting, Jim Burns Gets 22 Year Award

As we mentioned in last week's newsletter, we moved the meeting into a smaller room to keep warmer. It was big enough for the near dozen members and guests, who showed up. There were open spots around the table, so this may work.

The Miller House served us salad, then beef Stroganoff on noodles and a side of vegetables. The dessert was a cherry crisp/cobbler with some ice cream. Great!

Two guests this evening were from Dansville, - Deanie Traphagen and Jim Burns. Deanie couldn't stay, but she came with a mission. The Dansville club wished to present Jim Burns with a special award for 22 years of service, many of them in the treasurer's job. Jim received a warm round of applause from our club.

It was also nice to see Bill Vierhile of the Naples club as a guest again, making up to maintain his over fifty years of perfect attendance there. He informed us that the Naples club now meets at the Naples Hotel again after a 16 year stint at Edgerton's Party House.

There was a member in the club with distinct signs of extensive UV exposure. Reverend George and Joanne had been in Florida for several weeks, and had managed to get in a trip to St Thomas as well. So pleasant was the experience, apparently, that George suggested \$10, which I suspect is at least twice what President Pat would have

asked. Or maybe he was thankful to have survived driving on the other side of the "straight and narrow," which wasn't very straight either. Welcome back!

Sharon Vogt tried the happy dollar version of Peter's and her anniversary. It worked, - President Pat perhaps blind sighted by our singing efforts.

### Business

Only one piece of business was brought up, - the Greater Wayland Area Revitalization project. Before anyone had a chance to move that we donate to this group, Art Traphagen muddied the water (which he is very good at). He proposed that we wait until he had arranged for an unnamed college professor from Alfred to visit us. They have made similar efforts for another community down there with students helping. We humored Art, and the meeting was adjourned. Your editor intends to make a motion, perhaps already on the 6<sup>th</sup>, that we support our local effort with \$500, regardless of any such visit. I see no contradiction between the two, and I think that a locally based effort has merits, which are quite hard to beat. If any information coming out of a visit Art arranges would warrant a higher amount to be given, it can be handled with an additional donation. Write to me if you agree.

Next meeting is a joint meeting with the Lions, Thursday March 1, instead of Tuesday!