



HOT POTATO

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Patrice Lysell, president

Thomas Quinlan, secretary

President Pat's First, A Real "Fine" Meeting

We had a very encouraging attendance for the first meeting of the year, counting 14 members and two guests. It was particularly nice to have Nancy Levesque with us again. She looked really good. She still takes radiation treatments, and we wish her all the best with that too.

President Pat started her new "reign" by introducing change right off the bat. She distributed sheets with the text to "It's A Grand Old Flag," which got off to a tentative start (in several keys), but ended with vigor in less than three keys, or so.

Art Traphagen seemed to have forgotten that he brought Deanie, because we had to prod him a bit to introduce her. Janine Miceli introduced us to her cute daughter Kerrigan, whom most of us have met before.

This time, The Miller House served a well defined dinner, - broiled fish with potato and a nice vegetable medley. We had a double layer cake for dessert with a nice chocolate mint flavor.

In time for solicitations, Tom Didas started by acting very hurt by the coverage his courageous effort of picking up the loose reigns last meeting had received in the Hot Potato. He would be very hesitant to step up to the plate again. (It worked!) Tom had not stayed discouraged for long. He picked up a new Impala and he forked up the required \$5 without any question.

Reverend George had just moved in to the house they bought. I thought George had already paid a fine for it, but this was more on the line of a happy dollar.

Roy Robinson tossed in a couple of happy bucks for a trip down to Poughkeepsie, where their oldest grandchild got married.

Wayne Hunt had sought publicity again, and paid \$2 for the latest appearance in the local press.

Bud StGeorge entered a gray zone when he offered two happy bucks for his wife, or rather for the car she allegedly bought ("and it wasn't even new!!"). Apparently, Bud is not allowed to drive it. Lets keep our eyes peeled to report any instance of such a violation, so we can get the remaining three bucks.

This must have made Tom Didas think of Helen, and he offered a happy dollar (the kind it was meant to be) for her narrow escape of a collapsed garage in Boston. Pat said it was a nice thought, but had he not paid enough for the car (*and what about the lousy coverage in the Potato?*)

Tom Quinlan had another genuine happy dollar. He proudly announced that he had fixed a light on his boat, all by himself.

Art Traphagen offered a happy dollar for an uplifting visit to this year's RYLA. There was no participation from Wayland this year. He also went on to invite us to an official change over dinner on August 25 at their place.

Deanie mentioned Hornell Rotary's show (Disney's) "Beauty and the Beast" Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 607 324 0405 for tickets and info.

Business

President Pat started by thanking us for the confidence we had given her to try to run the club for a year. She would really like us to have more programs during the year, and asked every member to come up with at least one. She will distribute or come up with some kind of calendar to be used for the purpose.

Reverend George may be off the hook after August 15, when he has arranged for "Faith In Action" to present their commendable activity.

Sharon Vogt suggested that we talk to local business owners to give presentations. It could double as a lure to becoming a member of the club.

We received a Thank You Letter from the WCCS Art Club. We sponsored their show a few months ago.

Art Traphagen announced that we had received the simplified grant for our program to provide thesauruses, dictionaries and programmable calculators to needy students.

Sharon Vogt won the 50/50, which she donated to the club. Thank you!

Pat adjourned her first meeting.

11th Annual Golf Tourney

It was a fantastic day for the golf tournament. Some may say that it was a little too hot, but I don't know if I agree. We shouldn't complain too much, or it might have rained, instead.

We had fewer teams this year than last, which may be an advertising and scheduling problem. Ours is without a doubt the best one in the area, and the Conesus Golf Club is a wonderful venue.

The team of Bud StGeorge, Tom Quinlan and Art Traphagen did a wonderful job of organizing the event, and I understand that Art's daughter Kim was very instrumental in getting a lot of sponsors and prizes.

Pat and I had the fortune of golfing with Don Griffing and George Smith, who were a notch or two above our abilities. It was too bad that Don had to leave after the first 10 holes to teach at the college. I don't know what the final score was. Its keeping was left to George Smith for impeccable integrity.

The dinner was strip steaks with new potatoes and salads, cooked on the spot by Porkie's. There were a few steaks extra, so many went for seconds.

After the dinner, there was the matter of the raffles. As it turns out, Reverend George was proven right in his claim to only win 50/50, since I think he may have been the only one who didn't win a thing. Tom Didas was another matter all together. He sat and gloated after the first half dozen prizes he raked in. There was a streak when he collected every other prize! "Wait until I get the airline tickets too," he cooed.

Next Tuesday is the changeover dinner at Art and Deanie Traphagen. Six o'clock I think it was. You have to call them and tell whether you like steak or chicken.

No, Tom Didn't win the airline tickets.



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