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## SEPTEMBER 18

### SPEAKER

Today we had an interesting talk by Dr. David Swierzewski. Introduced by **President Grace**, he spoke about advancements in surgical techniques. Dr. Swierzewski is Vice Chairman of the Anna Jaques Hospital Department of Surgery, a post he has held since 2006. His practice is called Atlantic Surgical Associates and is located here in Newburyport. He spoke about new advances in varicose vein surgery and laparoscopic surgery for gall bladders and appendix as well as many other surgical procedures. One of the newest developments in medicine is "telesurgery" whereby a doctor in a distant city can perform an operation in Newburyport via telephone lines. **Grace** thanked Dr. Swierzewski for his talk and presented him with the Rotary mug.

### HAPPY DOLLARS

— **Kim Harty** was very happy to be here.  
— **Bruce Bear** said his wife is happy to be going back to Florida, but he is sorry to leave.

— **Mark O'Brien** said Holy Cross beat Harvard.



— **Chuck Withee** went to the Red Sox game and sat behind Stephen King. Chuck and his friend talked about buying a pizza for so long that Stephen King turned around and said he would buy one for them!

— **Chris Lambert** was happy to volunteer at the golf tournament.

— **Peter Johnston** was happy to renew an acquaintance with an old school friend from Holyoke.

### BIRTHDAYS

No birthdays to report today. But next week we will celebrate **Geri Dorr's** 65th birthday with a cake.

**BADGE FINES** were assessed today. **Chuck Withee** got his badge just in time.

### NEW MEMBER

**Kim Harty** inducted new member Suzanne Dubus from the Women's Crisis Center.

### NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

**President Grace** announced two new proposals for membership. Vicki Hendrickson, director of the Adult Education Program at the High School, and Richard Napolitano of the Anna Jaques Foundation office. If no objections are received, they will be inducted in two weeks.

### NEWSY NOTES

— **Jay Howlett** said the Golf Tournament at Ould Newbury Golf Club was a huge success. They had a great turnout on a beautiful afternoon with 40 golfers participating. **Chip Nutter** and **Mark O'Brien** were on the winning team. The event netted \$8,300.

— **Grace** thanked **Zack** for his hospitality on Sheep Island for the Board retreat.

— **Kate** reminded everyone to get their money in for the Comedy Show on October 12.

— **Grace** will be presenting a check to the School Committee for the Literacy Closet.

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## WHERE'S LIZ?

**DG Liz** has been busy performing her duties and visiting the district. Her latest visits include Freeport, Brunswick Coastal, Yarmouth, Falmouth, Scarborough, Portland, and Kennebunk Portside.

## RAFFLE

With just nine cards left, **Chris Lambert** picked the number but not the 9 of spades. Is it really in the pack?

## SEPTEMBER 25

Dr. Lane A. Glenn, the new Vice President of Academic Affairs at Northern Essex Community College, was our guest speaker today. Northern Essex (NECCO) is one of our area's most important educational institutions, serving 6300 credit students each semester and offering over 70 credit certificate and associate degree programs. Introduced by **Geri Dorr**, Lane made jokes about re-learning to speak like a New Englander. He said that the male population is declining in colleges around the country. The average age of students at NECCO is 29 and 2008 will be the largest graduation class. He says this is due to the Baby Boomer parents and class size will start to diminish after this year. The largest employers of NECCO students are the local hospitals in Newburyport, Lawrence and Methuen. Courses which seem to be most popular are

entrepreneurial classes which are also being offered at Newburyport High School. On-line courses have become more popular as well as a 15-month accelerated program. Lane was a community college student himself and feels that it is a very affordable way to gain further quality education. **President Grace** thanked him for his fine talk and presented him with the Rotary mug.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

— **Dean McLellan** expressed his gratitude for the huge attendance at his friend's memorial service. About 500 people attended the service for Erik Martin.

— **Geri Dorr** was happy to be celebrating her 65th birthday and proud of it.



— **Jim Hughes** was pleased that people were signing up to volunteer for the Salvation Army Dinner.

## GUESTS

Nancy Gordon of the Portsmouth Rotary Club was our guest today.

## BIRTHDAYS

A birthday cake was presented to **Geri Dorr** for her 65th birthday and of course it was cut and served to the members. Happy Birthday, Geri! And many more!

## NEWSY NOTES

— **Grace** announced that we will be inducting two new people next week. They are Vicki Hendrickson and Richard Napolitano.

— November 3 is Rotary Day at the United Nations and **Grace** and **Jim** will be attending. Anyone interested in joining them? **Mark Audette** wanted to know if it was going to be a bus trip? Ha Ha!

— **Grace** said...“Fine that man!”

— **Grace** announced that a check for the Literacy Closet has been presented to the School Committee.

## 60 SECONDS

**Dawne** spoke about the *Rotarian Magazine* and how it has changed over the years. Did you know the 4-Way Test is 75 years old and was adopted by RI in 1943, although it was conceived in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, a Chicago executive and past RI president? Taylor believed the 4-Way Test could be a powerful force for good in the world and the president of Walgreens adopted it as his model of business ethics in 1947. He referred to it as “a prescription for living, a new version of the golden rule.”



## WHERE'S LIZ?

**Russ** and **Sheila** gave their update on **Liz's** visits in the district. She is getting close to the end of her visits with Newburyport being the last one early in November. This past week she went to Sanford-Springvale, Kennebunk, Topsham Expresso, Brunswick, Damariscotta-Newcastle, and Bath.

## RAFFLE

With the pot up to \$1134 and **eight** cards left, the tension was great. **David Murison** had the lucky ticket but not the lucky card. He drew the five of hearts!!