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GENERAL DINNER MEETING

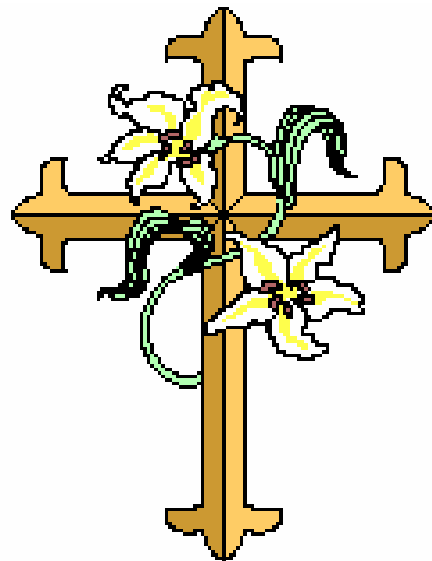
**6:30 P.M.
April 10, 2006**

Location
**Elaine's Restaurant
1841 Berlin Turnpike
Wethersfield, CT**

Menu
Fine Food

Dress Code
Business Attire

Program
**Wills, Medicare
Attorney Kevin O'Brien**



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AT THE LAST MEETING

Bob Houle opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer before dinner. Bob then remarked on the need for club members to step forward and replace retiring Officers or Board members. The club is comprised of many members and the duties need to be rotated to others in turn. There were 18 members and 1 guest speaker present. The Scholarship Raffle which was held netted \$90.00. The winners of the Scholarship Raffle were Paul Labbe \$15, Lou Beaumier \$10 and Steve Bertrand \$10. Steve graciously donated back the money to the Scholarship

Fund. The Pot-O-Gold was drawn and Bob Bouvier would have won \$10, had he been present!

Our guest speaker from Northeast Utilities was Ms. Anna Alfaro. She acknowledged that Northeast Utilities was having problems with energy cost rising partly due to no longer having control over energy generation. They had sold off their generating plants to separate companies to save us all money in the long run. Of course that turns out to be a grave mistake. Now there is talk of buying back the power plants to return to the "good old days" of a utility company doing all the generating and distributing of power. What seemed high at the time turns out to be not so bad. Of course, to reverse what has been done, will cost a lot and not lead to savings anytime soon. That leaves us with conservation, to try and use less electricity, which ironically means paying the same amount of money, hopefully, for less juice! The cost of fossil fuels is fanning the flames of rising prices even higher. So there appears to be no way to prevent substantial increases happening in the foreseeable future.

Of course we are talking the status quo in power, not more demand for more power. That means adequate power in the future is not assured. There has not been a power plant

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built in Connecticut in many years. Bringing power lines from out of state has also meant with substantial opposition. Since a growing economy needs power, something will have to give eventually or brownouts will become all too familiar in Connecticut, as they did in California not so long ago!

NO DUES INCREASE

While the club still manages to just get by financially, the Board felt a dues increase was not required at this time. Should our finances need shoring up this coming year, adjustments to meeting costs will be used to offset the shortfall. Thank you for your continuing support, which will assure continued quality in our organization. This year's dues invoice is included in this mailing.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Roland Houle and Romeo Dube head up this year's nominating committee. They will try to make certain that anyone proposed to serve as an Officer or Board Member is willing to perform the duties required. This helps to keep the process working smoothly. So if you have been a member in good standing for at least one year, you are eligible to serve. Let either Roland or Romeo know of your interest and they will put your name on the ballot. Bear in mind this is your club, therefore you need to support it!

JUNE PICNIC

It's not that far away!
A Franam Picnic is really quite special. So don't forget June 11 starting at 11:30 AM.



!!NEW LOCATION!!
Unionville will be the town!
Directions to follow!

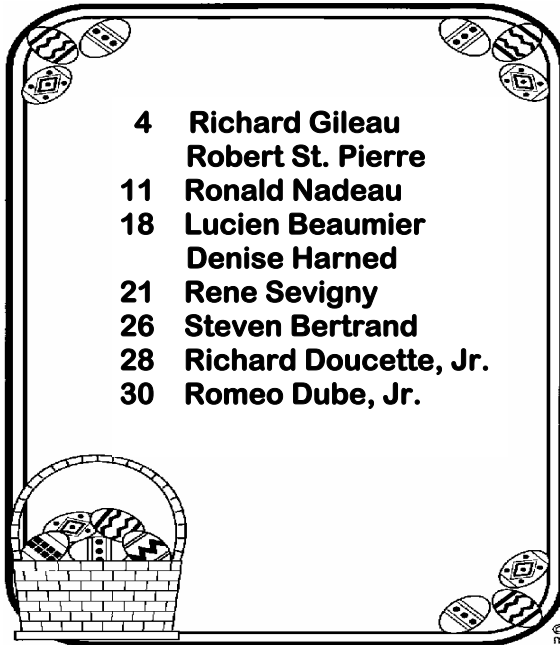
CHRISTMAS PARTY

While you are marking the June Picnic on your calendar, you might as well do Christmas, December 2, 2006. **This year we are moving to the Mill on the River, 989 Ellington Road (Route 30), South Windsor.** There we will hold our traditional party, but in a new location. Merry Christmas!

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS



- 4 Richard Gileau**
Robert St. Pierre
- 11 Ronald Nadeau**
- 18 Lucien Beaumier**
Denise Harned
- 21 Rene Sevigny**
- 26 Steven Bertrand**
- 28 Richard Doucette, Jr.**
- 30 Romeo Dube, Jr.**

UPCOMING MEETING

Attorney Kevin O'Brien is coming to discuss wills or Medicare's new changes. He can cover both these areas and help us all understand more about these important issues. They are areas that have changed a lot in the recent past and will probably continue to change yearly for sometime to come. Since all of us are touched by these items, we all need to learn and know more about them. Also, where we can find someone to help us do further research and planning, for the best results in our own lives!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 8, 2006 | Annual Meeting |
| June 11, 2006 | Family Picnic |
| October, 2006 | Family Night |
| December 2, 2006 | Christmas Party |



HEARD ABOUT TOWN

I am repeating this notice to remind everyone, that Ron Dube has been working to update the Franam web-site. He has even given each of us an email capability on the site. So take a long look at franam.org to see what're your missing.

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