



**HEARD ABOUT TOWN**

On March 9, 2008, one of our own, Romeo Dube, Jr. received from the Archbishop of Hartford the St. Joseph's Medal for dedication and service he performed for Assumption Parish of Manchester. There were representatives from 190 parishes present at the ceremony to honor the recipients. Congratulations to Romeo for a well deserved award.

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**GENERAL DINNER MEETING**

**6:30 P.M.**  
**April 14, 2008**

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

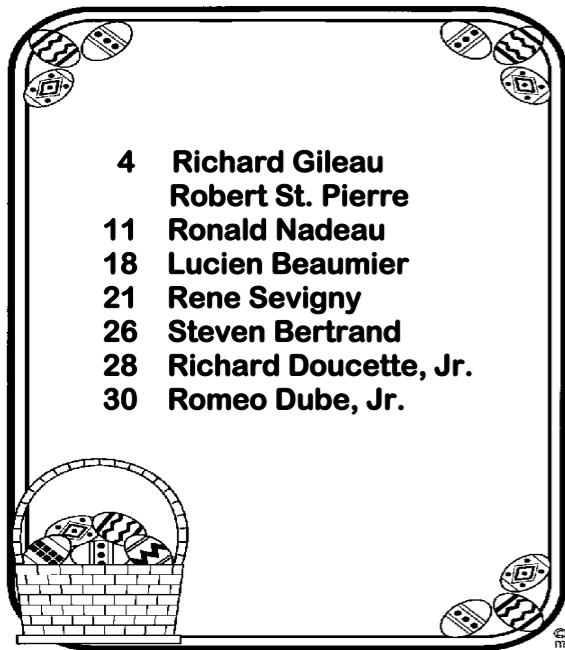
Menu  
**Chicken Cordon Bleu or**  
**Baked Scrod w/rice pilaf**

Dress Code  
**Business Attire**

Program  
**Mr. Roland Houle**  
**Franam History**



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**



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

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>May 12, 2008</b>  | <b>Annual Meeting</b>  |
| <b>June 15, 2008</b> | <b>Family Picnic</b>   |
| <b>October, 2008</b> | <b>Family Night</b>    |
| <b>December 2008</b> | <b>Christmas Party</b> |

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AT THE LAST MEETING

Ron Dube opened the meeting, at the Sunrise of West Hartford facility, at 7:00 PM. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 15 members present. The Scholarship Raffle which was held netted \$130.00. The winners of the Scholarship Raffle were Romeo Dube, Jr. for \$15, Gerard Barrieau for \$10 and Robert Houle for \$10. All of these fine gentlemen donated their winnings back to the club. The Pot-O-Gold was drawn and someone would have won, had he been present!

The Chicken Parmagian meal which was provided was quite good. A few members said just as good as the restaurant would have provided. Our host, Ray Morelli, of Sunrise of West Hartford

then lead us out of their beautiful dining area for a tour of their wonderful facility. He showed us the efficiency apartment, followed by the larger apartment which can sleep four people. Ray Morelli explained that included in their monthly fee is three meals a day and compared to other similar facilities in the area, a good bargain. Many members were quite impressed. So much in fact, that Ron Dube offered to sign his Dad, Romeo, right up on the spot :- ) but Romeo was not amused! Everyone seems to agree that the Franam Field Trip was a very pleasant experience.

SLIGHT DUES INCREASE

The club has managed to just get by financially, but this year there will be two new problems to deal with. They are both significant. One is the loss of a few members and the other is a twenty (20) meal minimum at Elaine's General Meetings. As the membership dwindles it has the second effect of making the twenty meal minimum more difficult to live with. Therefore the \$10.00 increase in dues is needed to offset, to some degree, this anticipated scenario - less dues, more meals expense. While the Board is always reluctant to raise dues, there appears to be no other solution at this time. Thank you for your continuing support, which will assure continued quality in our organization. This year's dues invoice is included in this mailing.

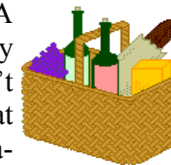
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Roland Houle and C.J. Picard 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. While membership is being constantly mentioned and a few new members have been added, with hopefully more to come, participation only comes up once a year at the time of the Annual Meeting. The President's position needs someone to step forward! Right now we are fortunate to have the other Officers positions filled, but even they were filled by the same faithful members who answer the call whenever they are needed. The Board members are also filled by those who have done so for many years and would like a break from their duties. If Franam is to survive these trying times, other members need to step up and help the club. The duties of most positions are not too time consuming, after all we are a social club, not a business. However, what needs to be done, must be done and it cannot always fall on the same few people. **Get involved by volunteering for one of the positions and help shoulder the survival of Franam.**

ARE YOU INVOLVED?

JUNE PICNIC

It's not that far away! A Franam Picnic is really quite special. So don't forget June 15 starting at 11:30 AM. Our new location is in Manchester's Northwest Park. Manchester's premier



park, located at 448 Tolland Turnpike, has a pavilion, observation deck, boundless playground, sand volleyball courts, walking trails, little league field and baseball field. Most importantly, this park shares the waterfront of Union Pond and boasts a picturesque water view along with breathtaking flower gardens, ornamental grasses and wooded walking trails. So come enjoy a really fine recreation in June!