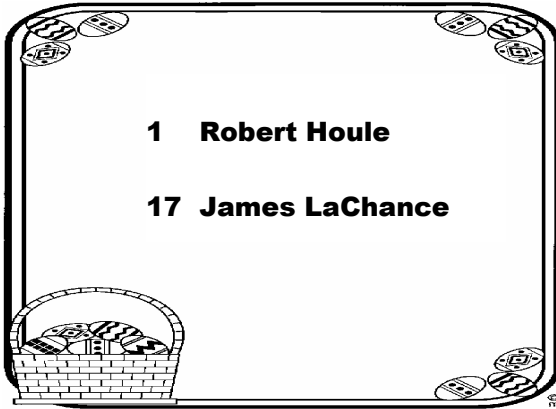


MARCH BIRTHDAYS



1 Robert Houle

17 James LaChance

UPCOMING MEETING

Ms. Anna Alfaro will be our Guest Speaker this month. She is employed by Northeast Utilities which certainly has been in the news lately. She might be just the one to fill out the news reports since they are much too short and narrow. So come find out what light she can shed on this topic that excites all our lives with electricity.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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



HEARD ABOUT TOWN

Ron Dube has been working to update the Franam website. 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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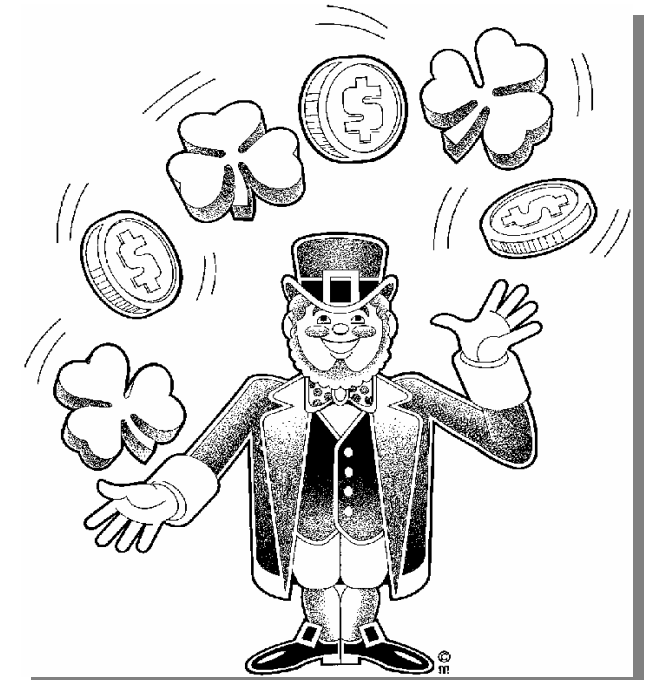
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March 13, 2006

Location  
Elaine's Restaurant  
1841 Berlin Turnpike  
Wethersfield, CT

Menu  
Fine Food

Dress Code  
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Northeast Utilities  
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## AT THE LAST MEETING

President Bob Houle conducted the meeting. Rene Sevigny said grace before dinner. There were 19 members and 15 guests for a total of 34 people at the meeting. The Scholarship Raffle which was held netted \$155.00 gross and net, since each winner donated back their winnings. Thank you one and all. The first winner was Conrad Guerrette for \$20.00. Then Kathy Bolduc was the second winner for \$15.00. Clarence Levesque took the third prize of \$10.00. Then, for the lady's only, there were two boxes of Valentine's Day Chocolates and a special Picnic Basket included as a separate raffle this month. Mary Houle and Jean Beaumier won the chocolate

and Carol Collins won the Picnic Basket complete with wine, etc. Finally came the Pot-O-Gold! Well, Conrad Guerrette won that in addition to his earlier raffle win. When your hot, your hot! Once again he donated back his \$10 win to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks Conrad.

Robert Houle, then explained the different wines we would sample. They were from Stonehaven Vineyards of Australia. The first course of Cheese & Crudite and second course of mixed green salad w/raspberry vinaigrette were accompanied with Stonehaven Riesling. The third course of Tortellini Genovese in a creamy pesto sauce was joined with Stonehaven Chardonnay. The final fourth course N.Y. Strip Au Poirve, pepper encrusted and pan-seared in a shallot brandy cream sauce served with twice baked potato and vegetable was enjoyed with Stonehaven Shiraz Cabernet. After this excellent meal and your refill of whichever wine was your favorite, conversation flowed and flowed. If this picture looks upside down to you, then you stayed for each and every round and then some. I would tell you what desert was if only I could remember? That was a really smooth Valentine's Day Event!!



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**Applications for the upcoming 2006-2007 scholarship year are available at the General Meeting. If you cannot make that meeting call me at 860.643.2072 and I will mail one out to you. The absolute deadline to return the application is April 1, 2006.**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

For some time, I have been thinking about the state of FRANAM for the upcoming years. In fact, a lengthy discussion took place with the board on what lies ahead. As you know, I am at the end of my tenure as president which means that someone else needs to step forward and take the reins. The office of president is not the only position that will be open. Ron Dube, one of our present board members, has worked tirelessly over the past several years and would

like a break. Richard Gileau, our current secretary, has held several offices including president, he also would like another member to step forward to take his place. As you know, the remaining board members and officers have appeared time and again to do their share.

In May, we have our annual election of officers. Historically, it is the lowest attended meeting. One of the reasons may be due to the fact that it is all business and that most of the evening is spent listening to the past year's summary. However, I believe the reason goes a bit deeper. I think the members that are not present are leery of being asked to share in the responsibilities associated with the running of FRANAM. I hope I am way off base with my last comment. I challenge the membership to prove me wrong. Show up at the May meeting and become part of a great organization.

Respectfully,  
Bob Houle