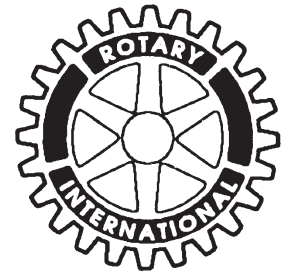


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CARNIVAL - A GREAT BEGINNING

With the help of a beautiful day on Saturday, our maiden voyage at sponsoring a carnival appears to be a success. The numbers are not in as yet but I for one ran into one mother who exclaimed on Saturday, “My two kids have had a great time”, and it was unsolicited. And if the lines were any indication they also spells success. They were 30 and 40 deep at times and there was little or no complaining on price. The final number should be somewhere in the vicinity of \$23,000 with the profit shared with the Lions. Above and beyond that figure, was the enthusiasm and feedback that was so positive. The Cushing family that owns the carnival were very helpful and supportive. Like anything there were some glitches, like coming up short on Friday night and Saturday on ticket sales and cash. But from those who helped out the feeling seemed to be that we should do it again next year. Larry Cushing suggested we also add in fireworks on a Saturday night and possibly open up on Thursday night instead of Friday. He said that in Wilmington on their 4th of July event they get upwards of 100,000 people for the fireworks. But that is for another day. You can, however, give us a passing grade for our maiden voyage. It wasn't perfect but it was a fine beginning.

FAMILY DAY BOOTH ALSO A SUCCESS.

While the carnival was going on we also had our booth at the Town Day under the direction of Kathi Spurr. She did a bang up job of getting everything from tables to chairs to aprons, to Italian Ice. With the help of many volunteers, business stayed busy with the treat of the day being Watermelon or Lemon Ice. To hold me to it but I thank the sales number went well over \$700 for the day, which means we made some money. Much of the credit goes to Kathi. She worked her tail off from the get go to finish including the break down of the tent. In the end there were roughly only 30 unsold bars and this will show up at the BUNCO night probably. Great job Kathi and all those who spent time working the booth.

FUN DAY FOR THE CROSSING GUARDS

Upwards of 15 of our membership showed up at Bobbie Botticelli's home on Thursday, June 13 to salute the school Crossing Guards. A delicious turkey dinner luncheon from Gregory's was served along with a dessert of Harrow's Blueberry pies. There were a handful of dignitaries there including our own Superintendent of School Pat Schettini, and Police Lieutenant Kevin Cloonan, who represented Chief Jim Cormier who was at the FBI academy. Bobbie's yard was spectacular as always with all the flowers and plants looking gorgeous. Ten or eleven crossing guards were there which was slightly less than last year but all were appreciative of recognizing their efforts. Chronicle photographed Bill Ryerson was there and a nice photo appeared in Friday's edition of the paper. (Copies are at the front desk). All in all we have had a busy couple of weeks and we still have the district installation this Thursday at the Danversport Yacht Club. Several have already indicated they will be there and if interested please speak to Don Washburn. I am not sure if the deadline has passed or not but Don will let you know.

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