

WSS for February 2, 2010

Meeting Sponsored by Merrimack County Savings Bank

Happy Groundhog Day! The spirit was in the air, the smell was in the air...or was it the meatloaf? President Joe led us in the Pledge, with Dan Snyder giving the invocation. Alla introduced visitors from Nashua, Milford and York, ME. Betsy introduced her guest Claire, and our ol' pal John Sullivan, while John Nolan introduced our ol' pal Peter Collins.

Announcements: The Hollis/Brookline Club is holding their annual Superbowl Breakfast at Alpine Grove. \$16 now or \$20 at the door. Through Able Moving & Storage, John is collecting canes, crutches and wheelchairs for those in need in Haiti, and will be doing so for a few weeks. If you have any hanging around 'just in case' give them to John and they will be put to good use immediately.

Auction: Karin Leonard headed the auction this week with items from Rhonda's trip to Egypt going to Dan G and Jim C and Alla's bracelet to Pete. John Rudolph brought in handmade baby items (hat, booties...) won by Steve Dohoney and Rich donated the big money prize of the day, Celtics Tickets!

Fines & Frolic: Special guest Peter Collins had fine master duty: Ernie Nolte, Rick 'Scott Brown' Herrick, Dave Heath, Frank/Zia/Betsy on the credit card machine, Rhonda/Pyramids, Marty for being Marty, Elliot for not seeing Pres.Obama, and Happy Fines by Fred, Mark P and Betsy. Oh what a feeling! All Toyota drivers paid a buck, too.

Program: Marie introduced Stefan Hausberger of Zimmermanns to talk about Skiing in NH. He talked about current trends in ski design – shape, length, materials – and how American demand is driving the worldwide manufacturers of the equipment. Also, boots, bindings, helmets, etc. Stefan also touched on the influence of snowboarding and other trends. An energetic Q&A followed. Stop in to one of three locations or check out [zimsport.com](http://zimsport.com) for info on Ski Clubs and Discount Clubs, and of course shop the latest in skis and apparel.

Q: Why was the groundhog depressed about his den?

A: He was having a bad lair day!

No whistle needed on that one!