

Minutes of the March 9 meeting:

The center piece speaker, Jeremy DeSilva, visiting us now for the third time, made this one of our very best meetings. Joe Watts, president, opened the meeting at noon calling close to 50 members together, and turned to Jerry Coogan for the "Words of Inspiration." Jerry honored the coming of St. Patrick's Day with the traditional Irish Blessing. While one might have expected corned beef and cabbage to follow at lunch, we were served the equally all-American spaghetti and meatballs.

After lunch, Joe presented four candidates for admission. Jerry Edwards sponsored by Tom Hull, Ben Horne by Dave Barber, Jim Matthias by Jerry Coogan, and Michael Mulcahy by Gordon Terwilliger. All four were approved by voice vote. Joe next introduced Rick Marsh a guest of Dave Woods. Rick is also known to many members as a Navy veteran, Sunapee Singer, and member of the Newbury Veterans Committee. Garry Keane, vice president, followed. Garry posted the members on the progress of the Nominations Committee, noted that six positions were still open, and underscored the importance of volunteering in order to keep the Squires a thriving organization..

Jeremy DeSilva was then introduced by Dave Woods. Jeremy is an associate professor of anthropology at Dartmouth and the author of "First Steps," a book that traces the evolution of human locomotion. Jeremy offered a brief on how our understanding of early man has been enhanced by fossilized foot prints, and how these and other data indicate that our ancestors lived in cooperative settings and absorbed, rather than savaged, other forms of early human life. Violence between men, he felt, is a relatively new development tied to the beginning of agriculture and the importance of land acquisition.

Dave Woods announced our April 13 speaker as Peter White, professor at Colby-Sawyer College. Peter will cover a range of headline issues affecting education, Colby-Sawyer's response to these issues, and especially the College's pivot toward the health sciences and graduate studies.

The meeting closed at 2:00 with Joe inviting everyone to join us at our April 13 luncheon.

Submitted by Art Rosen, secretary