

## Upcoming Programs

**Tuesday**

**November 25**

**Pre-Thanksgiving  
Football Luncheon**

At the Porthole

Come & Enjoy the Fellowship!

**November 27**

**Thanksgiving Day  
No Meeting**

**December 5**

**Membership Crisis**

Guest Speaker:

**Ingrid Brown**

**Incoming District  
Governor 2009**

## Diana Moreno Inducted As Our Newest Member

*N. H. Fisher Cats Baseball Programs  
Raise Thousands for Charity*



### President Michele & Joyce Elliott

conducted our nice induction ceremonies Thursday for our newest member, Diana Moreno from the METRO Credit Union.



Diana has been attending regularly and is a fast learner! Be sure to say hello and sign her welcoming sheet! YOU know the alternative!

### Bob Kennedy & Rich Brangiforte

read some wonderful thank-you letters for our recent donations from our J. Fergus Gifford Shoe and Stocking Fund.

Our members might remember the story of how Tyler Grillo, who is confined to a wheelchair much of the time, loves the beach in the summertime but has not been able to go since the necessity of a wheelchair in his life. Our club donated \$500 on the stipulation that they could match it and others did so and now he has the special chair with large rubber tires and other options! Next summer he again can enjoy our beaches.

Our second donation from the fund was to the Washington School Early Childhood Center which is collecting winter boots, socks and other warm weather necessities including food for families in need.

Rotary helping others once again !!

### Our Visiting Rotarian

was Knut Fischer from Germany and Nahant! Welcome Knut!! Knut is moving "across the street" and was interested in last week's presentation about a charity that collects used furniture and gives to families in need in our region.

### Erik Lesniak

is general manager of the N.H. Fisher Cats Double-A minor league team (affiliated with the Toronto Blue Jays) & was our dynamic speaker and told us of his love for sports and for helping others and he has been able to combine both by creating an entertainment empire that has been known to attract up to 400,000 persons during a season.

The Fisher Cats play in a large stadium in Manchester, N.H. that they were able to build due to their wonderful attendance. Their attendance is 99% showmanship - "having lots of fun and forgetting everything else" he commented.



Michele, Eric and his associate displayed one of the generous gifts they brought from Manchester to add to our drawings today! T-shirts, baseball caps and other fun items graced many of our members!

The bottom line of their productions is FUN and they have even paraded on the field in costumes and once had a "Whoopie Cushion Night" where everyone got a cushion and on signal, thousands of fans sat down at once! You can imagine a new meaning for fresh air sport.

The baseball games support nearly 800 non-profit organizations in the Manchester area.

Erik is a graduate of the Walt Disney Institute at Disney World where entertainment ideas flow forth from the creators of fun.

Thanks, Erik!

### Our Big Pot

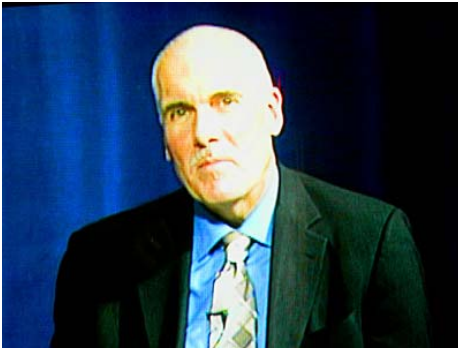
is still a big secret as Michele was in Florida last week enjoying the fun and the sun, but the pot is growing and an excited Adam Sherman and Dave Richardson thought sure they would find the joker!

They didn't.



## TV Presentation

On Tuesday of this week PP Mark hosted a television taping at Comcast's Lynn channel dedicated to educating viewers about Rotary and specifically LYNN Rotary! His guests on the program were incoming president Elaine Kurkul, Rev. Bill Simpson,



PP Obie Barker and your editor, Gene Hastings.

These snapshots off the studio monitor are not great quality but do give you an idea perhaps of what some of the scenes looked like during the presentations.



Mark oriented the discussions toward getting many viewers interested in our club and in participating in Rotary and what people could do to help others in our communities through Rotary.

Bill mentioned the 4-Way Test and how it was developed and what it means. Obie described coming to Lynn for the first time and how friendly the Rotarians were and how happy he was to be a part of Lynn Rotary. Elaine commented that when she first came to Rotary she was warmly welcomed and it made her feel comfortable and happy to be a member of our club.

The intermissions utilized Rotary International's public service announcement DVDs with quick video clips of what Rotarians do worldwide.

Great job, Mark !! Look for the program on the Lynn Comcast channel - it will be broadcast several times during the next several weeks!

## Rotary International Founder

**Paul P. Harris** met his wife to be on a hike, near Chicago, in 1910. After they married, Paul built a home for his bride, Jean Thomson, of Edinburgh Scotland. Jean had lived near **Comely Bank**, a road in Edinburgh. So, Paul named their home in her honor.

Paul writes: One winter day I was walking on Longwood Drive in a suburban district in Chicago. The drive skirts a hill spoken of as the ridge which extends for several miles in a southwesterly direction, an unusual feature in Chicago as most of the drive lies on flat ground. The houses on the west side of the drive are built on the crest of the hill that parallels it.

On that particular day the hill was covered with snow and many of the youngsters were coasting without regard to the property rights involved. No property owner, however, seemed disposed to question the rights of the youngsters to make common ground of their hillside lawns. The picture seemed so true to the New England life I had known and loved that the thought came to me if ever I was to have a home of my own, it would be on the top of the hill on Longwood Drive. The time came sooner than I expected ....I married my bonnie Jean, and two years later acquired a home on the hill. We named our home Comely Bank after the street in Edinburgh where she spent the days of her child and youth...

Comely Bank served as their home for nearly forty years. [www.paulharrishome.com](http://www.paulharrishome.com) During that time, Jean, a gracious hostess, poured tea for hundreds of Rotary leaders, and they planted Friendship Trees in their yard and then around the world.

Comely Bank, in the hearts of Jean and Paul, served also to bring peace. When discord erupted, Paul and Jean would invite the parties to tea and talk. Wonderful things happened in this house. In their lifetimes, Paul and Jean cared for Comely Bank. Now, we need to take up that work and return the home to Rotarians. The home was purchased by Rotarians, but 1910 building regulations have changed, and much work needs to be done.

Visit [www.paulharrishome.com](http://www.paulharrishome.com) to learn how you can be part of history. The need is great. Rotary needs Comely Bank for meetings, gatherings, and the preservation of history. Please consider a tax deductible contribution to help preserve this historic home for generations of use by Rotarians in this century.

*Yours in Rotary Global History,*

Jack Selway, Founder/CEO [www.historycomment.org](http://www.historycomment.org)  
[www.rghf.org](http://www.rghf.org) (Rotary Global History)

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

December 4 - Art Horgan & Jim Harris

Dec. 11 - Cindy Steger-Wilson & Maria Bazzi

Dec. 18 - Elaine Kurkul & Michele Desmarais

**Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!**