

Joyce Wins The Pot !



No one expected it with a zillion cards still in the deck and only \$130 Happy Dollars waiting to be grabbed but sure enough, Bob Kennedy lost to Joyce Elliott for our pot!

What Is The Rotary Leadership Institute ??



Thursday's speaker was member Gene Hastings, Rotary Leadership Institute chair for District 7930 who explained to club members the purposes of the institute and why so many Rotarians in New England participate in the annual gatherings.

The institute was founded by past Rotary International Director David Linett and co-chair Michael Rabasca and has grown exponentially since its founding in 1992!

RLI is now in several countries in addition to the U.S.A. and grows each year.

The central purpose is having Rotarians learn about Rotary from each other at fun sessions that last a full day - there is never any lecturing or sitting watching videos!

Ideas grow at classes throughout the day with ideas from Connecticut Rotarians being picked up by participants from Rhode Island or from New Hampshire. The enthusiasm of the attendees is easy to see and the benefits difficult to attain in any other way!

Hopefully several members of Lynn Rotary will attend this year on Saturday, April 5 !!

Announcements!

Meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Shoe & Stocking Fund Directors will have a short but important meeting this coming Thursday January 24 at 11:30 AM at the Porthole.

Camp Rotary Inc. Directors will meet January 31 at 11:15 AM at the Porthole. Please contact David Richardson if you cannot attend! 781-593-5938.

Our Annual Fund Raising Auction has been announced for **April 2 at the K of C Hall** on Lynnfield Street. Special letters and packets were passed out at the meeting for chair Virginia Doocy by treasurer Maria Bazzi. Despite our large meeting, several members were not present to receive their packages - please check with Maria or Virginia as everyone's help will be needed!!

Visitors & Guests

this week were Bill Duckat from Sudbury Rotary, a guest of Tom Newhall and Phyllis Kennedy whose charming presence did not enhance husband Bob's attempt to win the jackpot!



Over 1,100 Dictionaries Donated To Lynn Children

Again this year, Lynn 3rd graders received their own personal dictionaries from Lynn Rotary, part of Rotary International's program featuring education for children worldwide!

Above you see Bill Simpson at the Aborn School on Eastern Avenue working with youngsters looking up words and explaining out loud what the words mean. Every child signed his or her own personal book and were allowed to take them home to use as needed.

Rotarians visited 11 schools throughout the city Wednesday &



Upcoming Programs

January 24

Steve Sheridan, Physical Therapy Preventing Injury with Proper Body Mechanics and Ergonomics

January 31

Our First Junior High School Awards for 2008!

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR



in addition, earlier in the week volunteers gathered at the Equitable Bank to place Lynn Rotary stickers on every book!

Your editor hates to list participants for fear of leaving someone out but from the list available at newsletter editing time we had as school participants: Bill Simpson, Rich Cuffe, Obie Barker, Mark Kennard, Michele Desmarais, Virginia Doocy, Loretta Cuffe-O'Donnell, Bob Dugas, Jim Harris (chair), Maroli Licardie, Bob Kennedy, Maria Bazzi, Nick & Matt Sarantopoulos, and Gene Hastings.

Honorary Rotarian Superintendent of Schools Nick Kostan participated at the Connery School with president Kennard!

Let's do it again next year !!

Canadian Rotaractors' award-winning project aiding Nicaraguans

Communities in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, are witnessing significant improvements to sanitation and school conditions, thanks to Project Nicaragua, a technological initiative launched in 2004 by the Rotaract Club of University of Calgary, Canada.



Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere, lacks the resources to remedy serious health and sanitation issues. This has caused disease and starvation in many communities. Frustrated by what she saw during a volunteer mission, Rotaractor Lyndsey Rosevear returned home to Calgary and encouraged her club to take action.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calgary, Rosevear and fellow Rotaractors organized Project Nicaragua, a multifaceted initiative focused on improving the quality of life in underdeveloped communities through sustainable technology and resources.

"We are addressing Nicaraguans' basic human needs and basic human rights through technology, information, and ambition," says Rosevear, a student at the University of Calgary. She and other club members have visited Nicaragua several times to assist with the project, which is carried out in two phases in each community.

The first phase is aimed at improving sanitation and educational conditions. Traditional open-fire stoves are replaced with concrete-and-brick eco-stoves, which use 50 percent less wood for fuel and reduce smoke inhalation. Biosand water filters are used to create a safer drinking water supply, and composting toilets, which do not contaminate underground water systems, are installed. School buildings in need of repair are also renovated.

The second phase focuses on health care improvements. A local doctor and dentist visit the community four days twice a month to address health issues such as fever, diarrhea, and dental problems. More than 150 people are treated every month.

The club seeks to raise US \$50,000 for the project. Members have been garnering funds by hosting an annual Battle of the Bands night, putting on bake sales, and petitioning funds from clubs, businesses, and independent donors.

At the 2007 RI Convention, Project Nicaragua was named the international winner of RI's 2006-07 Outstanding Rotaract Project recognition.

Rosevear credits the project's success to a support network of motivated Rotaractors: "Our club's core values and principles are helping to improve the quality of life."

Lynn Rotary is starting a Rotaract Club under the direction of Nick Sarantopoulos !

Welcome Back Elaine!

President Mark warmly welcomed Elaine Kurkul back to our meetings Thursday! She looked great!

Camp Rotary Snapshots from 2007



Bill Simpson

led the singing Thursday and collected the birthday money from our members celebrating their January birthdays!

This tradition started many, many years ago - all the birthday money originally went into our Shoe & Stocking fund exclusively but today it goes into our charity works pot.

Some clubs don't ask for \$10 as we do, they merely ask a member to contribute an amount equal to their birthday year!

Let's see, \$78 from Gene, plus hmmm, that might be a good idea for our club ???

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

January 24 - Robert Eydenberg & Patty Tarr

January 31 - Rich Cuffe & Patty Tarr

February 7 - Bob Kennedy & Jan Reardon

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