

Next Week

January 26
Our Club's 2006
8th Grade Student
Awards Program
Begins!!

February 2
Auction Meeting

February 9
Open for
Suggestions

February 16
Sally George
Feng Shui

Lynn Rotary Supports First Book For Lynn Children!

Our 2005-2006 Theme



SERVICE Above Self

Lynn Rotary's \$1,000 Gift

This week's presentation was a warm "thank you" by Lynn's Bill Bottnick and Loretta Cuffe O'Donnell speaking on behalf of the Lynn arm of a national organization named First Book.



The organization has worked with publishers and authors throughout the country and is highly respected by both. They have "negotiated" contracts such that their goals of giving low-income families the opportunities to read and own their own, first, new books have become a reality.

Dottie Thibideau (on the right) is also a member of their Lynn team.



A New Grandson!

Congratulations to Jim Harris for the arrival of a new grandson!! I am sure we will be treated to a photo and more information, soon!

Can Each Member Give Me 5 Names?

President Virginia asked your editor to get this into *TIPS* immediately - she would like each member to give me a minimum of 5 folks on a written list or an Email. The list should have an accurate mailing address including business connections, vendors, golf buddies, co-workers to whom we can send an invitation to join us at the K of C Hall on Lynnfield Street for our fun evening and auction Wednesday April 5!

Photo of the Week



Remember Knut Fischer? Who could forget our former member, now retired to Germany and active in his club as its Past President and Foundation Chair!

Knut sent me some great shots taken with his new digital camera on a recent trip to Africa - and yes, this was a real photo as they threw fish in the air to be caught by pelicans off the stern of a fishing boat!

Great shot, Knut! (Knut gets *TIPS* each week by Email.)

Rotary in China

The RI Board of Directors voted at a recent meeting to charter the Beijing and Shanghai provisional Rotary clubs, paving the way for a growing Rotary presence in China.

The Big Pot

is getting bigger as more and more members buy tickets in 15-ticket blocks! Incoming president Elaine was master of ceremonies this week and announced there are just 27 cards left with over \$400 at stake! Elaine herself and Bob Kennedy thought they might find the joker in the deck . . . better luck next week!

A New Reading Schedule

was started for February and March. Connie Colom has the list, please sign up for whatever day of the week you are comfortable with.

Reading to the young children in day care is a wonderful experience for everyone concerned.



Rotarians brave rain to grab priceless PR opportunity at Rose Parade



Rotary's float in the 2006 Rose Parade survived the California rains over New Year's weekend to bring the "Magic of Caring" message to millions of television viewers around the world.

Since 1980, Rotary has entered a float in the famous Tournament of Roses parade as a way to raise awareness and promote the organization. Every year, the float is entirely funded by Rotarian donations and decorated by volunteers who are a part of the worldwide Rotary family, including Interactors, Rotaractors, and scholarship recipients.

"This year, we had 1,400 volunteers decorating the float in prearranged sessions," says Rotarian Jim Miceli, chair of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee. He explained that the float's theme, the Magic of Caring, was designed to appeal to children and adults alike and spread awareness of Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio while matching the overall parade theme "It's Magical". "The float is a separate entity," he notes, "though we do have the blessing of Rotary International." To express Rotary's approval, RI Directors David Hossler and Ken Morgan braved the downpour to join nearly 100 other Rotarians cheering from the curbs of Colorado Boulevard, where more than a million onlookers traditionally line up to watch the parade.

"I was sitting up there in the rain with a Rotary ball cap on, my raincoat, my Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar tie, and wool slacks getting soaked," says Hossler. "But it was worth it. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

FIRST NOTICE PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

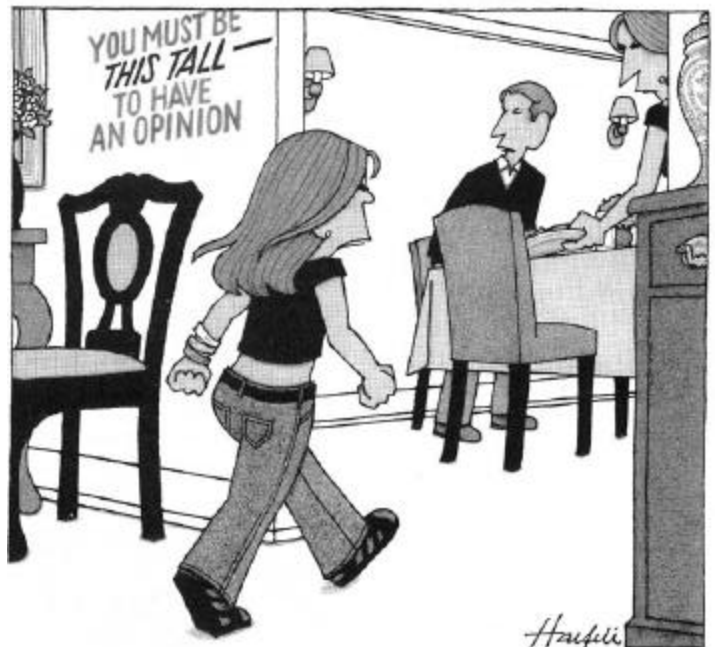
Cindy Steger-Wilson

Lynn Community Health Center 269 Union Street
Proposed by Connie Colom

Loretta Cuffe O'Donnell

Lynn City Councillor
Proposed by Rich Cuffe

Any comments should be forwarded to our club secretary Bob Hastings



Interactors bring joy of reading to inner-city schools

The reading menu for students at several inner-city schools in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, has become more varied as a result of a literacy project of the Interact club at Ross Sheppard High School.

"It is pretty serious when schools cannot afford books for their elementary students to read," the Interactors explain in a joint e-mail. "Some of the libraries that we visited were quite small. We can't speak for all of the schools, but the ones that we distributed to were in need."

After two weeks of planning, preparation, and promotion, the Interact club launched a month-long book drive at the end of October. From preliminary research, the club set a modest goal of collecting 1,000 books to distribute to inner-city schools that enroll mostly poor students.

But club members were overwhelmed by the response. More than 75 percent of Ross Sheppard's 2,139 students participated in the drive in a variety of ways. Many of them donated books they no longer needed.

"We expected just over a thousand books," Briscoe and Karpman say. "To our surprise, we received almost 12,000, which is absolutely amazing for a first-time [literacy] project."

The outcome was a source of immense personal satisfaction for both because they were just learning the ropes, having joined the Interact club at its inception in March 2005.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

January 26 - Bob Hastings & Ron Johanson
February 2 - Bob Kennedy & Rich Cuffe
February 9 - Adam Sherman & Connie Colom