

## Next Week!

**November 17**

Steve Schaffer: Children's Friends and Family

**Tuesday Nov. 22**

Football Banquet at The Porthole  
Co-Sponsored by Rotary and Lions Clubs

**November 24**

Thanksgiving  
No Meeting

**December 1**

Hospice of the North Shore "Living Well"

Salvation Army  
Bellingring

Saturday, December 17  
8 AM - 10 PM

## Governor Dave . . . . "Can You Do Something That Will Have World Influence 100 Years Later?"



Our guest speaker this week was District Governor David Fionda from the Rotary Club of Burlington.

Dave spoke of the wonderful aspects of service and helping others. When Paul Harris started Rotary over 100 years ago, he never would have imagined that his actions would impact our world as they have done and for such a sustained period of time, too!

Over 32,000 Rotary Clubs are active throughout our planet - a new breakfast club started in Burlington just this month!

Dave asked a few of our members for their "Rotary Moment" - when they first realized that Rotary meant something very special to them - and to describe the occasion.

Governor Dave emphasized his featured goals for this year - clean drinking water for 3,000 families in Honduras, Literacy - in our region a concentrated language encounter program beginning in Lawrence for teaching immigrant families how to learn English and Membership - if we don't concentrate on growing our clubs and getting every member interested in participating in a meaningful way, Rotary will start to fade away as unfortunately Kiwanis and Lions clubs have in several communities.

Thank you Dave; please come back again and break bread with us at the Porthole!!

## Directors' Meeting Notes

Among items voted and discussed: Jo Ann Noyes is working on a December supper meeting at the homeless veterans' shelter. The first such event was quite successful - Jo is asking that we have several additional Rotarians participate this time - it is well worth the effort!!

Our Holiday Season Party will be a catered event at Virginia Doocy's home in Lynn!

**The date? Thursday, January 5!**

Details to come.

## New Microphone System

Our board voted to purchase a new wireless microphone and amplifier system for use at our meetings! This should help alleviate many of the problems over the past few months using the Porthole's intermittent, hummy mike. They also voted to purchase a small amplifier and speaker for the side room to use those days we are shifted to cozy quarters.

The system might be ready in a few weeks.

## Our Giant Pot

Virginia announced that we are up to \$337 and the raffle ticket roll is getting rather small again so members are participating!

Governor

Dave drew lucky ticket holders Obie Barker and Dave Richardson . . . and the count goes on!

## Visitors and Guests

included Governor-Elect Donna Wayman from Wilmington Rotary, Assistant Governor Ann Carlson from Marblehead Harbor Rotary and Jane Stirgwolt from Salem Rotary!

## Our salute

to the flag today was a bit special - one might even say unique!

We saluted Dave Richardson's dramatic necktie, red, white and blue!!

Your editor did not think to take a photo of it - this time at least!



President Virginia Doocy presented Governor Dave with a check from Lynn Rotary for \$2,000.00 toward clean water for the world! "If our auction does well there might be even more" she said!!



NOVEMBER 11 IS  
VETERANS DAY



## Lynn Rotary's New Reading Program

Connie Colom passed around sign-up sheets for Lynn Rotary's new reading program for young children this week. *Several Rotarians and spouses signed up but we still need more !!*

In keeping with our Rotary International goals of teaching children world-wide to read, Lynn Rotary has partnered with LEO's Headstart program to begin reading to young children, typically 3 to 4 years old, at 4 different locations in Lynn where LEO's programs are held.

The locations are in various spots and are convenient for volunteers such as ourselves as there are time schedules 3 to 4 times during the day, 5 days a week!

Connie will continue to post a chart for sign-ups so each of us can choose the most convenient times and days.

## Rotary International's 2007 Convention originally planned for New Orleans will be held in Salt Lake City.

The June 17-20 convention will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center, the organization announced Tuesday.

"We are very pleased to work with Salt Lake City and Rotary clubs in the region to make this happen" said William B. Boyd, president-elect of Rotary International. Boyd, of Auckland, New Zealand, will set the agenda for the convention, which will mark the end of his term as Rotary's president for 2006-07.

Salt Lake City last welcomed a Rotary convention in 1919, eight years after the Rotary Club of Salt Lake City was chartered in 1911.

## History of Lynn Rotary

Your editor will publish from time to time some background of our club. Our long-time members may find some of this material familiar, but many members will not!

### Enjoy!!

Rotary was founded in Chicago in 1905 and of course naturally enough, word of Rotary came to the attention of several men in Lynn.

It remained for Past President Fred H. Whittier however, to pave the way for its establishment in Greater Lynn.

Engaged in 1917 in management of a leading local paper supply house, his duties entailed calling upon merchants in nearby cities and towns, the list included Haverhill, where a Rotary Club had been recently formed.

Invited to attend a meeting of this group, he accepted. Finding the experience pleasing, he made inquiries as to method of procedure which could make possible the establishment of a similar group in Lynn.

Greatly enthused and armed with particulars, Fred returned to Lynn and made contact with several of his friends, among them Rupert Jaqueues, a CPA and Herbert Smith then secretary of the local YMCA who became equally enthusiastic and agreed to head up a committee.

Following a series of conferences in which several leading business and professional men of the period took part, a decision was reached that Charles W. Lovett, an attorney, be the organizer.

With the aid of the District Governor, Willard Lansing,

of Providence, Rhode Island, preliminary arrangements were completed, and through Charlie Lovett's diligence and salesmanship within a period of two months fifty-five of the leading professional and business men of the city had pledged themselves over their signatures plus a deposit in cash, to stand as Charter Members of the proposed club.

The committee then called an organizational meeting, in a restaurant on Willow Street, known as Hunt's, on the evening of **January 29, 1918**, with 45 of the guarantors in attendance. The meeting was addressed by Governor Lansing and representatives of various nearby clubs. The Lynn area at that time included Lynn, Swampscott, Revere, Nahant, Saugus and Lynnfield.

**The first weekly meeting was held at the Hotel Seymour on February 7, 1918.**

Several meeting experiments were held including outdoor meetings in the warm weather at Lynn Woods, Lincoln House Point Swampscott, Tucker's Island, Bay Side Hotel in Nahant and a joint meeting with Salem and Haverhill at the Ferncroft Inn on September 18, 1918 - an all-day affair.

The first year's work of the organization was dedicated to a help "win the war" program, World War I being at a climax, and with due enthusiasm and vigor every member participated in loan drives, marched in parades, and served on committees galore.

It would not be fair, however, to record our club's undertakings in war without reference to the more serious effort which went along with the frivolous ~ which included among them many public meetings in support of loan drives, sponsorship of war movies, the heading up of a committee of 700 citizens, each of whom obligated himself to purchase bonds to a minimum amount of \$1,000.

The war being over, beyond a continuation of efforts in support of bond and Liberty Loan drives, other serious undertakings occupied the club's attention. On December 12, 1918, in support of a proposal by the late J. Fergus Gifford in elaboration of his own personal efforts towards children at Christmas-time one hundred pairs of shoes were purchased and committee members with their private cars devoted Christmas Day to the work of delivery. From this idea evolved the Shoe and Stocking Fund which is still in operation in 2005 although shoes and stockings are not supplied, as they now are supplied by welfare programs. City & state welfare did not exist in 1918.

Today, serious medical needs of the legs & feet are addressed by our fund, however, including prosthetic devices and an occasionally surgery plus special situations as they arise.

More history of Lynn Rotary on another day !!

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

### NEXT MEETING:

November 17 - Jerry Bovardi & Gene Hastings

December 1 - Jim Harris & Mark Kennard

December 8 - Jo Ann Noyes & Obie Barker