

Next Week!

November 10
District Governor
Dave's Visit

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"

Janice Brathwaite . . .

Workers Over Age 55: The Only Age Group To Increase Their Employment with a 44% Growth Nationwide



Janice Brathwaite

was our guest speaker Thursday. Janice is a staff member at Catholic Charities and is representative of "SeniorWorks" - a senior community service program of the U. S. Department of Labor and co-incidentally she is a member of the Rotary Club of Swampscott.



The program is now in operation in 38 states and offers for example, a 2-year internship program where older workers with a lifetime of working experience and skills are taught new skills to enable them to get a job in today's labor markets.

Janice pointed out that most of the applicants to the program say that their main desire is to get out of the house and be productive once again. Money is important of course, but is not the prime motivator for most of the men and women interviewed.

Call Janice at Catholic Charities if you know of a position for a hard-working senior!

Visitors

today included Lou Crocker, a former member of Lynn Rotary, a guest of Bob Kennedy & Jack Mogielnicki, director of LEO - Lynn Economic Opportunity.

Connie Colom

received a round of applause at our meeting for being named the outstanding North of Boston Businesswoman of the Year, non-profit category!

Dave Richardson

announced that the Swampscott Historical Society is working on a special memorial to be dedicated November 19 at the Swampscott RR Station. It will remember the 13 people killed in the February 28, 1956 train wreck near the Essex Oil Co. storage tanks on Essex Street. The public is invited, check with Dave for time and other additional details.

A Different Beginning

It was getting close to 12:19 when PP Bob Hastings announced from the podium "Let's begin the meeting!" No president or vice-president was in evidence, either! God Bless America started a bit off key (or should I write, started in several keys) and then Bob asked a surprised Brian Magrane to say grace - the short version!

Later in the meeting President Virginia appeared with a big smile, knowing it might be an expensive afternoon.

Sergeant-At-Arms Bob fined Virginia \$2 for tardiness and Bob Risch \$5 for being listed as a "hunk" in the Nahant newspaper! Our Nahant resident was not only outraged at the amount but had never heard his name was in the paper, either!

Bob Gaudet waltzed in at that point waving a \$5 bill - it was Bob that squealed about hulk Risch and the laugh he got out of the fining



Beautiful fall floral displays can be found at various locations in Lynn - if you have not noticed yet, drive around our city!

was worth the fiver, he indicated.

Brian was fined for being Brian, Connie Colom got off Scott-Free as she is one popular person and Jerry Bovardi paid \$2 for turning in his signature sheet.

Finally Obie Barker and Rich Cuffe each released \$2 from their secret safes to satisfy the hungry finemaster.



Lynn Rotary's New Reading Program

Connie Colom announced the creation of Lynn Rotary's second reading program for young children.

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

Tax Deduction Time!

The majority of our club members are **Sustaining Members of the Rotary Foundation** - Thank You!

Confusion comes in some instances due to the two "years" shared by Rotary International and our yearly INCOME TAX CALENDARS.

All contributions to our Foundation, a 501-c-3 non-profit corporation, are deductible in the calendar year in which the donation was made, Jan 1 - Dec 31 of each year.

However, the "Rotary Year" starts each July 1 and ends each June 30. This is when new presidents and officers take over, for our club as well as at Rotary International.



When you are a sustaining member for each Rotary Year you can give to the Foundation between July 1 and June 30 for your donation. However, you can only deduct for tax purposes those amounts given between January 1 and December 31 for the particular tax year in which you gave.

Bottom line: many of our members have yet to renew their \$100 minimum donation as a sustaining member for our new 2005-2006 Rotary Year. If you wish to have your gift count for a tax deduction for 2005, please consider giving Gene your check prior to the end of December so that it can be mailed to our Foundation in plenty of time.

Thanks, on behalf of our Foundation and on behalf of the many people, whom you may never meet, whose lives you will help change.

Our Raffle

again brought Bob Kennedy and Rich Cuffe to the podium! Can you believe it? Is anyone keeping score?

No, they did NOT win the pot!

Lynn Rotary Exchange Student Correction

Our announcement that Alex Hutt from Nova Scotia, Canada, will be coming to Lynn to attend school under the Rotary International Exchange Student program might be premature.

Further correspondence with district officials has revealed that the paperwork has not yet been completed and there might be a possibility that the Rotary Exchange Student program would not be applicable in this particular situation.

When final details are available, club members will be notified!



"This is why I always dress in bright colors."

U.S. ophthalmology group honors Rotary with special award

Rotary International's support of avoidable blindness initiatives worldwide has received recognition from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Frank J. Devlyn, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, received the AAO's 2005 Special Recognition Award on behalf of Rotary on 16 October at the organization's annual meeting in Chicago.

"It is gratifying to know that Rotary's many projects involving eye care and avoidable blindness are recognized by this prestigious group of eye care physicians," says Devlyn. "The threat of blindness is something every one of us can relate to, because we all know what a precious gift the sense of sight is."

The academy cites Rotary's increased involvement in collaborative sight-restoring projects, which provide free eye care to residents of underprivileged communities, as the main reason for the award.

These include an initiative, cosponsored with the academy's foundation, to bring highly talented ophthalmologists from developing countries to the United States on a two-week educational, cultural, and social immersion program. More than 40 eye doctors from 27 countries have so far benefited from the effort.

At least 300 Rotarians were among the more than 25,000 attendees at the meeting, according to Devlyn. Rotarian eye care professionals came from more than 10 different countries.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

November 3 - Obie Barker & Maryanne Rooney

November 10 - Bill Simpson & Jo Ann Noyes

November 17 - Jerry Bovardi & Gene Hastings