

Lynn Schools' Accreditations Soaring !



Superintendent of Schools Nick Kostan

an honorary member of our club, was one of our featured speakers Thursday and gave a very positive outlook of the growth of Lynn Schools and especially the new mathematics training many of the teachers have been taking in recent years. All teachers are becoming more skilled in the classroom in math and languages and Standard & Poor's listed Lynn as one of the best systems for students whose first language is not English!

The Ford school was one of only 26 in the country to receive a NASA Explorer grant which allows students direct satellite communications to NASA headquarters and assistance in their learning direct from our Astronauts and their skilled staff support people!



President Jim, right, presented speakers Nick Kostan and Joanne Roy a Lynn Rotary flag!

Nick introduced Joanne Roy, newly appointed Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction in grades K-12. Joanne told us of the dramatic turnaround of the Harrington School which the Commonwealth had designated in 2003 as an "underperforming school" - she took over the direction of their programs and, as she was quick to point out, "with great assistance from a dedicated staff we were able to make a huge difference!"

Recent MCAS scores in math are over 60 from a low of about 23 in 2003!

One key factor was learning that the majority of students were from very poor families who had no knowledge of the English language.

A large group of elementary students, for example, were from Bantu, Somalia and when they saw a classroom's nature project of tropical fish assumed it was their lunch for that day!

Adding several staff members as interpreters provided communications facilities the school had previously never had and gave everyone more language proficiency in dealing with many students from several countries who now have Lynn as their home!

Knut Fischer

visited our club this week and brought with him his club president, Tino Freiherr von Gleichenstein. Both now live in Starnberg, Germany. Knut had been a member of our club for many years.



Knut and Tino had just returned from presentation ceremonies in the New Orleans area where, with Karen Swaim Babin, formerly from Cambridge when she was our District Governor in 1998-1999,

their German Rotary Club, Karen's New York club, & several clubs in Florida all working together with the Rotary Foundation were able to re-stock a devastated public library in the flood zone to the tune of \$107,000 - all Rotary-donated money !!



Tino and President Jim during a banner exchange. Our club now has a beautiful banner from the Starnberg club!

Visitors and Guests

in addition to those mentioned above included Salem Rotarian Owen Meegan and Maroli Licardie, the new director of Family and Children's Service, a guest of Jo Ann Noyes. Doug Allen came after being laid up with a broken kneecap!

Vin Fredrickson Hospitalized

Unfortunately Vin is back in Salem Hospital with an erratic heart. Send him a card to cheer him up! Salem Hospital, Highland Avenue, 01970

Our Raffle

Brought Knut Fisher and Rich Cuffe to the podium but to no avail !!

Next Week:

December 7

MaryAnn O'Connor
Director, Public Health Commission

December 14

PDG Donna-Lee Rubin
Rotaplast 2007

December 21

Our Holiday luncheon
with Spouses as Guests

January 4

Evening Holiday Party at
Gene & Clara's
(no Luncheon Meeting)



SAVE THE DATE! Thursday January 4

Our Club's Evening Holiday Party at Gene & Clara's in Marblehead

(no Luncheon Meeting that day)

You will receive an invitation in the mail with directions.



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Hotels Still Available!

Our former member Brian Magrane got your editor a nice room in my preferred hotel just this week! It must be whom you know that counts!! Magrane Travel: 781-598-1701

Register on line at www.rotary.org or use the telephone, but on line is very easy.

There are a ton of events planned - roam the host committee's website or look through recent Rotarian magazines.

NATO Summit in Tallinn, Estonia



The summit talks have been lots of news this week especially with the United States President in attendance so I thought I would show you how beautiful Tallinn is! Gene and Clara were there this summer for a brief time and wished more of our itinerary destinations were in Tallinn.



It was one of the few places where we saw some lovely family gift possibilities in the shops and at low prices, too!

The moment it seemed we would finally decide on an item or two, we would hear the voice of the tour guide "Come on everyone, time to leave!"

In recent history Estonia was part of the Soviet Union but now it is an independent country.



A Florida Squirrel

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

December 7 - Connie Colom & Loretta Cuffe-O'Donnell

December 14 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson

Dec. 21 - Nick Sarantopoulos & Michele Desmarais