

Drug Use & Overdose Serious Problem Youngsters 8 yrs Old



MaryAnn O'Connor

Director, Lynn Public Health Inspectional Services was our speaker this week.



MaryAnn told our members that the problems are quite serious and that few outside the immediate systems realize how the youth of our nation (not just Greater Lynn) are being affected.

In many one-on-one sessions with Lynn youngsters, police and medical personnel, it has been revealed that the critical time for forming drug use habits may well be during the 8 to 12 year-old age bracket in grade and Junior High schools, not high school.

MaryAnn explained there have been many deaths each year in our area alone from overdosing on heroin and oxycontin (the latter a brand of hydrochloride of oxycodone).

MaryAnn, as well as Mark Kennard and others, are active in a program referred to as CTC, A Community That Cares, where help is often available for youngsters and families who are overwhelmed with substance abuse or even the death of a youngster from ingesting substances.

This year alone in Lynn there have been 47 overdose cases, some of which were fatal in the 18-26 age group.

The CTC can always use more volunteers - if you are interested in learning more, please ask club member Mark Kennard.

Our Big Pot

was attacked by Bob Kennedy and Ilia Stacy - but the attack was short-lived!

Visitors and Guests

included Mike McKiel, director of development at St. Mary's - guest of Rich Cuffe, Maggie Durfee, guest of Ilia Stacy, and Maroli Licardie, guest of Jo Ann Noyes. Visiting from Salem Rotary was Bill Ives.

Happy Dollars!

Connie Colom is a grandmother! Congratulations Connie!!

Vin Fredrickson

is now in the Essex Park Rehabilitation Center in Beverly. Please send cards to his home address.

Did You Receive TIPS Last Week?

Several Emails were resent to our members asking that question and many replied that they never received TIPS as they normally do on Thursday evenings.

Always remember that you can also get TIPS club newsletter on our club website, www.lynnrotary.org usually the next day or evening. All the past digital issues are there for over one year at least!

Your editor is attempting to find out what is going on. Unfortunately he believes it is connected with Verizon's competitive policies in some instances, and the size limitations of the email on some business websites. Last week's issue had several photos, kindly refer to our website and take a look!

SATURDAY DEC 16 BELLRINGING SIGN-UP SCHEDULE



- 9 - 10 AM Rich Cuffe, Maryanne Rooney
- 10 - 11 AM Connie Colom, Cindy Steger-Wilson
- 11 - Noon Art Horgan, Linda Williams
- Noon - 1 PM Clara & Gene Hastings
- 1 - 2 PM Peg & Bill Simpson
- 2 - 3 PM Jim Harris, Mark Kennard
- 3 - 4 PM Bob Kennedy, Obie Barker
- 4 - 5 PM Tom Lynch, Maria Bazzi

Don't forget to put your own checks into the bucket too!! Ask your fellow Rotarians to give you an envelope you can drop into the bucket! Don't let the Lions beat us again this year!!

December Birthdays!

Bob Gaudet &
Elaine Kurkul



Next Week:
December 14
PDG Donna-Lee Rubin
Rotaplast 2007
& Club Election

December 16
Bellringing at
Christmas Tree Shop

December 21
Our Holiday luncheon
with Spouses as Guests

December 28
To Be Announced

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR



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.



PDG Dave Fionda Invites All To Jazz Action

Hi All - Hope you're all well....Just thought I would give you all a heads up on an upcoming performances (I play drums)



On Friday, December 15th from 9 – midnight, I will be playing at the Acton Jazz Café with the Paul Coombs Pocket Big Band. I usually perform with them in Haverhill on Sunday night and many of you have told me that you would like to come but Haverhill is a hike and Sunday nights are tough...here is your chance!

The Acton Jazz Café is located on Route 2A in Acton and it's one of the finest places in the Boston area for an evening out. Please join us for an evening of great food, music and dancing and take a break from the Holiday madness..... If you are coming, you may want to call ahead for a reservation since many times the place sells out on Friday evening.

For more info on the Acton jazz café, including making a reservation on line: <http://actonjazzcafe.com/tomusicians.htm>

Here are directions: <http://actonjazzcafe.com/map.htm>

Hope to see you there and thanks for supporting live music. Regards, Dave

Hiking scholars to raise funds, AIDS awareness in South Africa

A team of five Rotary club-sponsored international students are participating in a 2,010-kilometer (1,249-mile) hike from Johannesburg to Cape Town, South Africa, to highlight the plight of AIDS orphans.

The 20-day event will start on 2 December. The time and distance of the hike are intended to underscore the prediction that without concerted efforts, Africa will be home to 20 million AIDS orphans by 2010. (Currently, AIDS orphans there number 12 million.) Also, 2010 is the year that South Africa hosts the World Cup.

Along the way, the hikers, who are students at Johannesburg's University of the Witwatersrand, will raise funds for Rotary club-sponsored projects for AIDS orphans in Africa. Four of the hikers are Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars.

Ryan McDonnell, a development studies master's student sponsored by the Beverly MA Rotary Club, notes that it's easy to give up in the face of the mind-boggling HIV/AIDS statistics, but that's not something he intends to do. "I want to challenge the notion that ordinary individuals can't make a tangible difference in the lives of others," he says. "Too often, we make excuses that we don't have the ability, the time, the energy, or that the problem is simply too big."

His colleagues have equally powerful reasons for join-



ing the effort, which is cosponsored by South African Rotary clubs, along with Rotary clubs around the world.

"Today, less than 5 percent of orphans and vulnerable children in Africa receive assistance of any kind," explains graduate student Kelly Lewis, from Wheeler, N.Y., USA, who is studying English. "We cannot stand by as these children needlessly suffer without adequate nutrition, shelter, education, or support."

"I hope that our efforts will provide inspiration for others to take action and end the apathy and disregard that has unnecessarily allowed the suffering and death of tens of millions," says Keegan Kautzky, a development studies graduate student from Perry, Iowa, USA.

Political science master's student Ikumi Maekawa, from Ena-shi, Tokai, Japan, explains: "Through this hike, I am hoping to make a tangible difference in the lives of affected and infected South Africans, especially youth, and bring attention to the fight against AIDS in South Africa."

Although not an Ambassadorial Scholar like his fellow hikers, Jacob Maboja, a first-year law student from Nairobi, Kenya, is participating because the event "is a creative way for us to draw attention to the phenomenal impact that Rotary is having on the lives of these children, while underscoring the massive need that still exists not only in South Africa, but throughout the rest of Africa."

University of Johannesburg optometry student Ruan Koorts, who is from Pretoria, South Africa, has been so impressed with Rotary's humanitarian work and the dedication of the hiking team that he has volunteered full time to drive the students' support car. "I want to be a part of their efforts to show how we, as members of the community, as leaders of business, and as individuals, can find solutions to the devastating problem of AIDS," he says.

South African Rotary clubs, businesses, and Rotarians for Fighting AIDS, a Rotarian Action Group, are the main sponsors of the hike. The action group is implementing community-led responses for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Botswana, Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zambia.

The hikers will describe their experiences during the journey on a blog at <http://rotaryaidshike2006.blogspot.com>.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

December 14 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson
Dec. 21 - Nick Sarantopoulos & Michele Desmarais
December 28 - Bill Simpson & Linda Williams