

Upcoming Programs

December 20
Captain Bill Kelley,
pilot for the USS
Constitution's Sail to
Marblehead

December 27
HAWC
Paula Gomez

January 3
No Noon Meeting
Our Holiday Party
at Virginia's !!

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

F. Lee Bailey Tells Us About Guantanamo's Future Options



Who Is F. Lee Bailey?



Thursday's speaker has a name that has frequently been in newsprint, on the radio and on TV. He is well educated, having been valedictorian of his class at Cardigan Mountain School in New Hampshire, graduated from U. S. Naval Flight Training in Florida, a Second Lieutenant in U.S. Marine Corps where he was a jet fighter pilot, a legal officer and an investigations officer.

He attended Harvard College as an English major, was admitted to BU Law School and had the requirement for an undergraduate degree waived due to his military legal experience.

He was licensed as a private investigator by our Commonwealth & opened his own investigation business in Boston. He graduated from the BU law school as Valedictorian and on Nov. 16, 1960 was admitted to the Mass Bar; in 1964 he was admitted to U.S. Supreme Court.

Mr. Bailey has written best selling books that were concerned with the law, aviation, and education. He is now a resident of Lynn!

He told us about the prisoners' incarceration for six years without formal charges or an opportunity to challenge the accusations against them, about the limited rights to counsel and almost no rights to an impartial court.

He asked us what the future might hold for them - and what might this mean to you and I?

He informed us that most of the prisoners are Saudis, not Iraqi citizens and gave us some background which of course, was fascinating.

Mr. Bailey urged each of us to listen very carefully to those presidential candidates finally chosen to run in the election next Novem-

ber - to listen to them, not their campaign managers and advertising committees - listen to what they say themselves, and to attempt to determine their own personal feelings on the future of the detainees and their eventual rights or lack of same.

Our program chair Michelle Desmarais presented our speaker with our traditional Rotary Flag and warmly thanked him for his presentation!



Our Visitors & Guests

included Bruce Brock from Marblehead Harbor Rotary and Daniel Koitsarakes from Lynn, a good friend of Mr. Bailey's!

Announcements

We are sorry to announce that past club president Dick Connick's mother Ida Connick passed away this week. Our club sent a bouquet in remembrance and respect. Dick was president 1996-97.

Our Habitat Plus Volunteers will meet at 5 PM Tues Jan 18, at their Essex St. location - please join Rich and Bob and give some holiday cheer to our homeless vets!

Our Rotaract Club starts meeting on January 31 !! We will need some Rotarian volunteers, too!

Our Giant Pot was attacked this week by Bob Dugas and Jack Ryder! Guess what ?

HERE IS OUR BELLRINGING SCHEDULE FOR THIS SATURDAY :

9-10 am Bob Kennedy, Rich Cuffe & Maryanne Rooney

10-11 am Ron Johanson & Obie Barker

11-12 noon Gene & Clara Hastings & Ilia Stacy

Noon-1 pm Cindy Steger-Wilson & Maria Bazzi

1- 2 pm Bill & Peg Simpson

2 - 3 pm Patty Tarr & **Another Volunteer !**

3- 4 pm Mark Kennard & Robert Eydenberg

4- 5 pm Jerry & Marilyn Bovardi



Steve Walsh Named Legislator of the Year for 2007 !



State Rep. Steve Walsh (center) received the Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers Legislator of the Year Award from Council President and CEO Michael D. Weekes (left) and Council Board Chair John J. Larivee. The award is given each year to a state representative for outstanding contributions to the human services sector.

The Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers recognized Lynn state Rep. Steven Walsh as the Legislator of the Year for 2007. Drawing in excess of 1,000 healthcare professionals from around the state at its annual convention in Boston, The Provider's Council recognized Walsh for his "outstanding leadership in responding to the statewide public health epidemic of prescription drug abuse by young people."

"Representative Walsh noted the complexity of the prescription drug epidemic and the lack of any statewide coordination or policy review," said **Council member Mark Kennard**, executive director of Lynn-based Project COPE. "He took action to save the lives of vulnerable young people."

Walsh tied a budget amendment in 2005 to provide "for the investigation by a special commission into the effects of Oxy-Contin and other drug use." After a series of public hearings around the state and numerous meetings to review public information, hearing from key informants and developing "best practice" policies, the Final Report of the Massachusetts OxyContin and Other Drug Abuse Commission was released to the public on July 13, 2006.

The result is a nationwide model that addresses all of the complex components of illicit prescription drug use, including prevention and education, distribution, dispensing, handling, prescribing, monitoring and access to substance abuse treatment. The report serves as a road map for state agencies to address this issue in a broad, effective and cost efficient manner that will ultimately result in the saving of young people's lives. At the same time, it establishes clear guidelines of reporting and accountability to ensure that the work is getting done.

Congratulations, Steve !

Steve is an honorary member of our club.

Photo and story courtesy of the Lynn Daily Item

Camp Rotary Photos from our 2007 Season !



There are dozens of great photos of Camp Rotary showing happy boys and girls discovering what it means to work together and forming relationships that can last a lifetime!

Participate in Our Camp when asked!! You will be very proud when you see what our camp can do to help kids everywhere! Yes, Lynn Rotary's Camp Rotary !!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

December 20 - Jim Harris & Loretta O'Donnell
December 27 - Art Horgan & Bob Dugas
January 10 - Bill Simpson & Nick Sarantopoulos

Please remember, Greeters have to **BREAK DOWN** also !!