

Upcoming Programs

December 27

HAWC
Paula Gomez

January 3

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

January 10

Pam Peterson
Director of the
Marblehead Museum

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Bill Kelley - Master Mariner - Piloted the U.S.S. Constitution



Our Speaker This Week

a former president of Marblehead Harbor Rotary, told us a few stories of his wonderful life at sea and his many accomplishments. There isn't room in our newsletter to list his many feats but his



special qualifications include being a master mariner, Oceans, unlimited tonnage from Eastport Maine to Cape Cod. He also has nuclear power technology certification from the U.S. Merchant Maritime Academy!

Bill told us of some of the preparations necessary to bring the Constitution to Marblehead on the 20th of July in 1997. It had not been out of Boston waters for 137 years - not in Marblehead Harbor since the war of 1812 when it sought and was given protection from the British navy!

Thousands of people from the region crowded the shores of Marblehead for 2 days to get a glimpse of the Constitution under sail, as it entered the Marblehead waters and the next day as it left to return to Boston.

The list of VIPs was amazing, from
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Our Bell Ringers Perform!

President Mark thanked everyone profusely who signed up and helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army this year at the Christmas Tree Shop!



TIPS snapshot of Obie Barker, Ilia Stacy and Ron Johanson taken Saturday in the cold wind!

Over A 30-Years+ Annual Tradition!

For well over 30 years, the Rotary Club of Lynn has helped raise funds for the Salvation Army by its members volunteering, often in wind and snow, ringing in the holiday season collecting funds for helping others.

In our earlier days the bells were rung on Union Street in front of the former T. W. Rogers department store. The streets were crowded with shoppers back then as there were no such things as "shopping centers".

Connelly's Candies was across the street and always gave us tiny candy canes to give the youngsters.

This year, as in the last several, club members gathered in front of the Christmas Tree Shop on Route One in Lynnfield for their ringing and received healthy donations from passers-by last Saturday.

Apparently, the folks at the "army" have temporarily lost our special Lynn Rotary stand with the Rotary Wheel and Rotary message and when Clara and Gene showed up we were handed ONE tiny bell, not the usual two, so we rang louder and faster than in the past and had to "pass the bell" !

Even with the cold and wind we collected nearly \$700.00 !!

THIS IS YOUR FINAL ISSUE OF THE TIPS NEWSLETTER UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2008



Snapshots from Camp Rotary 2007



Every day is exciting at Camp Rotary! Do you wonder that campers never forget their life-changing summers?

Support our camp and volunteer to help today! You will be amazed at the fun YOU will have helping kids from around our region learn new skills and you, too, will learn from them !!

If you would like to learn more, call YSM president Brian Magrane at 781-598-1701 and find out the many ways you can help Lynn Rotary's fabulous project - the longest continual Rotary Club project in the world!!

What Paul Harris Said

In The Rotarian magazine in 1946

"We must help all nations in distress and raise the standards of living of the lowly. If we steadfastly pursue this course, prosperity such as we have never enjoyed before will be ours, the wheels of industry will be kept turning, and all nations will be friends.

What a blessing it would be to live in a friendly world, where all nations are good neighbors! "

"Fear and Hate Must Go"

Read the entire article at this link:

<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/1946fear.htm>



Still a few days left to give to our Rotary Foundation and get a 100% 501-(c)3 charity donation credit on your 2007 Income Tax !

RYLA participant fights polio in Nigeria

To graduate from South Tahoe High School in California, students are required to master a new skill for their senior project. This year, some chose a musical instrument, others a foreign language or snowboarding. Seventeen-year-old Brittney Cummings talked her way onto a polio immunization trip. She left for Abuja, Nigeria, in mid-November with about 70 Rotarians and other adults.

Cummings helped the group immunize children in Abuja and visited the West Africa Project Fair, which is intended to promote Rotary's legacy in the fight against polio by supporting additional humanitarian projects in the region.

Cummings first learned about Rotary's work, including polio eradication, at a **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** event run by districts 5180 and 5190 near Portola, California, in 2006.

"I didn't know you could still get polio," she says. "I thought it had been eradicated, so that caught my attention."

Cummings's grandfather contracted polio as a child and endured lifelong difficulties walking. He eventually died of complications related to postpolio syndrome.

When her senior project came up, Cummings contacted Rotarian Brad Howard, the Nigeria trip leader and a member of the Rotary Club of Oakland Sunrise. "I told him I wanted to help. He said I couldn't do it since I'm a minor - that I needed to find a sponsor," she recalls.

But Cummings kept calling - and calling. She eventually got in touch with Michigan Rotarian Barb Groner.

Groner, of the Rotary Club of Dowagiac, Michigan, had already traveled on 11 National Immunization Day trips. She agreed to sponsor Cummings - but only after having multiple conversations, completing piles of legal paperwork, and securing fingerprint clearances and the like. "I told her she'd have to be joined at the hip with me for 10 days," says the retired educator and school principal, who also has hosted Rotary Youth Exchange students.

Groner adds that she received glowing letters from Cummings's RYLA sponsors and teachers. "She's a fascinating, well-educated woman who knows what she wants to do," she says.

Cummings raised about \$4,000 in three weeks for the trip by sending letters to the local business community, and making many more phone calls.

When she first mentioned her senior project idea, friends thought she was joking. Now they're inspired, she says. Many of the younger students at her school have a new idea for their senior project: traveling overseas on a humanitarian mission!!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

December 27 - Art Horgan & Bob Dugas

January 10 - Bill Simpson & Nick Sarantopoulos

January 17 - Jim Harris & Cindy Steger-Wilson

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

U.S.S. Constitution [Continued]



The list of VIPs was amazing, from political figures including Senator Kennedy, major Navy admirals and captains and news personalities that included Walter Cronkite who always has had a love for the sea.

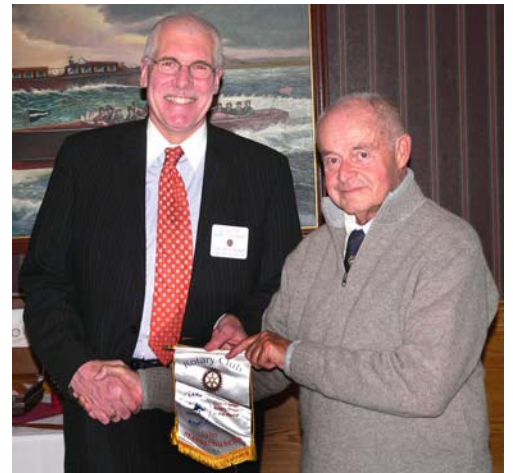
Much of the activity was “behind the scenes” with secret service personnel, scuba divers and others, making sure there were no acts of terrorism being attempted while one of America’s most

famous icons of freedom was on display!

Can you believe it? A mooring permit even had to be obtained from the Town of Marblehead !! Bill promised to come back again some day soon with more tales of the sea.



President Mark presented Bill with our Lynn Rotary Banner but a very big surprise was also a magnificent standing rib luncheon celebrating the holidays which we all enjoyed - well, there was baked stuffed shrimp, too !!



Visitors and Guests

Thursday included Phyllis Kennedy, guest of Bob and Dick Carter, formerly of our region but now a Rotarian at the Hyannis Rotary Club.

Secretary Bob

put on his sergeant at arms hat and fined everyone \$10 to help our charities fund! But he first contributed \$5 for having clipped on a “Bob” badge that belonged to another “Bob” without noticing! Who noticed, Bob ??

Trivia Question

Bob Kennedy supplied the trivia question of the day: How many words does the typical TIME magazine have in an issue? *Answer: 34,500 words!*

Our Giant Raffle

Brought Rich Brangiforte and Mark Kennard to the podium but neither broke the bank!



Our Hostess Danielle

was presented with a surprise thank-you check from our club by President Mark at the end of our meeting!

Merry Christmas Everyone !