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# Lynn Rotary TIPS

December 30, 2005 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

## Next Week!

**NO PORTHOLE MEETING JANUARY 5**

**Jan 5 Club Party @ Virginia's**

**January 12**

Carol Dullea - an organ donor, speaking on Organ Donation

**January 19**

First Book distributes books to kids in Lynn  
Bill Bottnick & Loretta Cuffe O'Donnell

**January 26**

Our Club's 8th Grade Student Awards Program



Our 2005-2006 Theme



**SERVICE Above Self**

## Happiness Is Being Appreciated!

Tokens of our appreciation were given to the Porthole staff at our meeting Thursday.



Left to right: Andrea DiCicco, manager; Deborah ("Debbie") LeBaron, John Moholland, chef; Patty Lamando and President Virginia.

## President Virginia

reminded everyone that next week there is no meeting at the Porthole as everyone is invited to her home at 34 Apple Blossom Lane from 5:30 to 10 PM for a Holiday Party!! She also mentioned that we will start having preparation meetings for our club auction which this year will be held at the K of C Hall on Lynnfield Street on April 5.

## Our \$400 Plus Pot

is continuing to draw a lot of excitement and Thursday Rich Brangiforte and Bob Dugas fought the good fight! No Joker, so on we go!!

## A Visitor

to our club this week was Sandy Wittrup, a guest of Ilia Stacy. Sandy has started a new daycare center on Michigan Avenue and read about our club on the Chamber of Commerce website! Welcome, Sandy!

## Do You Know . . .

of a young business person who might enjoy learning how their profession is operated in another country? Our Rotary Group Study Exchange is still taking applications for an all-expense-paid 4-week tour of the Netherlands in May!

Obtain a GSE application from Virginia.

## Save The Dates!!

Our 2005 - 2006 District Conference will be at the Cape Codder Resort and Spa in Hyannis.

## May 19-21

The Cape Codder offers many amenities including a full service Spa and New England's only indoor wave pool.

Bring the whole family! Room rates are family rates and everyone will enjoy a great event and have lots of fun.

Visit our district website and learn more about the event, more about the resort and get a coupon to sign up, too!

[www.rotary7930.org/capecod.html](http://www.rotary7930.org/capecod.html)



## JOIN US FOR 2006!!

### Lynn Rotary's New Reading Program

Help Rotary teach children from disadvantaged families about books!

*Several Rotarians and spouses are signed up but we still need more participation !!*

The locations are in various spots 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 continue to post sheets for sign-ups so each of us can choose the most convenient times and days.



**Here are the signups as of this newsletter printing:**

January Dates Sign-ups so far:

Jan 10 9:30 Bob Kennedy

Jan 10 2:30 Clara & Gene Hastings

Jan 11 1:30 Ilia Stacy

Jan 13 1:30 Linda Williams

Jan 16 4 PM Connie Colom

Jan 30 4 PM Connie Colom

**That's only 5 members out of a club of over 30 - let's add to the list above !!**

## Rotarians dedicate first Sri Lankan school rebuilt after tsunami

Nearly a year after the December 2004 tsunami devastated the island nation of Sri Lanka, children in the village of Ambalangoda are returning to a rebuilt and modernized school, thanks in part to Rotary.

Randombe Junior School is the first of 25 schools to be reconstructed in a nationwide initiative called Schools Reawakening. Led by Rotarians in Sri Lanka in cooperation with Standard Chartered Bank and Sri Lankan Ministry of Education, the project is rebuilding schools to meet government standards. Participating schools will be upgraded with facilities such as well-equipped libraries, state-of-the-art computer centers, gymnasiums, and science laboratories.

During a moving ceremony dedicating the school RI District 3220 Governor Nihal Bogahalande welcomed visitors, including RI President-elect Bill Boyd, Past RI President Luis Giay, and District 1170 Governor Andrew Herniman, representing Rotary sponsors from North Devon, England. Fifty Rotary clubs from around the world pooled their money together with funds from The Rotary Foundation of RI to realize the estimated US\$12 million project.

"I am here today as a representative of an international organization of over 1.2 million people, and I do wish they were all here to be able to share [this] wonderful emotion," Boyd said in his address.

Nearly the entire population of Ambalangoda turned out to welcome the visitors with colorful flags and banners during the dedication. As part of the ceremony, Rotarians helped unveil a specially commissioned monument dedicated to three



"Abstainence!"

groups: those who perished in the tsunami, those who survived, and those who helped build the new school. Architect Aruni Malalasekera, a local Rotarian who helped construct the school, took visitors on a tour of the facility.

Rotary was one of the first organizations to offer help in the massive rebuilding effort set forth by the education ministry after the tsunami completely destroyed 92 schools and damaged 90 others, affecting some 85,000 students and 3,400 teachers. Microsoft Corporation, Room to Read <<http://www.roomtoread.org/>>, and the American Red Cross are also supporting the project in various ways.

"This wonderful project highlights the dedication and ability of Rotary [in] Sri Lanka and showcases to the world what [we are] capable of doing," said Giay. "I congratulate and commend the Rotarians of Sri Lanka for this great project."

By far, the loudest applause was reserved for 14-year-old Imesha Udhari de Soysa, a student at Randombe. "You have built us a new palace in place of our school, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts," said Imesha, who hopes to become a physician one day. "We will repay you in the only way we can - by studying hard and excelling in our examinations."

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

### NEXT MEETING:

January 12 - Mark Kennard & Jerry Bovardi

January 19 - Tom Lynch & Jo Ann Noyes

January 26 - Bob Hastings & Ron Johanson