

## Upcoming Programs

**February 21**  
Julie Hahnke  
Bagpiping  
*Bring A Guest !*

**February 28**  
Our Wonderful  
School Recognitions!

**March 6**  
Leslie Gould  
Chamber of Commerce

EVERY ROTARIAN  
US \$100  
EVERY YEAR

# Ron Wins The Pot !



Our Theme for Today!



## Can You Believe It ??

Our President, Mark, certainly found it difficult to believe! Our \$52 was just starting to get running (it is only the 2nd week) and yet again, we had a winner from the new deck of cards!!

Ron Johanson was hard to believe himself, arriving in a fancy suit and tie but then drawing the Joker from the un-shuffled deck?

His competition was one of our Rotaractors - Cara !! Sorry, Cara - better luck next week!

## Jack Donaldson



Spoke to us today about our Rotary Foundation and how important it is for each of us to participate in its missions, especially ridding the world of polio forever! Jack is a long-

time Rotarian, and a past president of both the Arlington and Burlington Rotary clubs. He was a District Governor's Representative (now called assistant governor) in 1981-82 and spent three years as an Assistant District Governor and one year as Special Assistant to the District Governor.

He has hosted 18 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars from several countries, and has been a chairman for incoming scholars for 3 years.

He is a Paul Harris Fellow plus 5. Currently, Jack is the Chair for the District Annual Giving Campaign and has been very involved in

helping Keith Harris, our District's Foundation Chair.

Jack urged every Lynn member to participate in our foundation. He noticed that several of our newer members have never participated to date and hoped that this year, with our special emphasis on the final push to eliminate polio on our planet, every Lynn Rotarian would give at least \$100. He reminded everyone that two years after donating, 50% of that money is available through our district committees as matching grants for other projects!

That is exactly how our Dictionary Project got started last year!!

Thank you Jack !!

## Secretary Bob

donned his fining suit at the end of the meeting and gleefully fined your editor \$5 for identifying president Mark as President Paul in *TIPS*!

He did not feel he should fine Bob Kennedy for forgetting about today's board meeting so asked Art Horgan to pick up the slack! Ron got fined for wearing a suit. Obie was thanked for giving all our gals a flower for Valentines as they checked in !!

The trivia question was "Who was the only president of the United States that was born in Illinois? *Answer: Ronald Regan!* No one knew the answer!

He then was able to collect 3 of our Birthday Contributions and our guest speaker Jack Donaldson led the gang in singing Happy Birthday!! *This only left Bill Demakis - say Bill, how about joining us next week?*

## Our Auction Mailing List

Chairperson Virginia Doocy asked everyone to carefully check last year's invitations list and make any corrections necessary ASAP !!

We all know that people move, addresses change, etc. etc.

Special plans for our upcoming club **Auction April 2** may include our Rotaractors!

Everyone is urged to submit their auction pledge forms immediately as the program books will again include supporters and items and **the deadline for publishing these details in the book is next week, February 21!** They must be submitted to Nick Sarantopoulos by this date !!

Do not confuse this deadline with the auction invitations listing, **same date, but these go to Virginia Doocy!**

Deadline for the auction item sheets is **Thursday March 20 and these go to Maria Bazzi!!**

Confused? **Print this out NOW !!**



# Maine Polio Survivor Travels The World To Help Others!

Gene:

*Thought I would take a minute and share with you what I have been doing. Attached are two photos taken during my recent trip to Hong Kong in January. I have been on quite a journey since January, 2001 when I first met you on our NID to India with Hogie Hansen! ..... Best, Ann Lee Hussey*



In June, I had the distinct pleasure and privilege of addressing the International Institute in Salt Lake City. The crowd of over 500 consisted of Rotary leaders from all over the world. Among them was Alexander Max, District Foundation Chair for D3450 Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia. With much correspondence we finally agreed on a time good for both his and my schedule, January 9. Below, I give to you a synopsis of my schedule in Hong Kong:

Speaking in District 3450 Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia, I arrived in Hong Kong Monday evening, the 6th of January and my schedule included the following:

\* A brief speaking opportunity Tuesday at Kowloon East, the Major Donor Club.



Left to right: Carola Chard, President of Rotary Club Kowloon Golden Mile (hosting club for Wednesday evening); Joseph Cheung, President of Rotary Club Kowloon East; Soloman Lee, Myself, District Governor Peter Wong & District Foundation Chair Alexander Max.

\* Wednesday noon, I was the speaker at Metropolitan Hong Kong, which, up until just a few weeks ago was the newest club in the District. This club is comprised of mostly young enthu-

siastic professionals with a mix of older members. Rotary could use more clubs like these!

\* Wednesday night was set aside as Polio Night, a special dinner event, with me as the key speaker. I was privileged to be introduced by PDG Dipo Sani, the Assistant Chair of PolioPlus Partners for Zones 4 and 9, and followed up by a formal thank you from Alexander Max. As Alex Max will tell you, this was a very successful evening.

\* Thursday evening I addressed Area One, a joint 6 club meeting, in Macau. This was a bit more challenging as they were Chinese speaking clubs made up of young members whose knowledge of polio was nil or limited. The venue had the podium quite some distance from the guest tables which as you know puts the speaker at a definite disadvantage. The one-on-one conversations that followed generated even more interest in polio eradication and polio survivors. The evening turned out to be successful.

\* Friday night was dinner with the District Foundation Committee. I am assisting them with plans for a District NID trip to India in the near future.

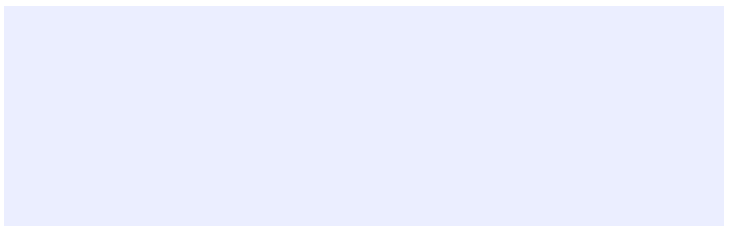
\* Saturday morning I spoke to the New Generations in an informal setting. There were a few Interactors present but mainly Rotaractors. I connected well with them and some wanted me to come to their school to talk. As I was leaving for home on Sunday, I was not able to do so. By the end of our meeting they were making plans on how to raise funds for PolioPlus Partners. Some even wished to be part of an NID.

There were many highlights to my trip which include the pledge of US\$250,000 to PolioPlus over the next three years by Solomon Lee of Rotary Club Kowloon East. I am sure you recognize the name, as he recently became the first Arch Klump Society Member from Hong Kong. On Wednesday evening he presented the first installment of \$100,000 - photo attached. The District has asked each club to contribute US\$5,000 to match his pledge.

Also on Wednesday evening an anonymous donor gave US\$10,000, a raffle raised US\$4,000 and the District Governor pledged \$25,000 (I cannot honestly say if his pledge was US\$ or Hong Kong\$). In addition, pledges started coming the remainder of the time I was there. Alex Max said he would update me on the total amounts and since I have heard of two more \$10,000 gifts.

## Anne Lee leaves for Africa this Sunday!

As you know, I am the Chair of the Rotarian Action Group for Polio Survivors and Associates and I will be researching projects while I am there. One simple project I am doing, is taking soccer uniforms on behalf of our RAG to a polio survivors group in Kano, Nigeria. I will return and send you some photos.



## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

Feb 21 - Elaine Kurkul & Michele Desmarais

February 28 - Bill Simpson & Maria Bazzi

March 6 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson

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