



Identity Theft! Are YOU At Risk?

Our Speaker This Week

was Lawrence Rotary past president Jim Edholm, CEO of a protection services organization that aids businesses of varying kinds helping to deal with their employees' ID thefts in their many forms.

Jim presented several different scenarios that are affecting people worldwide - and showed a chart that indicates that credit card ID theft is only 25% of the overall problem!



Thousands of hours of personal telephone time are spent by employees nation-wide and in foreign lands too, as men and women try to recover their full identification.

Jim pointed out that there are actually websites and meetings among petty thieves and computer-literate ID dealers swapping and buying & selling for \$5 or \$10 pieces of information that a crook might need to complete his/her resume of a particular individual. Mothers' maiden names, towns grown up in, passwords, social security numbers, etc. etc. - all the missing information a thief might need to take out a driver's license, a credit card, a home loan, using the name and family information previously missing from the original theft, just add the new information and the picture of the thief and a new ID is born that can be accepted as real by nearly everyone!

Write down this information:

If you don't have Internet access, call the FTC's Identity Theft Hotline, toll-free: 1-877-ID-THEFT (438-4338); or regular line 202-326-2502. Their website has a great deal of information: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/idtheftmini.htm> Thanks, Jim !!

Can You Give A Round of Golf?

Virginia was building up enthusiasm for our upcoming auction fundraiser at the Lynn Museum in April and is trying to assemble "packages" that will make items more appealing to more people. If you have access to a golf course, a club, a driving range, please let Virginia know and allow her to prepare an exciting package!

Sponsors Needed

Major donor sponsors are needed immediately so that their names can be included as a thank-you on the printed invitation.

We all received two prospects - let's go!

Invitation List Needed

We still need additional names and addresses to whom to mail our invitations for dinner and the main event Wednesday April 4.

Final Call - Fredrickson Camperships

The board of directors of Youth Service Managers will be meeting Monday Feb 12 and will need to have those donation totals "in lieu of flowers" in honor of Vin Fredrickson in hand that evening.

To date we may be able to send two youngsters to camp for one week each based on donations in hand. However, a few members did not realize that there is a time frame involved and had not yet sent anything to Camp in honor of Vin.



Each campership is approximately \$550 per week. If you would like to help, please make your check payable to Camp Rotary and send to camp at PO BOX 270, Boxford, Ma. 01921-0270

Any amount would be more than welcome! Thank you.

Our Raffle Pot

is growing and Bob Kennedy and Jerry Bovardi won the chance to compete!

Upcoming Programs:

Feb 8

Bridget Sullivan from The North Shore Music Theater.

February 15

Les "Doc" Silverman Practical Computer Technology for the Internet

February 22

Auction planning

March 1

8th Grade Program for February



Camp Rotary

Camp facilities manager Dick Boldi has sent some nice snapshots from our camp to use in *TIPS* and Camp literature on occasion.



We should be proud of our wonderful camp and the benefits that the boys and girls have when they are able to attend each summer!

2007-2008 Rotary Theme Announced

Our district governor for 07-08 has been in San Diego, CA all week with her husband Steve, training for her year as our governor!

Rotary always chooses that one week of concentrated learning as the time to announce the new theme for the upcoming year as well as to tell the governors-elect what color their jacket will be!

Governor-Elect Julia Phelps has announced that the new jackets will be green with yellow scarves and she says she loves the colors!

The new theme?



The 2007-08 theme Rotary Shares will act as a daily reminder of what ordinary people can accomplish through the extraordinary work of Rotary, said RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson at the 2007 International Assembly's opening session.

"What makes Rotary great is our expressing the love in our hearts through the work of our hands and our minds," said Wilkinson. "As Rotarians, we don't just sit back and talk about loving other human beings. As Rotarians, we demonstrate that love, and we share that love, through helping each other."

Almost everything Rotary does involves sharing, Wilkinson told more than 500 district governors-elect gathered at the meeting in San Diego. "We share our time, we share our talents, and we share our money with others who need our help."

Furthermore, he said, "In Rotary, sharing doesn't mean giving away what you have to spare, what you don't need for yourself. Sharing means giving of yourself, selflessly, for the good of others."



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GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

February 8 - Maria Bazzi & Jerry Bovardi

February 15 - Cindy Steger-Wilson
& Nick Sarantopoulos

February 22 - Art Horgan & Adam Sherman