

Next Week

February 9

3 New Members
To Be Inducted
plus one Classification
Presentation!

February 16

Sally George
Feng Shui

February 23

Elaine Antonakes

March 2

Student Presentations

Virginia Sets up Auction Parameters for Our Fundraiser!

Our 2005-2006 Theme



SERVICE Above Self

At Our Meeting

this Thursday several committee chairs took the podium and with President Virginia leading the way, decisions were made on some of the goals and methodology for this year's event at the K of C Hall on Lynnfield Street!

Jo Noyes

told us of some of the arrangements and it was decided from suggestions from the floor that we open the doors at 6:00 PM for Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. This would allow some of our guests to get home after work and pick up their spouses and get ready for a fun evening.

It was decided to keep the price per person at \$30 as it was last year and try to keep our costs to \$15 pp if possible. The members leaned toward "heavy hors d'oeuvres" rather than a sit-down meal to offset what happened last year when people got comfortable and then stopped visiting the auction item tables!

Mark Kennard & Bob Hastings

are heading up the gift items committee and Bob made several suggestions as to whom to ask to be major sponsors.

Nick Sarantopoulos

said that the Chamber of Commerce will list our event in their next mailing and that that will be a plus for our publicity.

Deadlines

Virginia would like all of our individually mailed letters (there will not be a central mailing by the club) to be in the mail by **February 16** and our guest list (who should be invited) completed by the **28th**.

Gene Hastings

has last year's master guest list (folks all of us invited to join us) and will contact each Rotarian and ask for street addresses and zip codes so that a letter and/or an Email can go out announcing our event. Unfortunately, no one kept address records of our 2005 visitors.

Gene also announced that he has the master Gift Certificate form we have used over the years and will be glad to make up a certificate for those businesses who would like to donate \$50 or more in merchandise but do not have any certificates. Each will have a unique serial number.

Gene also has in Microsoft Word 2000 formatting, our club stationery heading in case any member would like a copy to aid them in writing their invitation or gift solicitation letters. Many companies insist on a paper trail even though they may verbally agree to donate. Virginia has a similarly formatted letter that she has emailed to our members to help everyone.

LET'S GET STARTED TODAY!

Our \$615 Pot!

Ron Johanson showed up today with a formal shirt and tie and I wondered what he was celebrating!

Then Reverend Bill drew two raffle tickets and Ron got both numbers !!

Nope, he didn't get the joker.

Can you believe it ?



Rick Brangiforte and Virginia Doocy conducting the meeting.



Bob Kennedy checking his client list!



HOW DO YOUR INVESTMENT RETURNS STACK UP?

As you contribute to The Rotary Foundation, are you paying attention to what is coming back?

At their meeting in October 2005, the Foundation Trustees approved Matching Grants for projects in 15 different countries — a good reflection of where your contributions go to help meet international humanitarian needs. District Simplified Grants are an example of what comes back to your district and club from the Foundation to benefit your community.

For example, a visiting Group Study Exchange team can have a positive economic impact on your community through what it

spends locally. Has your club taken advantage of an opportunity like this? Ambassadorial Scholars further illustrate what your district has given and received back through the Foundation. Look at the return on your investment, for example, when your district contributes from its District Designated Fund to the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries. The scholar awarded the grant might choose to study in your community, thus enriching your local economy.

Are you contributing to the Annual Programs Fund so your club and district can participate fully in the Foundation's programs and take advantage of the opportunities they provide?

Seven Rotarians were among the 662 men and women on the Australia Day Honours List 2006, published in the media and officially unveiled at national celebrations of Australia Day on 26 January.

The annual list, which is Australia's equivalent of the United Kingdom's Queen's Honours List, honors Australians from all walks of life for outstanding service. Like all other honorees, the Rotarians on the list will eventually be presented with a medal and certificate in the general or military division.

"From medicos to wine growers, comedians to scholars, sports people to indigenous story tellers, business leaders to environmentalists, the 2006 list offers Australians an overview of the breadth and depth of individual achievement by people of all backgrounds in our enormously

diverse nation," said the 26 January editorial of *the Australian*, the national daily.

"The award I am receiving tomorrow is by far the highest honor I am ever likely to receive," said Walter Bock, of the Rotary Club of Burwood, New South Wales, on the eve of Australia Day. "From tomorrow on, I have the initials OAM, for Order of Australia Medal, behind my name. There are several other Rotarians in Sydney who have received the award over the years."

Honored for service rendered to the community during his 30 years as a Rotarian, Bock is chief coordinator of the Community Chest & Christmas Treasure Trove, a raffle that raises more than A\$1 million (US\$752,750) annually for the local and international projects of participating Rotary clubs.

He is already a recipient of several Rotary-related recognitions, including Paul Harris Fellow, member of The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society, and Fellow of the Australian Rotary Health Foundation.

GIVE GENE YOUR \$100 COMMITMENT TODAY!

Remember, it's EVERY ROTARIAN, \$100 EVERY YEAR!

The above announcement

is printed in the 2005 Rotary Foundation financial statement and is right on the money for our club's annual support drive for a minimum of \$100 per Rotarian each year for our foundation.

According to my records we still have a good way to go. If you gave on line, kindly let me know as I do not get a printout from their website.

Please consider giving again this year, and for those 3 or 4 who have not donated for a few years, wouldn't this be a wonderful time to start again?

Florida Squirrel



Thanks to Harry Martin of the Topsfield-Boxford-Middleton Club for this true-to-nature photograph!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

February 9 - Adam Sherman & Connie Colom
February 16 - Jim Harris & Gene Hastings
February 23 - Andrew Phillips & Linda Williams