

Upcoming Programs:

April 19

Bill Bochnak and Dottie Amerault & First Book

April 26

8th Grade program

May 3

Susan Hartmere - Living in a dump in order to survive!

May 10

Bob Cuomo Ph.D

Dean, Girard School of Business and International Commerce Merrimack College

Strengthening the ties between the Business and Academic Communities

Friendship Sails To Lynn !



Thurs. August 16, Rotary Day,

the *Friendship* will be docked at Lynn's Seaport Marina, in clear view of the Porthole Restaurant!



There is a possibility, now being researched, that our meeting that day might be aboard ship! Stay tuned for the details as they are formulated!!

Our Speakers

were Tom Leonard, a Salem Rotarian formerly with Salem 5 and currently President Emeritus of the Essex National Heritage Commission and Mary Williamson, development director of the commission.

They gave us some background on the craft which is a reproduction of an East Indiaman sailing ship designed in 1797. It is owned and maintained by the Essex National Heritage Commission along with massive contributions by thousands of individuals who love boating and want our North Shore areas to thrive!

Locally, helping to bring the ship to Lynn for three days this August, Lynn underwriters include Old Neighborhood Foods, Eastern Bank and the Salem 5 Bank working with partners such as the City of Lynn, North Shore Community College (Lynn), North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lynn Chamber of Commerce, Lynn Business Partnership and North Shore Spirit.

These generous sponsors will allow visitors to the Friendship *without paying any fee!*

Connie Colom commented that she was overwhelmed to learn at a meeting that a large percentage of Lynn schoolchildren, not living near the shore, have never visited our shoreline in all the years they have lived in the city! "There was no reason to go to the Lynnway for anything!" Hopefully, a free tour of a sailing ship

will change their perspectives of our history!

Your editor took this photo of the Friendship as she was towed into Salem Harbor in the summer of 1998 from its original builder for the long process of masting and fitting out done right here in Salem.



President Jim presented Tom and Mary with Rotary "thank-you banners" at the end of a very nice presentation and a build-up to a fun event on the Lynnway this August! Thanks to you both.



Art Horgan

contributed \$20 Happy Dollars to celebrate the birth of his first grandchild, Ethan Michael Horgan! "Mother and child are doing fine." The family lives in Saugus.

Bob Risch

returned to our region tan as a coffee bean and was handed the fine box to do some work so Bob Hastings could raise a little money. It was commented that the fine box has a coin slot that is not being used! (When your editor was club president our fines were a quarter and one of our banking members griped about that high amount every time!)

Virginia was fined for not meeting a \$30,000 goal for the auction (have you ever seen Virginia appear to faint?) and Connie Colom paid for a wonderful auction venue.

Cindy Steger-Wilson said she would soon be missing a meeting or two with the birth of her second child!

Rich Cuffe and Adam Sherman donated with surprise as did Jim Harris, Elaine Kurkul and Gene Hastings anted up also!

Our Raffle is Growing

and if Rich Cuffe and Bob Dugas continue to miss the joker, the pot will continue to grow.

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Best Wishes

to Bob Kennedy who was under the weather today which enabled Obie Barker to play Polaroid! Bob - you had better buy some more film if you can find it!

More snapshots from Camp Rotary!



More Friendship Information

Friendship is a full scale replica of a 1797 East Indian merchant tall ship. At 171-feet in length, Friendship is the largest wooden, Coast Guard Certified sailing vessel to be outfitted in New England in the twentieth century.



Info on Friendship is available on the National Park Service website: <http://www.nps.gov/sama/parknews/friendshipmove.htm>.

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ROTARIANS REMEMBER:

1. ROTARY BEGINS AT 12:15.
2. WE HAVE A WEEKLY GUARANTEE OF 30.
3. ATTENDANCE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

The above announcement was printed in this week's Cambridge Rotary newsletter, and since it mimics our own club numbers and charges, I thought I would post it for OUR members to consider too!

Rotarians help hospital navigate to distant shores

A new, state-of-the-art hospital that provides free medical care to thousands of the world's poorest patients will soon arrive in the West African nation of Liberia — by sea. Expected to anchor off the coast of Monrovia, Liberia, this summer, the **Africa Mercy** will be one of the world's largest, floating hospital ships.

The ship will complete its maiden voyage from Newcastle, England, to Monrovia harbor thanks in large part to the support of Rotarians worldwide.



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

- April 19 - Bob Hastings & Connie Colom
April 26 - Virginia Doocy & Loretta Cuffe-O'Donnell
May 3 - Obie Barker & Maria Bazzi