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Lynn Rotary TIPS

April 21, 2006 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

Upcoming Programs

April 27
Our Wonderful Student Awards Program - Please Come!

Wednesday May 3
SIGN UP TO HELP SPECIAL GAMES!

May 4
Vin Fredrickson Will Present A Unique Program

Jim Harris Urges Our Individual Participation Sunday June 25

Looking Very Presidential

Jim Harris gave a nice presentation for the North Shore Medical Center Cancer Walk at the end of June.

This will be the 16th anniversary of the first walk - their goal that first year was to make \$100,000 and they cleared \$250,000 !!!



The last few years they have often cleared a million \$\$ each year allowing for a vast expansion of cancer services for the north shore.



Make a note on your calendar and computer to help out that Sunday - in addition to sending in a generous contribution.

Jim reminded our club members that the cancer center has outgrown the building in Peabody and soon will begin construction of its new center at the former CBS-Hytron/Osram/Sylvania plant in Danvers between Routes 35 & 128.

Thanks, Jim!

Our 2005-2006 Theme



SERVICE Above Self

Spirit Game June 22nd

Virginia reminded us about our cancelled regular meeting Thursday June 22 when instead we meet in the late afternoon at the new Fraser Field for supper and a fun Spirit baseball game!



May 3rd Is Nearly Here!

Wednesday May 3 is our turn to help with Lynn's Special Games - Olympic style athletics tailored for those 100 or more physically or mentally challenged youth in our school system.



Our newer members will really enjoy helping with this program - a more wonderful feeling of satisfaction helping others probably will not be found anywhere!

Please sign up and come - bring a friend if you care to!! The more the merrier!

Show up around 8:30 AM at Lynn Tech High Gym - most events will be indoors in the gym.

Our Giant Raffle

Your editor forgot to ask how much is in the pot but I am guessing about \$50 or so - Dave Richardson and Bob Kennedy (via proxy!!) fought the good fight - and that's all that happened.





A Special Event For Lynn

...in 1942, after months of highly secret work, GE engineers in Lynn successfully tested the engine they called by the innocuous name "I-A." It was the first jet engine built in the United States. An English scientist had designed a jet engine in 1941.

When an Air Force general saw it power a plane, he was impressed enough to award General Electric a contract to adapt the design to American specifications. Installed with two of these I-A engines, a Bell P-59A aircraft made its maiden flight in the fall of 1942. Building on its success in Lynn, GE's Aircraft Engine division has since become the world's leading producer of jet engines used in commercial and military aircraft.

In the early months of 1942, scarcely 20 people knew what was really going on in Building 34 North at the General Electric plant in Lynn. The engineers referred to the engine they were working on simply as "I-A," similar to names they had assigned to the turbo supercharger engines they had been designing and building. Men and women who worked on the floor making various parts for the compressor or combustor had no reason to think I-A was anything out of the ordinary. But it was. I-A was the first jet engine built in the United States.

For those of you with Internet access, you might appreciate this new website - your editor has made it his default page on boot-up - it features a famous historical event in Massachusetts on "this day" - the day you boot up your computer! This article above (with much more detail) was the story that came up on Tuesday the 18th of April.

The website address is: <http://www.massmoments.org>

Heavy Auction Items!

We just finished our successful auction as everyone knows and I am guessing the heaviest items were those 2 cases of wine from Kappy's in Peabody. Most items were gift certificates and those were heavy enough to warrant a 39c stamp.

However, read a quote below from this week's Ipswich Rotary newsletter *The Latchstring!*

At this meeting Arthur Philpot, retiring president, "accepted for deposit" a check in the vicinity of \$2,000 to set up a student loan fund being sponsored by Ipswich Rotary. The money was from an auction sale held by the club on the grounds of the South Parish house that netted \$2,004.89.

John Conley (President 1934-35, long-time club secretary and writer of the history of our first 50 years) had this to say about that auction: "I remember that was the hardest work we ever did - *moving, lifting and pushing the heaviest stoves, refrigerators, sofas and sideboards.*"June 1950

Here's A Great New Offer !!

\$299 a special deal for

2 days & 1 night

All Meals and Attendance at sessions for our

Spring Conference

Sat & Sun

May 20 & 21

On The Cape!!

Price includes all meals and also Includes a single room for Saturday night -

For two people it's only \$499!!

For details on how to sign up, see President Virginia or Gene - join us and celebrate Lynn Rotary !!

Rotarians join vaccine institute in celebrating Sabin stamp

The Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute hosted a reception 11 April in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the issue of a U.S. postage stamp honoring Dr. Albert Sabin, who developed the oral polio vaccine. Several Rotarians were among the scores of attendees at the event.

Created from a weakened form of the poliovirus, the oral polio vaccine was licensed in the US in the early 1960s. It is now a crucial player in the global effort to eradicate polio.



Our outgoing GSE team was hosted at a reception Wednesday afternoon at the Peabody Marriott.

Stay tuned for their adventures in Amsterdam for the next 4 weeks!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

April 27 - Andrew Phillips & Bob Hastings

May 4 - Connie Colom & Cindy Steger-Wilson

May 11 - Bill Simpson & Ron Johanson