

Upcoming Programs:

April 10

Jonathan Blodgett,
Essex County
District Attorney

April 17

Our Wonderful
Student Awards!

April 24

Bill Cooksey,
Lynn Journal

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Our Auction Was A Huge Success !!



\$18,102 Tentative Receipts

Auction chair Virginia Doocy and treasurer Maria Bazzi announced the figures at our meeting Thursday.

There are a few items still "in hand" and at one of our meetings soon there will be a live auction for the extra items!

Board Meeting Changed to April 17th

Please make a note, it is NOT next week April 10 as was previously planned.

Bob Kennedy Received Pacemaker

Bob is doing quite well at Union Hospital and may be home by the time you read this! He was sorry to have missed the auction he worked so hard on! Get well soon, Bob!

A Special Guest

A special guest greeted everyone at the door this week, Teagan Newhall, 12-year-old daughter of Tom Newhall. Tom was co-host at the door this week! Teagan sold lots of tickets for our raffle with a big smile every time.



Police Sgt. Michael Vail, In Charge of Lynn's Police Gang Unit

was our speaker this week. Mike is a graduate of St. Mary's High, Salem State College with a masters from Anna Maria Criminal Justice in Paxton, Massachusetts. Mike's father is the Rev. Paul Vail who was the pastor of the Church of the Nazarene on Eastern Avenue for 20 years.



Mike kept our audience in rapt attention as he explained about the several active gangs in our region, many of whom are headquartered in Lynn.

Mike had still and video photos of many gangs, interviews with a few alumni and pictures of a few past members and their many "initiation ceremonies" injuries as photographed at local hospitals.

There are currently 38 different gangs in Lynn alone, many are extremely violent with powerful weapons at their disposal.

Seventeen gang members arrested fairly recently are categorized as extremely violent and quite dangerous. Undercover work by other police chiefs joining with Lynn's efforts have proved extremely effective.

Kids will not testify against another gang member, "the code" they adhere to is to use personal revenge - thus the many killings and the large number of illegal weapons.

One very convenient method of tracking are the many websites of the various gangs! Photos and everything are on line to see. Gang members' brothers and sisters are automatically signed up as new members.

One thing has been proven - if these young people are given jobs that pay some money and keep them busy, they are much happier kids and soon, if they are able, abandon the life of crime!



Fellow Lynn Club Members !!

As your club's Rotary Foundation Chair I urge you to consider your current status in our club as Rotary Foundation Donors!

No one wants to be "badgered" continually to give, give, give and I will appreciate that!!

On the other hand, this is ROTARY and Rotary clubs worldwide are asked to make sure their members PARTICIPATE in our wonderful Rotary FOUNDATION by giving AT LEAST as a minimum, \$100 each year.

WHY? Because not only does FIFTY PERCENT come back to our club and district as available matching funds for wonderful projects, every dollar is used worldwide for fresh water, polio eradication, the creation of schools and reading - micro-loans for farms and creation of food sources - the list is endless!!



Clean Water for the First Time!

One of our members asked me a few years ago about the percentage of our Rotary Foundation donations that actually go toward the good works of Rotary.

I told him 100%.

He found that difficult to believe! I explained that if he gave, for example, \$100 "now", 3 years from now, ALL of his \$100 would be returned in benefits, NOTHING is taken

out for expenses! How? The money is put into high interest-bearing investments that return enough money to pay for all the expenses of the fund-raising efforts and staff! ONE HUNDRED PERCENT !!

Our member was amazed! "I had no idea!" he said and immediately wrote me a check for our Foundation !!

Our club president recently asked that I show him our current member donation data - he was rather disappointed. A large

number of our newer, enthusiastic members have yet to give ANYTHING to our foundation!!

Why not?

I guess these members do not understand how important it is that EACH of us do our part,

year after year after year! It is our FOUNDATION that helps keeps Rotary going!! Remember, each "Rotary Year" ends June 30 !!

Every Foundation donation is 100% deductible on your tax return. Our foundation is a 501-(c)-3 organization.

Can you give \$250? \$100? \$50? Please try, it means a great deal to everyone, worldwide !! Worldwide, seriously!!

Thanks !! *Gene Hastings, your Foundation Chair*



60th Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations to member Doug Allen and Louise on this momentous occasion!

Thanks also for your generous donation to Rotary in celebration of the event!

Our Giant Pot

started again with a new deck - I think it was something like \$25 and Bob Dugas and Ron Johanson had the lucky tickets!

The \$25 is safe for another week!

A Wonderful Feature of Our Auction



was the Lynn Schools Jazz Band with talented musicians from 25 schools led by Joe Picano! (pictured below, left)



If you were not able to come this year, you will want to come in 2009 and have a wonderful evening !!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

April 10 - Patty Tarr & Rob Eydenberg
April 17 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson
April 24 - Cindy Steger-Wilson & Virginia Doocy

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!