

Upcoming Programs:

Wed. May 7
Special Games
 8:45 AM Lynn Tech Gym

May 8
Bob Olson
 Magician

May 15
Our Final
Schools Program
For This Season!

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Superintendent of Schools Nicholas Kostan Tells Us About Some Wonderful Progress!



“Nick” Kostan

an honorable member of our club, was introduced Thursday by speakers’ chair Loretta Cuffe-O’Donnell with a smile and much enthusiasm! Nick’s history in the Lynn school system includes being principal of both the Breed and Classical schools and now has been Superintendent of all schools for 7 years!



N i c k praised Loretta for her many years of teaching and her dedication to the children of Lynn to get the best possible during her years on the city council.

Money, more the last few years than ever before has been a huge problem, not due to building or expanding but to cover the huge increases in staff health insurance premiums and uncontrollable forces such as heating expenses. Money is no longer “trickling down from the top” he explained - we no longer have 6.5 million dollars from the state available on a regular basis. All city departments have been affected. Two schools will have to be closed and special education classes for advanced studies have had to be cancelled.

On the positive side however, Nick told us of the wonderful advances in the Lynn system due to the efforts of a dedicated staff! The Commonwealth’s Department of Education has moved Lynn up to a tier 2 category - similar to many local towns and cities - Lynn is no longer “grouped” with inner-cities with serious school difficulties such as Lawrence or Haverhill.

Due to the closing of Classical during its rebuilding program in progress currently several ninth grades have all been merged and this, it turns out has been a very positive step for the students and probably will be continued in the future!

This is the second year that an all-day kindergarten program has been instituted and that has been received very well throughout the system.

The music and fine arts programs have been very well received and have won recognitions from several areas and magazines!

40 volunteers through a special General Electric program spent hundreds of hours rebuilding the Marshall Middle School including painting, decorating, and landscaping, and making the school one of the finest adding much enthusiasm and excitement among the attendees.

Nick called attention to the upcoming sports activities that will be held at the newly rebuilt (and re-named) Manning Field. The psychology of playing on this facility will be incredible for the youngsters.



Nick introduced Bob Ferrari (right) director of security for the entire Lynn school system. Bob has been active in the Lynn schools for many years and now has these added responsibilities. Your cameraman made sure that these three friends had their picture taken together!

President Mark

has returned from a very special weekend in Syracuse - where he attended his son Seth’s wedding! Seth is an elementary school principal in West Virginia! Congratulations everyone!

\$35 In The Pot

was fought for by President Mark and Bob Kennedy. The money is safe for another week.

This Wednesday

is our Special Games for the Handicapped!

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| <u>Mark Kennard</u> | <u>BOB KENNEDY</u> |
| <u>Bob Dugas</u> | <u>Mau Buzzi</u> |
| <u>Jim Harris</u> | <u>Jerry Boveroni</u> |
| <u>Virginia Doocy</u> | <u>Richard Cutte</u> |
| <u>Michael Downey</u> | <u>Paul Van</u> |
| <u>Loretta Cuffe O'D</u> | <u>Pindy S-W</u> |
| <u>Gene H.</u> | |
| <u>?? Michele Desmanis</u> | |
| <u>Mark Liordie</u> | |
| <u>Elaine Kerkel</u> | |

These members have signed up to help, those that have not yet done so will also be welcomed! See you there at 8:45 AM at the Lynn Tech Gym !!



RYLA Clean Up Party !

Yes, it is upon us! We need VOLUNTEERS for this fun event!

WHEN? IT'S THIS

**SATURDAY MAY 3RD
10 A.M.
at Camp Rotary !!**



What is the clean up party? A bunch of volunteers who love camp and love the many RYLA youth programs get together to do a little raking and sweeping and then have a great cookout, often in the huge dining hall!!

SEE YOU THERE !!

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

"International Service has been a focus of Rotary since the early 1920s. It was Rotary that was the driving force to establish UNESCO. Rotarians were invited to participate in the founding of the United Nations. Rotarians in South America accomplished what governments could not: they literally brought together warring sides in a bitter border conflict between two countries and worked out a peace arrangement.

Today, the jewel in our crown is what we call Polio-Plus: We have immunized two billion children against polio since 1988."

Frank Talk I. p. 46

"We should, more than ever before, mobilize government and donors to action, support the activities of the polio plus partners, ensure that hard-to-reach children receive immunization and, if possible, participate in national immunization campaigns."



Jonathan Majiyagbe, TRF Trustee Chairman-Elect 2008-09

Camp Rotary Snapshots !!



At Camp Rotary - Volunteers learn many wonderful skills!!

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GREETERS' SCHEDULE

May 8 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson
May 15 - Tom Newhall & ??? **Need a volunteer!!**
May 22 - Bob Kennedy & Rich Cuffe

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!