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Lynn Rotary TIPS

May 26, 2006 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

Upcoming Programs

June 1

Cindy Steger-Wilson
Classification Speech

June 8

Mike Corcoran

June 15

Program To Come

June 22

"Spirit Night"
Jim Harris Induction as
Club President!!

NO NOON MEETING

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Our Final Students of the 2006 Class!

Our 2005-2006 Theme



SERVICE Above Self

NO NOON MEETING THURSDAY JUNE 22 - WE MEET AT FRASER FIELD FOR DINNER 6 PM AND JIM HARRIS' INDUCTION AS OUR PRESIDENT!!



Thursday We Gave Our Last Awards

of this "class year" to 8th grade winners in our 8 Lynn Junior High schools!

What made it extra special were the words of Superintendent Nicholas Kostan, an honorary member of our club, praising the program!



Making the presentations this week was Connie Colom who gave awards to students from all eight schools in our scholarship event!

Left to right, Rotarian Connie Colom, Krista Hogan, Cobbett Middle School; Marie Larochele, Lynn Vocational Technical School; Donovan L. Fraser Jr., Marshall Middle School; Michelle Sanethong, Pickering Middle School; Christian Olivares, Ford Middle School; Erin McHugh, St. Mary's Jr. High; and Robert Goggin, Sacred Heart School.

Our Big Raffle Pot

was attacked by our treasurer Maria Bazzi and Bob Dugas but they have not found the formula apparently for finding the joker hidden in the cards!



MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Doug Allen Bob Dugas
Edgar George Bob Hastings
Cindy Steger-Wilson Linda Williams

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Remember, our club tradition is a minimum donation of at least \$10.00 to our club charity fund for your birthday!



President Virginia

explained to Rotarians attending last weekend's Spring Conference in Hyannis about our club's participation in a drive to help medical centers in the country of Cameroon obtain dialysis machines. Many in that country have kidney disease but machines are unavailable!

Jim Harris was unable to attend and President Virginia with Jo Ann Noyes attended the event. Jim had introduced Dr. Wayne Trebbin to our club several weeks ago and he again came to Lynn Rotary recently and told of his remarkable success nationwide raising thousands of dollars to aid the Cameroon people.



Thanks to our Rotary Foundation and the efforts of Virginia and District Foundation Chair Keith Harris, our club was able to offer \$1,500 to the drive. The machines heading to Cameroon have first to be converted to 220-230 volt operation and that is being achieved in Louisiana.

Have **you** given to our Foundation yet?

E-club's only boundaries are time and technology

For more on e-clubs, read The Rotarian May 2006 Viewpoints article, "Virtually Rotary: Are e-clubs the real thing?" 19 May 2006

Two years after Europe's first Rotary e-club was chartered, the members of the Rotary E-Club of Verkkorotary (which means Rotary on the Web) in Finland say they're so tightly knit that one member recently participated in the online meeting while on a flight from Teheran, Iran, to Frankfurt, Germany.

E-club member Matti Keijola says the fellowship among Verkkorotary's 30 members is strong because no member has to miss a meeting, even if he or she is thousands of miles away from the club's headquarters in Finland.

"Our only boundaries are technical connections and time," says Matti Kivinen, a past district governor. As a septuagenarian, Kivinen says he's the opposite of a computer geek, but he finds the technology easy and fun to use.

On three out of four Tuesdays every month, the Finnish e-club members from District 1420 meet online at 9 p.m. (Finnish time) in a virtual conference room, logging on from anywhere with an Internet connection.

Equipped with microphones and Web cameras, the participants can see and talk to one another, while simultaneously chatting online. They can click on a smiley face symbol to express laughter and on a clapping hands symbol for applause. The meetings are very lively, says Kivinen. "Seeing and hearing one another makes all the difference. Otherwise, it would just be an online chat."

To avoid online chaos, the electronic-meeting chairman decides who gets the microphone at any given time and whose Web camera image to post for all to see. A maximum of four faces can be displayed at once. "It's not like you can leave and make yourself a sandwich. You better be prepared to have the camera switched on to you," occasional chairman Hannu Aronsson jokes. Meetings are recorded and can be re-experienced at any time.

Many Finnish Rotarians admit Verkkorotary.fi would not be the same without the once monthly in-person meetings. That's where the members bond, says Aronsson. "The personal



contact builds the online community," Aronsson says.

But thanks to the available technology, those who can't attend the terra (in-person) meetings can participate online, which results in an original mix of live and online meetings.

The Verkkorotary club members see partial e-clubs as Rotary's way of the future. They believe Rotarians may want to remain a part of their original Rotary club, even if living abroad. Partial e-clubs allow these ex-pats to do so, while exposing the at-home club to members who bring a fresh, international perspective to the club.

The cost, however, for an online club's infrastructure — consisting of a server, the conference software, and the access portal — is high, an estimated \$US65,000 per year. A Verkkorotary member's employer sponsors the cost, however.

This club benefit allows these Rotarians to bond in ways that may not otherwise been possible. "The whole world should participate in international meetings online," says member Tomi Laamanen.

LYNN club members seldom if ever make up at another club. Perhaps the Electronic Club (E-Club) might be a good option for our members ? ? (Don't be concerned about the \$65,000 - that is for their unique video camera interface systems !!)

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

June 1 - Andrew Phillips & Bill Simpson

June 8 - Gene Hastings & Obie Barker

June 15 - Dave Richardson & Art Horgan