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Lynn Rotary TIPS

May 31, 2007 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

Join Us!!

This Sun. June 3

District Rotary Day at
Camp Rotary!
1 - 6 PM - Food,
Fun & Fellowship!

Upcoming Programs:

June 7

NSMC Cancer Walk
Presentation

June 14

Bob Tina, chief engineer
for Lynn Water and Sewer
Commission
Wind Turbines in Lynn

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Our Final Student Awards Presented for the 2006 - 2007 School Year



Our Students

for May came with parents, teachers and friends Thursday and what a wonderful group they were! Front row, left to right: Prabir Chowdhury, Marshall Middle School; Jonathan Paulino, Ford School Annex; Alexander Funez, Pickering Middle School and Jhoselyn Galdamez, Breed Middle School. Also winning an award but unable to attend our luncheon event was Martin Nelson from the Sacred Heart Middle School. Back row: Awards program chair Michele Desmarais and club president Jim Harris.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

this week included 2 business men and women from our region who with Nick Sarantopoulos are forming Lynn's first Rotaract Club!

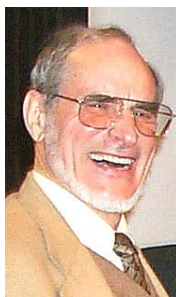
This club will be under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Lynn and will probably meet on our community college campus at times yet to be determined.

They were Degonaire Colon and Matt LeBow. Welcome !!

Bill Simpson

will be honored by Family & Children's Services June 7th between 5:30 and 8:30 at Lynn Arts on Exchange Street for over 20 years of service to the agency.

There is nearly a full page story and picture in the Thursday Daily Item on Bill !! Make sure you read it !!



Bob Fined

lots of members for their birthdays and various infractions including Rev. Bill, Nick Sarantopoulos, Obie, Bob Kennedy, Rich Cuffe, Michele, Joyce Elliott (welcome to fining Joyce!) Maria, Loretta, Bob Risch, Art Horgan, Dave Richardson, Adam & Gene.



Farewell John!

We learned today that our Port-hole chef for over 28 years, John Moholland is leaving the Port-hole.

President Jim warmly thanked him for our wonderful meals these many years!!

Also, Bob Hastings and Rich Brangiforte couldn't find the Joker so did not win the pot!



The J. Fergus Gifford Shoe & Stocking Fund

Adapted from an article by club secretary Earl Lawrence dated July 26, 1939

Lynn Rotarian J. Fergus Gifford noticed a small boy gazing into the window of a Lynn shoe store. Stopping for a moment Fergus discovered that the youngster's shoes were in tatters. In questioning the youngster as to his interest in the contents of the window, Fergus received the surprising reply that the youngster was wondering how he could earn enough money to buy himself a pair of shoes, further commenting that his folks had no money and that no one in his family was working. The story told by the boy so touched Fergus that he took him by the hand, escorted him into the store and had him fitted with a pair of shoes, and sent him on his way a happier youngster.

This experience weighed heavily on Fergus' mind, and realizing that the condition of the boy whom he had befriended was echoed in many homes in Lynn, he suggested to his club mates the raising of a fund for the purchase and distribution of shoes as Christmas gifts to needy children. His suggestion was adopted, and Christmas of 1919 many children were made happier through the efforts of Lynn Rotary.

When the club realized how well their Christmas project was received they decided to make it a permanent project and appointed Fergus as General Chairman.

In 1921 Fergus was killed in an automobile accident on the way to the Rotary meeting. Immediately action was taken for a greater effort in the work he had undertaken and was so cheerfully carrying on. The practice of a voluntary subscription to the fund by members in celebration of their birthdays was inaugurated and the resultant effort enabled a monthly distribution instead of an annual one.

To further this work the effort was incorporated as a memorial to Fergus and when this was written in 1993 has its own

board of directors and a substantial endowment fund.

Due to the changes in our government and charitable institutions much of the work performed originally by the J. Fergus Gifford Fund is now performed by various city or state welfare organizations.

Distribution of shoes per se is no longer necessary by a private organization and so the emphasis has been shifted to seeking those individuals that need special shoes not provided for by government financing.

Remarkably enough, even in 1993 there was a decided need for assistance for special pediatric shoes and services for those people not fortunate enough to be able to afford such care on their own.

In addition, the by-laws have been modified to allow occasional financing for Lynn youngsters to attend Camp Rotary and/or for scholarship assistance.

The J. Fergus Gifford Shoe and Stocking Fund has been able to provide help in the Lynn community these 80 years plus, thanks to one man who had the caring to stop and help one little boy so long ago.

PDG Eugene Hastings May 2007

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

June 7 - Mark Kennard & Bob Kennedy

June 14 - Art Horgan & Gene Hastings

June 21 - Need 2 Volunteers !!

Lynn Rotary Volunteers at Special Games 2007!

Photos by Jim Harris

