

Upcoming Programs:

May 15

Our Final Schools Program For This Season!

May 22

Bob Tina: Update on Wind Turbine Project

May 29

Philip Rosenfield Lynn's New Navigator Baseball Team

June 5

Membership Mark and Virginia

Truly Magic! Robert Olson Talks About Early Magicians And Then Demonstrates !!

Wednesday's Special Games A Great Success



Bob Olson Was an Electrical Engineer

who found he loved woodworking, history and magic much more! He changed his career three times and was so happy that he was able to do so!

He was the assistant director of interpretation, coordinator of children's programs and the director of visitors' services at the Old Sturbridge Village Museum during his 25-year career there.

His study of history caused him to learn of Richard Potter, reportedly America's first magician. Reading books by Potter led Bob to some fascinating facts about the entertainment field during the early years of our country - in fact the town of Potter Place, New Hampshire is named for Potter and he and his wife are buried there near the front yard of their home.



The famed toy maker for children, A. C. Gilbert not only made kits of erector sets and tool kits but had a very popular line of magic kits, too!

Bob amazed our club members throughout his presentations and the "more we looked the less we learned" as to how he did his magic!

Thanks also go to Joyce Elliott for convincing Bob to drive all the way to our meeting from his home in Putnam, Ct!!

Our Visitors

this week included Tom Vance from Arlington Rotary and Bruce Brock of the Rotary Club of Marblehead Harbor.

Our Giant Raffle

President Mark apparently worked his own magic as he had both winning coupon numbers!

However, our money is safe for another week!

The Special Games

had a giant crowd of young volunteers from the schools in addition to the handicapped youngsters who enjoyed a wonderful day!



Rich Brangiforte was controlling the youngsters' wild enthusiasm quite well!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- Doug Allen**
- Michael Downey Jr.**
- Bob Dugas**
- Bob Hastings**
- Cindy Steger-Wilson**



This month in Rotary history: Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland

A 1915 photo of R.W. Pentland, who was the first president of the British Association of Rotary Clubs.

In May 1914, Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland met in London and agreed to form the British Association of Rotary Clubs. They elected R.W. Pentland as the first president of the organization, which was to have its own constitution. The next month, at that year's Rotary convention in Houston, the International Association of Rotary Clubs recognized the British group as a legitimate extension of Rotary, and clubs in Britain agreed to affiliate with and pay fees to the international organization.



In his convention address, RI President Russell F. Greiner said: "Feeling that we were not familiar with local conditions in Great Britain and Ireland, I strongly favored the forming of an association of the clubs. . . . It has done splendid work in knitting into a closer union the Rotarians of the cities of the United Kingdom."

Even with limited communication among international clubs during World War I, the British association managed to keep the clubs in Great Britain, Ireland, and some mainland European communities connected. By 1921, more than 50 clubs were active in the region.

Other historic developments occurred at the 1922 RI Convention in Los Angeles. The International Association of Rotary Clubs changed its name to Rotary International, and a principle was established that allowed any country with 25 clubs to become a territorial unit with representation on the RI Board. At the convention, Great Britain requested and received territorial status as Rotary International – Association for Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI).

No other group in the world had asked for or received this standing when the territorial unit concept was repealed in 1927. Nevertheless, the rights, privileges, and powers of existing territories were forever protected, so RIBI has continued to function as an independent unit of Rotary International, subject to certain conditions under the RI Constitution.



Fascinating Makeup at the Special Games!!



Hooray! I am a Lynn Firefighter!!



Can you see the kids waving inside the giant pizza chef?

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

May 15 - Tom Newhall & Bob Kennedy

May 22 - Bob Kennedy & Rich Cuffe

May 29 - Art Horgan & Adam Sherman

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!