

Upcoming Programs:

Next Thursday!
June 26
12 Noon!

90th Anniversary
Party and
Installation
Luncheon at the
Porthole!
Bring The Family!

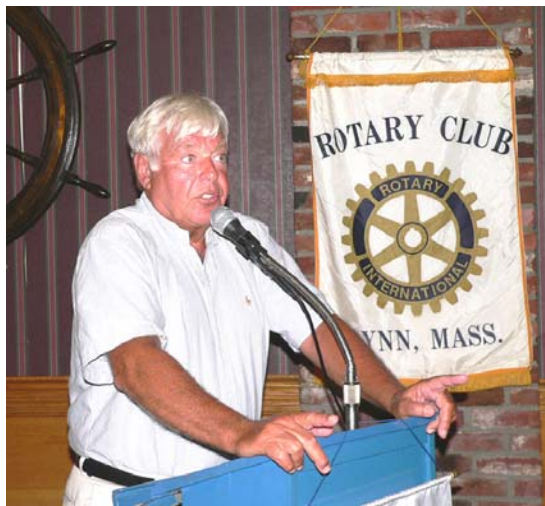
EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Bob Risch Tells About The New Museum Being Built



Science, M.I.T. and More!

Bob gave us a nice surprise: a review of a new “science museum” planned for that “huge concrete building” next to the JFK Library in Boston. Tentatively to be named the Commonwealth Museum, it is a creation of NASA scientists and MIT preservation specialists utilizing ti-



tanium casings that are expected to virtually “freeze” precious items within the casings in time so that 100 years from now and possibly more, historical artifacts can be viewed with virtually no degradation in their quality.

For example, some of Paul Revere’s original copper printing plates will be preserved “like brand new” and yet can be visibly obtainable to the average visitor and historian.

The building will probably be designed by the “Cambridge 7” - a firm of well-known museum architects.

Thanks Bob !!

Visitors and Guests

Thursday we had as a guest Beverly Rotarian Thomas Chatellier, vice president of commercial lending for East Boston Savings Bank.

Our Meeting Opened

with Elaine Kurkul at the mike filling in for Michele who had to be late for the start. (Mark has a “bug”!) Elaine and Michele reminded everyone that next week’s meeting is very special!

We will have our new officers installed and a very special luncheon for family & friends celebrating our 90th anniversary. Come, everyone! Bring the family !!

Our Giant \$209 Pot

was attacked by Dave Richardson and Rich Cuffe. Not to worry, the money is still safe.

Hollywood’s glamour

added to the excitement of the 99th Rotary International Convention, which ran this week in Los Angeles. The annual event brought Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Foundation alumni from around the world.

About 18,000 attendees -- from as far as Afghanistan, Brazil, Germany, and Zambia -- converged on L.A. for this convention, which ran from 15 to 18 June.

At the official opening of the exhibition area, the House of Friendship, on Saturday morning, RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson welcomed all to L.A. “The world is here to see Rotary, and the Los Angeles Rotarians are playing host to the world,” he said. “It’s a fantastic experience for them -- and a great honor for me.”

This convention marks the official launch of Rotary’s drive to raise \$100 million to match a challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, with all funds raised going toward polio eradication. The president of the Gates Foundation’s Global Health Program, Tadataka Yamada, addressed Monday’s plenary session.

Speaking at Tuesday’s plenary session were Rotary’s partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – and global experts on health – UNICEF Executive Director Anne Veneman, U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Julie Gerberding, and World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan. Wednesday’s session features Stephen Lewis, co-director of AIDS-Free World, and William Asiko, president of the Coca-Cola Foundation Africa.

Another convention star is literacy. Looking to set a Guinness World Record, Rotary’s Wide World of Books project aims to collect 250,000 books to distribute to students in kindergarten through third grade in Los Angeles public schools.

But even as they shared ideas, networked, and got projects off the ground, Rotarians have enjoyed the convention’s fun and fellowship.



Polio and the Iron Lung

Rotarians working with the elimination of Polio worldwide will be saddened by this news item from Dan Mooers - but many Rotarians might well be mystified as they have no idea what the iron lung might be!

Good Afternoon, All:

The following tragic story just appeared a few minutes ago on the AP News Service wire. Stories like this remind us, over and over, of the effect of this terrible disease we are trying so hard to eradicate.

As we near the end of this Rotary year, please take a look at the contributions by your district and clubs to PolioPlus Partners to see whether you have more funds in your DDF or other resources which can go into PolioPlus Partners before 30 June. Remember, the money will go to the Gates Challenge, so let's get it in now to help with the existing projects.

The news story:

Tenn. woman dies in iron lung after power failure

By WOODY BAIRD

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — A Tennessee woman who spent more than 50 years in an iron lung died after a power failure shut down the machine that kept her breathing.

Dianne Odell died early Wednesday. The 61-year-old had been confined to the 7-foot-long machine since she was stricken by polio at 3 years old.

Brother-in-law Will Beyer said family members were unable to get an emergency generator working for the iron lung after a power failure knocked out electricity to the Odell family's residence near Jackson.

Odell spent her life in the iron lung, cared for by her parents and other family members. Though confined inside the 750-pound apparatus, Odell managed to get a high school diploma, take college courses and write a children's book.

Dan Mooers, PRID

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Your Editor

Gene Hastings, wishes to thank the many, many Rotarians and friends who expressed their sympathies on the death of Gene's youngest brother, Bob Hastings due to an accidental fall on May 20, just a few days prior to his 71st birthday.

No one of course expected such a tragedy and as you might imagine, it will be a long time before its impact will be lessened in any way.

Clara and I thank everyone so very much.



Bob
&
Pat

Camp Rotary Nearly Sold Out !



Waterfront and canoeing safety lessons at camp last year. Camp is a very safe environment with experts from many fields teaching the youngsters proper boating techniques!

If you wish to send a child to camp, please contact the camp at once as the first week of camp starts in July - right around the corner !! Call 1-978-352-9952



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

June 26 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson

July 3 - Loretta Cuffe O'Donnell & Bob Dugas

July 10 - Cindy Steger-Wilson & Adam Sherman

Please remember, Greeters have to **BREAK DOWN** also !!