

Our club had a booth in Central Square last week and explained Rotary to passers-by!!



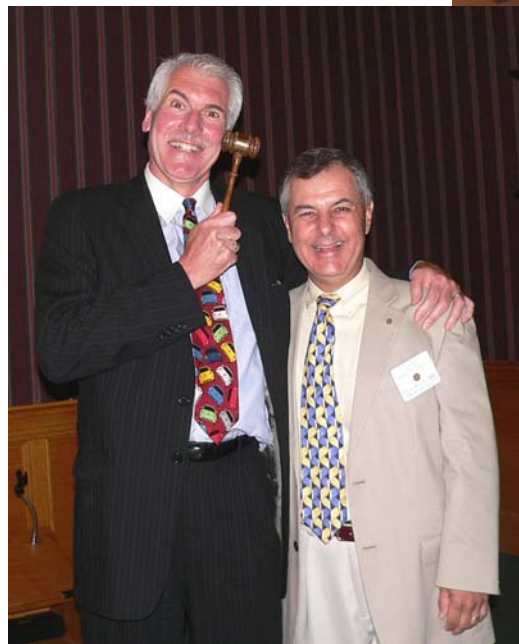
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President Mark Installed Virginia Doocy Presented Paul Harris Recognition



Passing the Gavel

was a fun operation as you can see - we have a formal photo also, but newly-elected president Mark Kenard was happy to "strike" a happy note for another photo opportunity. Mark's acceptance was nicely done



and he was thoughtful about the future of Rotary and what we as Rotarians can do to help the less fortunate worldwide.

Mark mentioned that as a member of our club he has served under 4 presidents, each with different emphases while effectively leading Ro-

tarians in service.

Obie led using humor, Ilia Stacy emphasized common sense, Virginia Doocy promoted organization and commitment and Jim Harris character and respect.

"I learned from them all" Mark said "and am looking forward to 2007-2008 - but will need each member to do his/her part this year!"

Jim Was All Smiles

as was Past President Virginia Doocy as one of Jim's last acts as President he presented a Paul Harris Recognition to Virginia!

Jim recited many of the wonderful volunteer efforts Virginia has done and continues to do for Lynn Rotary. Everyone stood and applauded of course and camera flashes were abundant in our large gathering

of Rotarians for this very special day!!

Congratulations, Virginia!!

A Tradition

is receiving a lovely Past President's Pin to wear but Rotary is quick to point out "It is not a real diamond" lest something think we are we are using charity funds for fancy jewelry!



President Mark and Ilia Stacy won the drawing - but of course, no money !!



What Did Your Editor See?

The Salt Lake City Convention of Rotary International was awesome and Clara and I were impressed even though this was our 14th!! Estimates are that 16,000 attendees were present!



Incoming RI president Wilf Wilkinson was impressive - I took this picture at the Northland Breakfast - an event we always sign up for as it is not only lots of fun but we meet many friends made over the years at Rotary!

Our Zones 31/32 Director, Mike McGovern from Maine was there too

of course and it was publicly announced that he will be RI Vice-President for Wilf for the coming year !

Below is a view of the 7 AM breakfast. Me? Get up that early? I cannot believe it myself!

I am smiling as I write this as Mike McGovern (photo at right) was elected at a special meeting in Albany, NY a couple of years ago and a Lynn member, yes, myself, was the chair of the election.

Did my fellow Lynn club members know that? Probably not.



Rotarians' Selflessness is Sorely Needed

*By Marjorie Cortez
Deseret Morning News*

I felt my grandpa's spirit today.

How could I not, in the midst of so many service-minded men and women from all over the world. The Rotary International is in Salt Lake for its annual gathering, which is the largest convention ever hosted in Salt Lake City.

For my grandfather, Nicholas Medina, Rotary International was a natural extension of a life of service. He was a Navy man, having served his country in World War II and Korea. He worked for the local office of Colorado's state employment service. At one point, he recruited seasonal agricultural laborers to work the farms in southern Colorado. He enjoyed helping people find employment because he be-

lieved in the dignity of work.

He also believed in giving back to his community so he became a Rotarian. He took a lot of pride in that, particularly when he became president of his local club.

I regret, now, that I didn't pay more attention to that aspect of his life. He was always a larger-than-life character in my mind. He was playful and funny, prone to breaking into song on long car trips. It took forever to run errands with him because he seemed to know every single person in Walsenburg, Colo. These outings sometimes tested my patience, but I was always proud to tag along.

Monday, as I walked through the Salt Palace Convention Center, I couldn't help but notice the many silver-topped men and women in attendance. Many service organizations are graying, meaning the membership is growing older, and there aren't as many members joining to sustain the groups.

It's not surprising, really. The Rotarian motto is "Service Above Self." My generation seems to have flipped that sensibility on its head with the "It's all about me" way of living.

It makes me wonder about the future of service organizations in general. What happens when these organizations that help to create a sense of community become extinct? Who will construct parks, host Fourth of July pancake breakfasts or provide college scholarships? Who will conduct youth events to build up our next generation of leaders? Who, as Rotary International has done, will act globally to help wipe out diseases such as polio through an aggressive immunization program?

Seeing the many faces of Rotarians from across the globe (this convention is the largest international gathering in Salt Lake since the 2002 Winter Games), it's apparent that Rotary International is a long way from joining the ranks of the dinosaurs. I was pleasantly surprised by the rich diversity and relative youth of the convention crowd.

Take 26-year-old Cris Wallace of Lake Elsinore, Calif., who is walking 2,658 miles from Campo, Calif., on the U.S.-Mexico border, to Manning Provincial Park, British Columbia, to raise money and awareness to end polio worldwide. She hopes to raise \$1 million to wipe out polio in the four nations where it persists: Nigeria, Afghanistan, India and Pakistan.

Wallace said members of her hometown Rotary club range in age from 24-70. "It's very addictive. You want to make a difference. You want to bring about change," Wallace said. Those are not just words. She's walking the walk. She has a personal connection to the cause. In February, Wallace immunized children against polio in Nigeria.

As in my grandfather's time, the organization remains committed to eradication of disease and hunger, promoting literacy; providing safe water and advancing world peace. It also encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, something we could use a lot more of these days.

The 17,000 Rotarians visiting Salt Lake represent a total membership of some 1.2 million men and women from 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. Their respective communities should be very proud of the service they render. Perhaps more so, they should be inspired by men and women who, in so many cultures that prize material wealth and self-indulgence, somehow manage to keep their priorities straight.

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GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

July 5 - Virginia Doocy & Loretta Cuffe-O'Donnell

July 12 - Bob Kennedy & Rich Cuffe

July 19 - Obie Barker & Bill Simpson

NO TIPS NEWSLETTERS UNTIL JULY 19

Your editor will be away for two weeks - unless we get a volunteer (which seems unlikely). Remember your door duty !!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 5: Yes, we meet on the 5th. . . . Come and have some fun at Rotary!

July 12: Wendy Kent, Lynn Communities That Care



July 19: Nick Sarantopoulos and the members of our new Rotaract Club!

Last Week

Photos by PP Jim Harris

Central Square was alive and well thanks to the new life in Lynn downtown and enthusiastic men and women of the community who have been adding

action and ideas to the area.

Photographer Jim Harris even caught the incoming railroad train (see photo below, left) just prior to the down-pour that sent everyone scattering for cover !!

