

Our Summer Speakers Program Schedule Will Soon Begin!

If you have a suggestion please contact Loretta at 781-599-1450!

**EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR**

A Busy Meeting With Some Wonderful Food !



President-Elect Elaine Kurkul

ran our meeting Thursday and one thing that we learned immediately is that when Elaine strikes the bell, *she means it!*

There was no official speaker this week although Loretta is working on getting some great presentations! Please give her a call with some good ideas.



OUR \$295 POT

was in jeopardy when lovely Lydia Steger-Wilson drew the tickets of lucky Rotarians Jack Ryder and Joyce Elliot - but worry not, the money is safe!

Our Club Received

a beautiful letter from one of our scholarship winners, Pengse Po.

Dear Rotary Club of Lynn:

I cannot show enough gratitude to the Rotary Club of Lynn for this special occasion. I would like to take this fortunate opportunity to share my past experience that brought me being here today. During high school I was determined to work hard in school to achieve my goals in life. One of my goals is continuing my education at a University. I know I had such a strong dream but I cannot pursue that dream without financial assistance. Fortunately, the Rotary Club of Lynn has recognized my accomplishments throughout my high school career and has awarded me with this wonderful gift, fulfilling my financial needs and allowing me to further my dreams.

With the help from the Rotary Club of Lynn, I could go on to pursue my dream in college. I plan to go to University of Massachusetts Amherst for two years from which I will transfer to my dream school Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to focus more on Architecture and Civil Engineering.

The Rotary Club of Lynn has given me a chance to move closer to my goals such as enjoying a great education at MIT. With the high cost of education, I will need every penny and dime to help me climb up and confront the obstacles in college - to fight for my dreams. I will promise to try my best to help other high

school children see their dreams just like Rotary Club of Lynn helped me. I believe giving back to community is everyone's duty and that we should serve each other as a united family. Also, I believe actions speak louder than words, therefore I will taking actions to being a good citizenship for the society.

Today shall last forever in my memory, and I would like to say thank you to Rotary Club of Lynn for making my dream come true and I will go on to college and make you proud. Please accept my gratitude.

Sincerely, Pengse Po

Thank You.

Here We Are - The New Rotary Year!

As most of you know, I am your current newsletter editor and ALSO am the club's Foundation Chair - and this latter position has been causing me some concern.

Our donations this past year have been, frankly, quite disappointing. I read much Rotary Foundation material as part of my responsibility and realized that are some local clubs who have 100% yearly participation in the Foundation - we certainly do not!

A few clubs even have members who give \$1,000 each year - not just \$100!

It still confuses Rotarians (I am not surprised) that the "Rotary Year" and the calendar or tax years are different. But, it is a fact, they are different - and we have to live with it.

The Rotary year is from July 1 to June 30. Period.

Many of our newer members have yet to have donated ANYTHING to our Foundation, let alone \$100!

Please remember, your club dues only pay for our EXPENSES, **not our world charities such as the elimination of polio or Peace or Ambassadorial scholarships.**

The only way we, as Rotarians, can help world peace and understanding IS THROUGH OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION.

Our dues do not cover these outstanding Rotary programs, only our Foundation does!

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of every dollar given to our Foundation goes to programs!

How? Our donations are put in 3-year interest-bearing accounts that pay the administrative expenses of our Foundation and then are drawn out to do the work of Rotary - 100% !! What other charitable organization can prove to the world they have 100% zero-expense funding?

PLEASE - this year, decide to participate in OUR Foundation !! Maria can bill you quarterly with your club billings if you prefer that method - it can be easier for many than one check and several of our members currently use this method each year.

WILL YOU HELP THIS YEAR?



New RI president stresses diversity

Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee stressed that a diverse Rotary is a strong Rotary during a visit to the Rotary Club of Chicago on 1 July.

As part of a long-standing tradition for RI presidents, Lee addressed members of the Chicago club, the birthplace of Rotary, as one of his first official acts. He stressed the need to bring in new leadership to take over for the old as part of the 2008-09 RI theme, Make Dreams Real.



Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee (center) with District Governor Michael Slevnik (left) and Rotary Club of Chicago President Arol Augsburgur during Lee's visit to the club July 1.

"Every Rotarian that we bring into our clubs helps to Make Dreams Real," Lee said, to a packed second-floor room in the elegant Union League Club in downtown Chicago. "Every single one is another pair of hands, and another mind, and another heart to do Rotary's work."

Lee called on every district to increase membership by 10 percent and to add two clubs during this Rotary year.

"If we do not bring in younger members, we will miss out on a great deal of energy and expertise," he added. "And we will not be training a new generation of members to become club presidents, district governors, and senior RI leaders in the years to come."

Lee said the membership of a healthy Rotary club is made up of men and women of different ages, vocations, professions, skills, and talents. A club that is not diversified is less able to conduct ambitious projects and has a narrower range of resources.

As part of the push for growth, Lee asked Rotarians to be creative in promoting membership and to expand their quest for new members.

"There are many qualified professionals who may simply be overlooked because their professions are not typical for Rotary members," he said.

At the International Assembly in January, Lee unveiled the 2008-09 theme and service emphases, urging Rotarians to become involved in clean water, literacy, and health and hunger projects aimed at reducing child mortality. He also encouraged them to contribute to Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge to eradicate polio.

"We will Make Dreams Real by giving children hope and a chance at a future," Lee said.

Chicago club member Ruth Ann Watkins said it is fitting for the new RI president to begin his year at the club.

"Rotary started here. It carries historical significance and continues our focus on the future," Watkins said.

Club president Arol Augsburgur, who was inducted during the meeting, said Lee's remarks hit all the right notes. He also praised Lee's theme choice: "We reach a much broader audience, and it broadens our sphere of influence to promote diversity."

Local Rotarians Provided Clean Water for an Entire Community in Honduras!

Make sure you read the upcoming article in the June District Governor's Newsletter!

Several local Rotarians traveled to Honduras and helped set up pure water filtration in many homes which will save lives in that region of their country!

THE FACTS:

- ◆ Our district raised \$40,307 from 19 clubs plus 10 substantial additional ***individual donations***
- ◆ Our district added \$30,000 in District Designated matching funds (DDF)
- ◆ **Total budget was \$120,611.00**
- ◆ There were also funds raised by our water committee
- ◆ The Rotary Foundation contributed an additional \$50,204.
- ◆ 1,700 Filters are now included
- ◆ Duct Tape Regatta funds since 2005 were not applied to the grant, as all funding for a project closes with the approval of the grant.
- ◆ However, the Regatta funds have gone to La Cieba in other forms of support - supplementing the project and making it run more smoothly!

If in the future you are asked to participate in or donate to, a clean water program run by Rotarians - **SAY YES !!** Let's put LYNN Rotary "on the map" !!!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

July 17 - Jerry Bovardi & Elaine Kurkul

July 24 - Bill Simpson & Jan Reardon

July 31 - Mark Kennard & Joyce Elliott

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