

Lynn Rotary TIPS

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Next Meeting:

August 17

Cindy Steger-Wilson urges our male members to bring their spouses to this one! Linda Tanfani of Nahant, who makes custom jewelry out of beach glass will have a demonstration of her techniques and have some items available, too!

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Michele Desmarais Elected Vice-President !



Mark Kennard

served as Emcee again this week and announced that Michele was nominated and elected by the board of directors as Vice President of our club!

The Vice President will serve on our board as she has been doing but will eventually become incoming president of our great club!

Congratulations, Michele!!



President Jim Harris

was up and testing his new hip the same day it was implanted, so goes the story told by Mark at our meeting Thursday!

Jim wanted to pass along his thanks for the lovely flowers sent to him by our club.

He is doing well and soon will be deeply engaged in energetic therapy and we expect to see him after a few weeks of learning to walk again.

Cards may be sent to Jim at his home, 10 Nancy Road, Lynn 01904.

Reverend Bill

was our speaker this week and his chosen subject was Mel Gibson. Apparently conversation at his table the previous week centered on the anti-Semitic outburst publicized in the international press recently & caused Bill concern as "everyone" automatically condemned Gibson and "wrote him off" as a person they might someday want to meet.



Bill pointed out that there was much about Gibson that was positive and that his outburst to the police upon being stopped for drunk driving might not be a full indication of the real person.

As many Rotarians may remember, Mel Gibson recently donated \$1 million to disaster relief and insisted that the Rotary Foundation be the conduit as he trusted our Foundation to handle the funds with care and do "the right thing". Bill also pointed out that Gibson has

founded many Catholic churches in the west including one with the services 100% in Latin, following the original format of the Catholic church.

Bill's emphases seemed essentially to say that a person is not necessarily "all good" or "all bad" and should not be totally condemned for one vicious outburst.

Gibson is reportedly known in his community as having had a severe alcohol problem and hopefully a strong rehabilitation program may produce some results in future months.

Thank you Bill for your presentation.

Our Pot

is reportedly over \$300 but Maria was not sure just who had the booty!

In any event, Virginia Doocy and Rich Brangiforte attempted to wrest the cash from its mystery location but without any luck.

Bob Risch

was yanked into action as finemaster and the last to arrive, Nick Sarantopoulos, carried the fine box and contributed \$2 to do so!



Reverend Bill paid \$2 for his smile and Jerry Bovardi for not sitting at his "usual table".

As a clever ploy, Bob then fined all bankers in the room \$2 each and that filled up the box quite nicely !!



Our August Birthdays

Include:

John Connor

Ron Johanson

Dave Surface



Irving Farber Dies

Former member Irving L. Farber, in recent years a resident of Delray Florida, died at home August 4 after a lengthy illness. He was 89.

Irv joined our club in March, 1972 and was proprietor of Farber Shoes on Market Street for many years and later of Dalton's on Broad Street. He was involved in many community activities including being a corporator of Union Hospital.

He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Services were held Sunday in Salem, burial at the Temple Beth El section of Cong. Shirat Hyam Cemetery in Peabody.

He is survived by a sister and brother, two grandchildren and locally by his son Gerald Farber of Salem.



A True Story?

Bubba, a furniture dealer from Arkansas, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris he met with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home in Arkansas.

To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which he did not understand), and motioned toward the chair. He invited her to sit down.

He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language so, after a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her.

She nodded, and he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music. They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

To this day, Bubba has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

Nigeria targets 10 million with new immunization strategy

During an immunization campaign in early July, Nigeria's National Program on Immunization rolled out a new strategy to halt the transmission of polio in the country.

The new approach, called Immunization Plus Days, involves delivering the oral polio vaccine through a combination of door-to-door and fixed-post immunizations in five days. This would be part of a package that includes vaccines for diphtheria, measles, tetanus, and whooping cough.

Health workers and volunteers also can simultaneously carry out other health campaigns, such as distributing vitamin A pills or mosquito nets to check the spread of malaria. The new strategy was first carried out as a pilot program during vaccination campaigns in May and June.

More than 10 million children in 11 polio-endemic states in northern Nigeria were targeted during the campaign, launched on 29 June. Religious and traditional leaders were involved in the effort during the social mobilization stage, which is a big change. In 2003, several religious and traditional leaders were on the forefront of an oral polio vaccine boycott. Before medical experts managed to persuade suspicious residents that the vaccine was harmless, the boycott led to a polio outbreak that swept across Nigeria. The outbreak eventually reinfected more than a dozen polio-free countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

According to Ade Adefeso, chair of the Nigeria Polio-Plus Committee, the new approach is already producing positive results. "The new strategy is working and, if properly applied, it will assist us in reaching every child with oral polio vaccine in accelerated time," Adefeso says. "The introduction of the fixed posts created confidence in the populace who had long regarded the house-to-house immunization with suspicion."

Many residents of northern Nigeria are devout Muslims, and they frown upon strangers going door-to-door for any reason. Administering the oral polio vaccine at fixed posts, such as medical clinics, respects their religious and cultural values.

The new strategy is also aimed at strengthening routine immunization by promoting the availability of vaccines at health centers. Currently, Nigeria has the second-lowest rate of routine immunizations in the world. Health officials hope that eventually more parents will bring their children for polio immunizations, even when there are no supplementary immunization activities.

Edugie Abebe, National Program on Immunization chief executive, is upbeat about the outcome of the new approach. "I believe that if we continue what we are doing — engaging the states and local governments — before the end of the year, we would have made significant inroads into reducing the transmission of the wild poliovirus," she told Voice of America.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

August 17 - Art Horgan & Gene Hastings
August 24 - Adam Sherman & Nick Sarantopoulos
August 31 - Bill Simpson & Jerry Bovardi