

Future Meetings:

September 7

Jane Bowers
Lynn Museum &
Historical Society:

4 Weeks in
Amsterdam with the
Group Study Exchange
Team

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Linda Tanfani Shows Beautiful Beach Glass Jewelry



A Gift of the Ocean

Our speaker this week was Linda Tanfani who told us how, walking on the beach in Nahant one day, she noticed some beautiful pieces of colored glass and some tiny china remnants - a few with the name of a china company still visible!



After a large storm, there might be dozens of beautiful pieces of glass and pottery that have washed up on the beach. The colors of the glass are bright and quite remarkable. She commented that

beach glass on Cape Cod in comparison, is typically brown, really not that pretty.

She has learned after study that much of the glass were from large shipments from Europe that were sent to America as tableware and glassware, only to have been lost when the cargo ships sunk in a storm or perhaps broke up striking a reef. The lost cargo might well have been resting on the ocean floor for 100 years or more - only to appear on the beaches of Nahant and be transformed into jewelry!



Beach Glass



These items and more can be found on her website: www.treasurebeach.biz

Thanks to Cindy Steger-Wilson for the program and for introducing Linda to our club!

Jane Bowers To Speak

We will have a very interesting presentation on September 7, Jane Bowers, an executive with the Lynn Museum and Historical Society, was selected as one of the 4 GSE (Group Study Exchange) participants this year to visit Amsterdam Holland under the auspices of Rotary International.

Their team leader, a Rotarian, was

Douglas Holmes, secretary of the Rotary Club of Lexington, who had worked many years in the Netherlands and knew the area well.

Jane will describe her experiences during her 4 weeks on the expedition and what she has learned about the region!

Make sure you attend that day and bring a guest - it should be well worth it!!



Jane Bowers

5 P.M. at My Brother's Table August 30

Our club will be serving that Wednesday evening - that's the week after next - be sure to be on time! It is always a pleasure to help at the Table and to insure that those who are hungry and cannot put food on their own tables can receive a nourishing meal.

Only 15 Cards Left

and this week a huge number of tickets were sold with Obie and Rich Cuffe sure to win - but they did not!! Make sure to join the fun next week!!

Sergeant-At-Arms Bob Hastings

tried hard to raise a little money for our charity fund Thursday and started by nabbing Bob Risch for \$2. He then hit Bill Simpson for \$2 for having in his possession a lottery ticket! (Someone planted it on him I guess.)

Virginia did not escape the \$2 either. Maria paid with the news she might soon be in Honolulu! Photos for TIPS Maria!! Required viewing!!

Jo Ann thought she had escaped the long arm of the finemaster but she did not - and neither did Ilia telling about 400 lbs. of shrimp donated to My Brother's Table. Ilia almost escaped, but it was not to happen!

Our guest this week was Deborah Smith Walsh, guest of Cindy - and for talking to Debbie, Rich Cuffe had to pay dearly!!

Everyone not fined was asked to donate to the fine box and since late Maria was the keeper of the box, everyone participated.



Rotarian shows courage and humor when faced with danger

By Vanessa Glavinskas, The Rotarian

Excerpted from an e-mail from Rotarian Charles Adams:

"Almost everyone had a revolver and there were three or four long guns, as well...Fidel was driving and I was working on my notes in the back seat....All of a sudden, Fidel in was hauled out of the driver's seat....Apparently, I was more reluctant than he to get out....So the gang poured in all four doors, each person seeming to grab a piece of me to yank me out their door....My clothes were ripped to shreds....When one of them started firing his rifle into the ground beneath me, it was clearly time to be cooperative."

Charles Adams, a member of the Rotary Club of Glens Falls, New York, USA, made international news in July when a gang of kidnappers snatched him and his driver from their rental car in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Adams was visiting the Caribbean nation to work on water filtration projects on behalf of his club, along with the organizations Clean Water for Haiti and Pure Water for the World. But on 19 July, Adams's trip was interrupted when he was kidnapped and held captive. The gang demanded US\$500,000 for his release.

In an e-mail to friends and family, which was also posted on several news Web sites, Adams candidly recounted every moment of his kidnapping:

"Except for hassle of demanding ransoms, the gang was very courteous....Actually, I got to talk to the gang a good bit about how to set up clean water projects in the areas they controlled....I suggested that they could save the lives of thousands of the children of their own people dying in Cite Soleil with clean water, and I suggested that this would be pretty good PR for their gang."

From his account, it seems Adams gradually won the affection of his captors:

"I found it easier to make friends than to be miffed over the whole affair, so every time someone new came into the room, I'd stand up and introduce myself. That amused them and they reciprocated."

After holding Adams and his driver captive overnight (the driver managed to escape in the early morning hours), the kidnappers told Adams he was free to go — even though they had not collected a ransom. They escorted him back to his rental car and guarded him until he reached a safe area for him to drive away alone. Bewildered, Adams then spent the afternoon with UN police, who were equally surprised that he was freed without a ransom being paid.

"It's just like Charles to talk himself out of something like this," says Sandra Aubin, an administrator at Adams's Taeria Foundation, which focuses on aid to developing countries, as well as affordable housing, economic development, and the arts. Even officials at the U.S. Embassy believe no other American has ever been released without paying a ransom.

As for Adams, he still has no idea why he was released, but he isn't dwelling on it. "There are three or four theories on why I was released, but I really don't know why," says Adams, who stayed in Haiti to continue his work after the kidnapping. "Going home was a temptation, but frankly, I view it very much like an auto accident....This was just a random occurrence, and I'm satisfied to think that lightning only strikes once."

Now, he is back to work as usual. On his schedule: firming up a Rotary structure to plan and manage water programs in Haiti, continuing to gather funding for the projects, and beginning production of BioSand water filters in Gonaïves, Haiti.

"In a strange way, this has been a good thing to bring attention to Rotary and the water projects I'm working on," Adams adds. "Any way my story can be of use to Rotary is fine with me."

Read more in the November 2006 issue of *The Rotarian*.

The war on polio will not be won until the last case of polio is gone which must be done as quickly as possible. Importations of polio affecting children in adjacent countries and threatening children all over the world will remain a reality until we achieve our goal.

Every Rotary club needs to demonstrate resolve and support for fellow Rotarians conducting social mobilization in the polio-endemic, importation, and high risk countries.

These Rotarians are working on the front lines of the battle against polio. They organize volunteers to go door-to-door to deliver the vaccine, inform parents about the need for vaccine and how to get it, and put the drops into children's mouths.

In order to be successful, they need tools that require additional funding of at least US\$3 million in 2006-07. **These tools are provided through the PolioPlus Partners program.**

If you would like to volunteer for a mission ask Gene for details!



"Did we mention that we spent last summer in Maine?"

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

August 24 - Adam Sherman & Nick Sarantopoulos

August 31 - Bill Simpson & Jerry Bovardi

September 7 - Adam Sherman & Connie Colom