

Lynn Rotary TIPS

September 1, 2006 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

Future Meetings:
NEXT MEETING
September 7
Jane Bowers

4 Weeks in
Amsterdam with the
Group Study Exchange
Team

September 14
Obie Barker
RYLA

September 21
Pete Lally

Marketing Director for City
Hall Auditorium

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Wow! \$535.00 In The Pot!



President Jim Returns!

Jim returned in all his glory sporting his new hip and a nice new pair of crutches for walking! He announced he can now drive again and to celebrate the first day he drove to his local sub shop and ordered a great big sandwich for lunch!



Jim also told us about his newest grandson born July 31 - and how the family is celebrating the new arrival! Congratulations a second time!!

My Brother's Table Report

A warm thank-you to everyone who served at the table Wednesday evening! Participating were Art and Jan Horgan, Bob Hastings, Mark Kennard, Bill Simpson, Maria Bazzi, Jerry Bovardi, Rich Cuffe, Dave Richardson, Bob Kennedy (and two of his very attractive and smart grandchildren), Ron Johanson and of course Ilia Stacy!

Approximately 200 meals were served the needy that evening!!

Visiting Rotarian

Breaking bread with us this week was PDG John Hooper of Salem Rotary and his talented wife Joan! Hoop announced he is now sleeping with a new Paul Harris Fellow - and when the laughter died, he explained more fully.

Bob Hastings

was Sergeant-At-Arms this week and fined brother Gene \$5 for forgetting to show up at the table Wednesday. \$2 fines were levied on Virginia Doocy, Jo Ann Noyes & Bob Kennedy. Obie Barker paid \$2 for missing the table (he was giving a talk in Hartford for the Boy's & Girl's Club); \$2 fines also for Jack Ryder, Art Horgan, Michele Desmarais and finally Dave Richardson for a horrible pun!!

Our Big Pot

created quite a stir as the number of cards is tiny and then a bigger fuss when **Obie had BOTH ticket stubs** as drawn by Joan Hooper!!

Both numbers lost !!!

Rotary World Peace Fellow

As a 2003-05 Rotary World Peace Fellow, Susan Stigant studied peace building theories. Now living and working in Sudan, she is using her education to help that country get back on its feet.

Stigant, from Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, works for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a U.S. group that supports democratic practices globally. Her assignment is to work with the government of South Sudan in drafting its first constitution.

It's an ideal fit for Stigant. She earned a

master's degree in political science, writing her thesis about Sudan, from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (which shares a Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution with Duke University).



For 21 years, Sudan was embroiled in a civil war between the largely Muslim Arab north and the Christian and animist south. In 2005, the Sudanese government signed a peace deal with southern rebels, granting autonomy to the south. Though the peace still holds, millions in Africa's largest country have not seen the benefits. Regional violence rages in the western province of Darfur while citizens displaced by decades of strife live in makeshift camps that depend on foreign aid for survival.

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Happy Birthday!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Maria Bazzi Rich Cuffe
Rich Brangiforte Tom Lynch
Steve Walsh





DID I READ THAT SIGN CORRECTLY?

At The Porthole:

TOILET OUT OF ORDER.
PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE
REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES
WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT

In a London department store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP
LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK
OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE
TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN
ON THE DRAINING BOARD

Outside a secondhand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING
MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR
WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop window:

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so)

ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN
AND DOESN'T KNOW IT,
THERE IS DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS
THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Message on a leaflet:

IF YOU CANNOT READ, THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL
YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS

On a repair shop door:

WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING.
(PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR -
THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)



Rotary Peace Fellow (Continued)

Based in Juba, Sudan, and Nairobi, Kenya, Stigant works with other national and international nongovernmental organizations to help Sudanese officials understand the legal framework of the peace agreement and the South Sudan constitution. She is also working on the production of a civic education radio program and conducts listening groups with citizens on democratic principles, some of which are then taped for national radio.

"I find the politics of it fascinating — watching a country go through the process of setting up a government," says Stigant.

Life is not always easy in Juba. Stigant sleeps on a military-style cot in a small tent. She also contracted malaria shortly after arriving.

"It's the people I work with who keep me going — and seeing that the work you're doing has incredible impact," says Stigant.



Stigant lives in a simple tent at a base in Juba.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

September 7 - Adam Sherman & Connie Colom

September 14 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson

September 21 - Rich Cuffe & Bob Kennedy