

## Speaker Schedule

**September 18**  
Board Meets with  
District Governor  
Tom Elliott  
Governor Tom Will  
Be Our  
Speaker, Too!

**September 25**  
Grace Martins  
GSE Team Leader  
to Brazil

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US \$100  
EVERY YEAR

# Rich B. Wins The Pot !!



**\$526 Happy Dollars** to Rich Brangiforte from President Michele!! Your editor has several such photos in the files - may print them all as a trip through history at a later date!!

## 5 Wishes

is the title of a fine program created by Aging With Dignity in Florida which has received rave reviews regionally. Annmary Connor & Denise Hitchman of the Abbott House in Lynn presented an overview of the concept at our meeting Thursday and passed out a comprehensive 12-page printout to everyone.

The concept is for every person to answer thoughtful questions that might affect someone should he or she suddenly find themselves in a hospital due to a stroke, auto accident, fall or what have you and due to the inability to speak would not be able to express preferences on medications, pain treatment, family and a myriad of personal situations in their future.

Each page in the book is worth studying.

Annmary and Denise have extra copies at no charge if our members would like some.



Michele thanked Denise and Annmary with some Rotary souvenir mugs!

**A Nice Editorial** appeared this week on Wednesday's editorial page of the Daily Item by Mark Kennard where he discussed the needs of those who unfortunately find themselves the victims of substance abuse - and, how, with help, can recover their lives. Nicely written, Mark!

## A Reunion



The tables were full today and this table was a gathering of Rotarians who have been members of Lynn Rotary for several years! A special visitor was Knut Fischer, now a resident of Germany, shown on the far left!

## Adam Sherman Installed Master of Mt. Carmel Lodge

Adam follows his father and grandfather as a Mason but the first in the family to be installed as a Master of the Masonic Lodge. He accomplished that in a very short time, as he's been a member of the lodge for only 8 1/2 years. He is one of the youngest Masters installed.



Congratulating Adam following the Monday evening ceremonies were fellow Lynn Rotarians Bob Dugas and David Richardson.



## Why Do Rotarians Leave Rotary?

Below are some comments received on the Rotary International website when the question above was posed. I am publishing these in TIPS as we are in need of some new, active members in Lynn Rotary having suddenly lost some valuable members for various reasons.

### *Some of the comments received:*

I fear this question comes too late. By the time someone decides to resign and tells the club about it, they are already (mentally) gone. Instead, what would have happened had members of the club noticed his attendance suddenly falling off. Did anyone call him up, ask if everything was OK? Ask if the club could do anything to help? Assure him that we all get to times when life requires more of us than hours in a day, but that his Rotary Club would be there for him and would work something out with him? Being proactive like this might have changed the situation from a resignation to a creative problem solving session that would either help the member stay in the club or leave the door open to his returning. And if he does leave on good terms, keep in touch so that he may return when the stresses calm down (as they usually do). Just my two cents. (Just my opinion.) Scott M. Sherman President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Palmer Massachusetts USA District 7890



This month's problem-solving forum focuses on how to retain club members who are facing time pressure from family and work commitments.

By the time a member decides to leave, it's almost too late. But, what I'd do is have lunch with this person and tell them the story of Rotary. Recently we got two weeks at a resort on Maui (Hawaii, USA). What I really wanted was a trip to Kauai where I have many memories and where I know the area well. The solution was to study Maui. Then I found that I was really looking forward to the trip, planned for this November. When I speak to Rotary clubs, I talk about learning the background of anything you get involved with. Hence the value of Rotary's history. A member who knows the history will more likely remain and contribute. See [www.rghf.org](http://www.rghf.org) for more. Make history a priority in your clubs and you'll have better retention and TRF contributions. Regards, Jack Selway, RGHF Founder and CEO [ceo@rghf.org](mailto:ceo@rghf.org)

PDG DEBASISH MITRA wrote: I would talk to him about the feeling of ownership of the Rotary Club. It is your own Club & its members are part of your own family. Your absence will be missed - a loss which can never be regained. Together you do so much for so many who really need you. Just like you need to give attention to your family & work you also need to pay back something to the community that has given you so much. We all have a responsibility towards the future generation & we must leave behind a better world for them. Rotary gives us ordinary people extraordinary opportunities to reach out to the suffering humanity. Let us give a life worth living & when you live for others you really live. You get back from life what you give to it. Leave behind a legacy - leave behind marks in the sands of time my friend.

Paul Agbroko, D9140 Nigeria wrote: I just wonder how much time we spend for Rotary that any serious member who believes in the overall good Rotary carries out in the world, can not accommodate in his family and work schedules. I have a feeling the member may not be telling me the 'whole truth' as his reason for wanting to leave Rotary. So first I will prod him/her to get to know what's behind it all. It may well be that weekly fellowships have lost their attraction, or member does not feel challenged enough for his abilities and talents by the club, or member feels club does not care enough about their welfare, etc On the whole, my idea of a good Rotary club is one where more and more people seek to join and nobody wants to leave - not even the one who has genuine work and family schedules.

RUTH PALMER wrote: To remain in Rotary it takes commitment, it largely depends on your initial contact, your proposer and also your orientation. With the pressure of today's world our Rotarians need encouragement and I would often share my joys of serving giving service above self. We have invited Rotarians to reconsider their resignations and by sharing you will realize that sometimes he does not feel a part of the club. Sometimes to retain a member you must be their friend and most times when he/she is encouraged to have a Rotarian for life. That exit interview is very critical. pressures, you realize that, they were either not involved in the Club's activities or they joined for the wrong reasons.



Fellow Rotarians - please be sure to read the urgent message from Pure Water officials on the third page.

The hurricanes have destroyed much of the work Pure Water has done in Haiti - details are in the announcement.

Thanks.

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

September 18 - Cindy Steger-Wilson & Gene Hastings

September 25 - Elaine Kurkul & Mark Kennard

October 2 - Jim Harris & Virginia Doocy

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





We are very concerned for our staff and families living in the flooded areas. The water swept thru their houses taking everything. There is no food or water, and little hope. Against all odds, our staff is continuing to manufacture water filters, but they are obviously concerned for their families. One lost a family member when the last hurricane hit Jacmel. We are grateful that our staff is committed to continuing the work, but we need to provide them with immediate support.

Here are two ways you can help:

1. Donate directly to Pure Water's project in Haiti. This will help us bring the clean water to school children who need it.
2. Donate to the Rotary Club of Petion-Ville. The club members are organizing kits containing: plates, utensils, toilet paper, soaps, and other necessary essentials. You can email the Club President, Alain Haspil [ahaspil@yahoo.com](mailto:ahaspil@yahoo.com). Or you can send your tax-deductible donation to Pure Water for the World and we will transfer those funds to the Petion-Ville Rotary Club within 24 hours.

These are people in great need. Please help us reach them.

Please send all donations to: **Pure Water for the World**  
**P.O. Box 55**  
**Rutland, VT 05702**

Online donations: <http://www.purewaterfortheworld.org/>


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## Join the Rotary District 7930 Water Committee return trip to Honduras! April 17<sup>th</sup>-April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The District 7930 Water Committee proudly announces our 2009 10-day service trip to LaCeiba, Honduras! This trip provides hands-on experience with installing water filters as well as other service projects. No previous experience necessary. Students age 14 and up are welcome with a Rotarian guardian. Only 20 spots available and will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis; deposits will be accepted until January 2, 2009, based on availability.

For 2009 Service Trip info:	For Water Committee info:
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To reserve a space, please send your name, traveler contact information and a \$250 per person deposit by January 2, 2009 to:  
Holiday Travel \* Attn: Amy Luckiewicz  
402 Main Street \* Wakefield, MA 01880



Total cost will be approximately \$2148.00 per person based on double occupancy. Single occupancy option available for additional cost and triple occupancy rate reduction available. Rates include round trip airfare from Boston, 9 nights' accommodation, on-site transfers, make-up meeting at LaCeiba Rotary Club, some meals, some gratuities, and more. Project in partnership with Pure Water for the World and the Rotary Club of LaCeiba, Honduras.