

Upcoming Programs

Next Meeting Governor Julia Phelps will be our Guest !

Board of Directors Meets With Julia at 11:00 AM

Red Cross of Mass Bay September 27

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

Joyce Wins Pair of Red Sox Tickets!



Nick Sarantopoulos donated a pair of Red Sox tickets playing the Minnesota Twins on September 30 to a special raffle fundraiser to help our new **LYNN ROTARACT CLUB** of young business and professional members. The quick off-the-cuff promo raised \$220 !!

Joyce loves baseball and this will be quite a game! Thank you both !!

President Mark

announced that next week our Board of Directors will meet at 11 A.M. (not 11:15) with Governor Julia Phelps prior to our meeting. Please be on time.

Mark also announced that our club will **underwrite the cost** of attending our **District Foundation Seminar Tuesday October 9 at the Burlington Marriott 4 - 8 PM (Registration at 3:15 PM)** and asks that our members attend and learn about our Rotary Foundation.

Order your Lynn Rotary Custom Polo Shirts now or forever lose the opportunity! They are quality shirts with our club name sewn in nicely - and are \$25 each! Please order directly from Jim Harris 781-598-0267, Email: jcharris10@comcast.net or at this Thursday's meeting - your final chance!

Bob Kennedy

sat at table zero this week and said he learned an entirely new aspect of Rotary he had never experienced previously!

Our Club Raffle

is up to \$203 and Nick Sarantopoulos drew the lucky tickets from the basket!

Ilia Stacy and Bob Kennedy tried hard but did not find the joker in the deck!!

Our Speaker Talked of Witchcraft

Carolyn Stanton, a major supporter of My Brother's Table and an active docent at the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem has long studied the witch trials in Salem and Salem Village in 1692 and gives tours on the subject at the museum.



Carolyn told us that back in those times everyone believed in witches and witchcraft worldwide! Witchcraft was accepted as a normal part of life - certain people had special powers.

Our laws were based on English common law and in the beginning "Spectral Evidence" was accepted as evidence - i.e. seeing a toad or a crow could be interpreted as this person or that person in the community who was in their "spectral mode" within the body of an animal or a bird.

Fortune tellers were common everywhere. Drop the white of an egg into a glass of water, watch it curl and move about and then interpret the movements as reading the future.

Showing us the addresses of the accusers and the accused, each marked by red or green dots, it appeared to Carolyn that most of those accused of witchcraft were in the more affluent areas and those doing the accusing were in the poorer areas. (Currently known as Danvers!) Crops had failed, there were many grudges and the mostly young girls accused those in the better areas.

A person accused of witchcraft could be legally jailed until trial - and had to pay for his or her food and lodging while in jail - which might be months!

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It appears that there were 200 people accused and 156 jailed during this period from February through October, 1692.

You could not be jailed if you did not admit to the charges - one person refused to admit to being a witch - so the acceptable practice, endorsed by the church, was to be pressed with huge stones - if innocent, God would allow the person to live and free him from the weight.

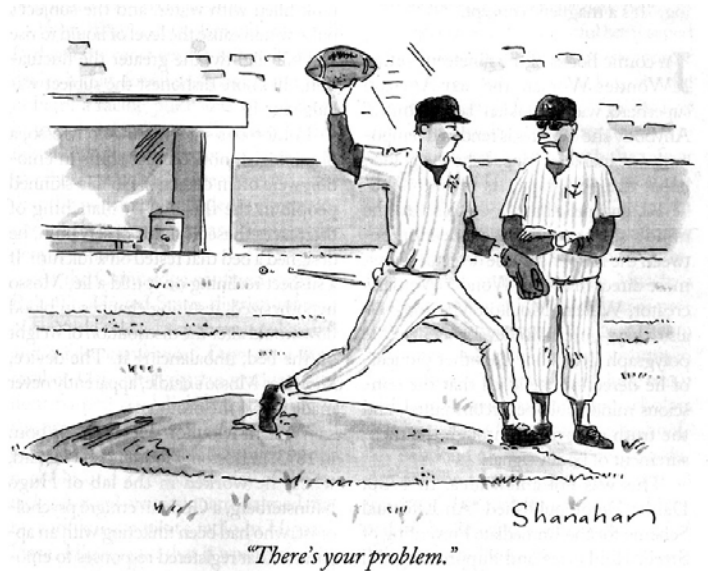


Carolyn received a Lynn Rotary Flag and a warm thank-you for her presentation from President Mark Kennard.

The one crushed was a man, almost all the others were women. The man died under the weight of the rocks!

Five years following the witchcraft mania nearly everyone apologized to the families and victims - realizing by then that the hysteria was just that - but it was too late for some.

Joyce Headed To The Fenway



But the really fun story is about **Art Horgan** Wednesday night at Fenway Park! That spectacular home run that won the game for the Sox was aiming through the air right at Art!

(So he thought!) What to do??

Art wondered so many thoughts - what if I catch it? Should I duck? What should I do? It is coming so fast - what will my friends say if I miss the ball?

Not to worry - it landed just a few feet from Art and it was not to be - but it was darned close and we almost had a local star at our meeting in Lynn this week!!

Ethics deals with questions at all levels. The subject's core consists of the fundamental issues of practical decision making, and its major concerns include the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions can be judged right or wrong.

For Rotary, **The Four-Way Test** is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and it will be in the future.

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

What Paul Harris Said

The website for these historical notes is:

<http://www.whatpaulharrissaid.org/>

In 1935 Paul Harris wrote his second major work, "This Rotarian Age," which can be read, in its entirety on our website.

In the book, he writes "The first sixty-seven years of the writer's life have been high times. He wouldn't have missed them for anything." However, he then proceeds to tell the world that for the previous four years he has been unable to practice law, due to a nervous breakdown. This is described in very few words on page 200 of his book.

Many years ago, I managed to acquire a copy of that book inscribed to a friend of Harris'. That amazing inscription and the story of Harris' health is found at <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/signature/rotarianage/index.htm>

It appears that Harris wrote the book, "This Rotarian Age" while he was recovering from this breakdown, and while staying at the home of a friend in Michigan. It makes for a fascinating read. The entire book is found at <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/rotarianage/rotarianage.htm> all 257 pages with illustrations.



Yours in Rotary History
Jack Selway,
Founder of RGHF
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Rotary eClub of The Southwest USA

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

September 20 - Rich Cuffe & Bob Kennedy
September 27 - Jerry Bovardi and David Surface
October 4 - Art Horgan & Jim Harris

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!