

## Next Week!

**October 6**

Dr. Wayne Trebbin  
North Shore Medical Center

**October 13**

Jerry Bovardi  
Classification Talk  
& Our Board Meeting

**October 27**

Auction  
Meeting

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

## Doug Murray Had Our Club Members Tied in Knots!

Jo Noyes Reports On Veterans' Meeting

Doug Murray presented a fascinating talk on the history of "Marlinspike Fancy Rope Work" They are the kinds of ropes you see on ships and in nautical theme restaurants.

President Virginia behaved herself Thursday - you can see why - the famous Cat "n 9 Tails used to submit unruly sailors into submission!



On the left you see a beautiful ship's wheel fully covered with gorgeous rope patterning, all hand crafted by our guest speaker. Doug gets calls year-long for custom decorating in homes, businesses and of course, for ocean-going vessels who want a decor similar to those created by sailors during the whaling ship days in the 16th and 17th centuries. Thanks go to Brian Magrane for a great program idea!

## Rich Cuffe

reported on the TV debate last week between our Rotary team and members of the Lynn City Council! Our team lost by only two points! The quiz and roulette activities were based entirely on Lynn trivia - and Rich was very impressed with the excellent preparation and creativity of the producers. It was one of many programs designed to increase awareness of our Lynn Public Library and there are expected to be more, so stay tuned!!

## Jo Ann Noyes

told us of the wonderful interface Tuesday evening among the Veterans at the Habitat Plus home and how gracious and hospitable the men were to herself and Ilia Stacy. That visit will be the first of many between Rotarians and the homeless men living at Habitat - the next visit will be in December and Jo and Ilia hope that many additional Rotarians will participate at that time!!

## Visitors

this week included Don Edwards, guest of Ilia and Virginia; Kevin Donahue, guest of Steve Walsh, Dick Newton and Rotarian Norm Crawley, guests of Art Horgan.

Our 2005-2006 Theme



**SERVICE Above Self**

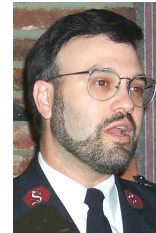
## Welcome Back John!

A great surprise Thursday was the return to our meetings by John Connor, walking briskly with his new hip! One member was heard to comment on John's broad grin - something he had not remembered seeing. "When you are in pain it is hard to smile" said John. "I am now pain-free and very happy!" So are we, John !!

## Our \$196 Pot

nearly went to our treasurer but it didn't happen! Bob Dugas and Maria Bazzi each thought they had the winning card.

## Edgar George



had his photo along with his youngsters in a recent issue of the Lynn Item - the story was about his spouse who also is a major in the Salvation Army. She has been assigned to service in the Katrina areas and has been helping people to survive the horrific hurricane.

Now our challenge is to get Ed to start attending our weekly meetings before he no longer qualifies for membership due to lack of attendance!! Any suggestions?



## The New \$10 Bill

Has red and orange in it! Why not save just ONE of these each month - that can make you a sustaining member of our foundation !!

## Thanks Bill Simpson!

Reverend Bill has again generously donated to our Rotary Foundation. This makes him a sustaining member for 2005-2006 - Bill has been a sustaining member for several years now. Wonderful !!

## Our Holiday Party

during the Christmas season may again become a reality! Virginia asked for a raising of hands of those interested and nearly every hand shot up!



## District 9100 renews Niger famine relief appeal

Yahya Jammeh, president of Gambia and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Fajara, has responded in a big way to an appeal from local Rotarians to support famine relief efforts in Niger. **"He has contributed 1,000 metric tons of rice to the Niger appeal,"** says Nicholas Mancus, chair of the RI District 9100 Health, Water, and Hunger Task Force. The district comprises 14 countries including Gambia and Niger. "This is a huge contribution and also makes Rotary a real partner in the Niger famine effort."

Jammeh's donation is the most generous response so far to the appeal from District 9100 Governor Laurence Kouassi, asking Rotarians in her district to each contribute a bag of rice to help feed the 3.5 million people in Niger who are at risk of starvation and death from a raging famine. Kouassi issued the appeal after visiting some of the worst-affected areas of the country, 20-22 August. Noting that the ravages of infant malnutrition are especially troubling, the district governor is renewing her appeal for a generous response from Rotarians for immediate and longer-term assistance to the famine disaster victims.

"The scope of the needs is such that our contributions are absolutely necessary," says Kouassi. "That is why, apart from the assistance of nongovernmental organizations and states, all Rotarians must act for Niger by an act of solidarity in order to provide food to children."

## Rotarians help relocate British student stranded by Katrina

After reading in a local paper that Hurricane Katrina left British exchange student Helen Adams stranded at a southern U.S. university, Past District 6400 Governor Bob Gallagher turned to fellow Rotarians to help get her out of the stricken region and back into school. Adams, who had been studying at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, survived the hurricane but felt helpless without food, electricity, and access to money. "I was shocked because of all the devastation," said the 20-year-old student on exchange from Keele University in Staffordshire, England.

The University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada, where Gallagher serves on the board, granted Adams a transfer, but she was unable to escape the Gulf Coast. "I knew I could help her," Gallagher said. "It needed to be done."

Hattiesburg was under a dusk-to-dawn curfew and local media reported an increase in crime that included rampant looting, break-ins, and shootings. Adams was scared and felt increasingly isolated as students - including her roommate - left campus to join their families.

Gallagher spoke with Adams on 3 September. "I knew if she didn't transfer she'd go home [to Liverpool] and that would cause her to fall behind in her classes," he said. "So I went to my club and said we need to do something."

Two anonymous members of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, offered to purchase Adams an airline ticket. The closest town with an available flight was Jackson, Mississippi, located 90 miles northwest of Hattiesburg. "I needed to get her to the airport, but every Rotarian I spoke with

[in Mississippi] said they couldn't get any gas," Gallagher said.

A conversation with Past District 6820 Governor Jim Stanley, who served with Gallagher as a 2002-03 governor, put things in motion. Stanley, a member of the Rotary Club of North Jackson, Mississippi, had half a tank of gas and was willing to wait in three-hour lines to top it off. "When a fellow Rotarian calls, you tend to respond," Stanley said.

When he arrived in Hattiesburg the following morning, Stanley provided Adams with an extra suitcase to transport items she had purchased for her dorm room. His wife was busy in Jackson, cooking a chicken dinner with English peas and mashed potatoes. "That was the best meal," recalled Adams, who sustained on candy bars and potato chips after the 29 August hurricane.



From left: District 6400 Governor Jim Karolyi, Gallagher, Adams, University of Windsor President Ross Paul, and Rotarian Mary Jean Gallagher at the Detroit Metro Airport.

Preparations were being made at Gallagher's home, as well. "I got a Union Jack flag and raised it the night before Helen got here," Gallagher said. "She was going to stay with us until she could move into her dorm, and I thought it would make her feel more at home."

Gallagher, his wife and fellow Rotarian Mary Jean Gallagher, District 6400 Governor Jim Karolyi, and University of Windsor President Ross Paul greeted Adams on 5 September at the Detroit Metro Airport in neighboring Michigan, USA. "The president of the university carried her luggage at the airport," Gallagher said. "Not every student gets that kind of treatment."

The Gallagher family gave Adams a tour of the University of Windsor campus before her classes began on 8 September. "And we gave her an introduction to Rotary," Gallagher said. "I took her to a meeting and she was able to thank everyone."

Adams was amazed that strangers did so much to help her, but Gallagher explained, **"It really is the magic of Rotary."**

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

### NEXT MEETING:

October 6 - Art Horgan & Nick Sarantopoulos  
October 13 - Bob Kennedy & Rich Cuffe  
October 20 - Jim Harris & Connie Colom