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Lynn Rotary TIPS

September 8, 2006 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

Future Meetings:

NEXT MEETING
September 14

Ron Almeida
Massachusetts Financial
Services

September 21
Pete Lally

Marketing Director for City
Hall Auditorium

September 28
Obie Barker

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EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Pot Climbs to \$578 7 Cards Left!



Jane Bowers

had a wonderful experience this spring as a member of our district's GSE (Group Study Exchange) 4-week stay in the Netherlands. Jane is the curator at the Lynn Museum and Historical



Society and joined us Thursday to tell us a little about her travels visiting Rotary Clubs and businesses in Holland. Her team leader, Doug Holmes, the secretary of the Rotary Club of Lexington, was also with us!!

Jane shared with us some photos taken during her stay and explained many of the

things she learned - that for example, most of the museums there are government funded for their major needs, unlike the United States.

She was fascinated that, being a land most of which is below sea level, the majority of their travels were by boat! She had lots of nice pictures of, as she said, boats, boats and more boats!! Jane showed us fields of gorgeous tulips and other flowers ready for cutting, digging up and packing for export. She explained some of the auctions for flowers. One auction house she

visited exports 2 million flowers per day!! Most are overnighted by air to their destinations.

She also told us about the coffee houses where marihuana is sold and smoked, not coffee - if you want coffee the name of the shop is a café!!



Following the meeting, several members lined up to chat with Jane and Doug. Above was past president Iliia Stacy who fought being photographed but the photographer won the battle!

Our Drawing

was rather dramatic - the winning tickets drawn by our Assistant Governor Wilson Lee, belonged to Linda Williams and Loretta Cuffe-O'Donnell.

You know what happened of course, to the amazement of your reporter who had his camera ready - and there are only 7 cards left !!

Special Event at Peabody Institute!

Pemba Dorjee Sherpa and Moni Mulepati of Nepal present a slide show of their historic climb of Mount Everest and talk about working in the trekking industry in the Himalayas at the Peabody Institute Library Wednesday.

Dorjee has climbed Everest twice. On his second trip, in May 2005, he and Mulepati, who was making her first climb, became the first couple to marry at the summit.

Both are now members of their local Rotaract club and initially climbed the mountain following a fund-raising challenge with the club to raise money for the poor of the region.



Dorjee grew up in a small village at the base of Mount Everest. He speaks fluent English and has traveled to the United States twice to speak to Rotary clubs.

The presentation will be on Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., Peabody Institute Library, 82 Main St., Peabody. Free, but registration is required. 978-531-0100, www.peabodylibrary.org

The photo of the couple above was taken by your scribe from the giant screen at the Rotary Chicago Convention last year.

They received a standing ovation following their presentation !!

Have You Given

your 2006-2007 \$100 donation to Gene yet for our Rotary Foundation? He is waiting for you !!



AG Wilson Lee Urged Everyone

Wilson was a guest at our meeting Thursday and is our Assistant Governor this year for DG Donna Wayman.

Wilson urged everyone to attend the **Foundation Seminar Wednesday October 11 from 2:30 - 9:00 PM** at the Sheraton Ferncroft in Danvers. Linda and Gene have already signed up and it is hoped that several club board members join us for the latest information and training!!



Remember, our Foundation is the *Working Arm* of Rotary!!

Wilson Lee Elected

Wilson was recently elected to the Chinese United Association of Boston and there will be an inauguration and installation ceremony Sunday September 17.

All Rotarians are invited! The details: The Board of Directors and Officers of The Chinese United Association Headquarters U.S.A. requests the honor of your presence at our Inauguration and Installation Ceremony Sunday, September 17, 2006 at Noon, 665 Hancock Street, Quincy Followed by Reception 6:00 pm, Banquet 7:00 pm Emperor's Garden Restaurant, 698 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111

Club plays key role in reopening New Orleans school

The Rotary Club of New Orleans, Louisiana has maintained a long relationship with historic Warren Easton High School in their community, so club members were not about to abandon their old friend in its darkest hour.

After Hurricane Katrina's winds and flooding dealt the 93-year-old building a near death-blow, the Rotary club rallied in response, first by helping to convince school authorities that Warren Easton should reopen at all, and then by raising money and providing the "sweat equity" to make it happen.

And on 29 August 2006, Rotarians were at the school when Warren Easton got an extra financial and moral boost from President George W. Bush and the first lady, Laura Bush. The president and first lady presented a \$70,000 check to the school to help complete its library during ceremonies in New Orleans marking the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

The club so far has raised more than \$100,000, and its members — along with Rotary members from other states — put in more than 2,000 volunteer hours in the sweltering Gulf Coast summer to ready the school for its September 7 reopening. The Rotary teams stripped and repainted 10 classrooms, the main administrative office and two staircases. They replaced old chalk blackboards with new, dry-erase whiteboards and installed new bulletin boards.

Joining the local Rotarians were 33 Rotary members from Berkeley, California, plus several from Rochester, New York, and Warrington, Pennsylvania. Additional donations came from Rotary clubs in Massachusetts, Kentucky, Florida, New York, and Germany.

The New Orleans club "adopted" Warren Easton in 1985. It sponsors the school's Interact club and awards annual scholarships to college-bound seniors. Future Katrina-related improvements planned by the club include fresh paint for more

classrooms, the installation of mini-blinds, plumbing repairs, and equipping and stocking three science labs, the library and the virtual learning center.

"We knew from the outset that this must be reopened; good schools are vital to New Orleans' renewal, and Warren Easton was one of our best," says New Orleans Rotary member Henry Lowentritt, who chairs the project. "And when Rotary clubs hear about us, they ask, 'How can we help?' It's been just heartwarming, and we're making many new friends in the process."

Rotary clubs offer aid in Israel

Rotary clubs throughout Israel united to aid the nation's stricken northern region by providing victims of the Israeli-Hezbollah conflict, which began in mid-July, with food, books, and other much-needed items.

David Neumann, past governor of District 2490 and a member of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem West, says Rotary clubs throughout Israel are working with the 17 clubs in the affected area to offer aid to the region. So far, Israeli Rotarians have contributed about US\$1,000 in books, but food donations are harder to quantify, according to Neumann. These supplies are being distributed to Rotary clubs in the northern region so Rotarians there can assist their communities

Many of the conflict's victims have been left homeless and are residing in shelters. To help ease suffering, Rotarians are giving toys and books to children in a refuge just 1,300 feet from the Lebanon border. A UN Security Council resolution adopted on 11 August called for a truce between Israeli and Hezbollah forces.



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

September 14 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson
September 21 - Rich Cuffe & Bob Kennedy
September 28 - Nick Sarantopoulos & Jo Ann Noyes