

This Wednesday Morning, Jan 14 Is Our Dictionary Distribution !

Any questions? Call Jim Harris, chair

Our First Breakfast Meeting:

Thursday Jan 22 at the Porthole 7:30 A.M. Please bring a guest !!

EVERY ROTARIAN US \$100 EVERY YEAR

Marine Ecologist Explains Nahant's Coastal Ocean Science Academy



Tracy Hajduk

is the Outreach Program Coordinator at Northeastern University's Marine Science Center. As Outreach Coordinator she is responsible for organizing over 5,000 school students who pass through the Outreach Program each year in addition to over 100 teachers and 1,000 public visitors. Tracy has worked for Northeastern for over 4 years. Prior to her employment at Northeastern Tracy worked for several years at the New England Aquarium. She has a BS in ecology from the University of Connecticut and a Masters degree in education from Northeastern University.



Programs offered by the Outreach Program include visits to local schools, schools visiting the Marine Science Center, and after school programs.

During the summer the Outreach Program runs a two-week summer science academy (the Coastal Ocean Science Academy) for incoming 9th and 10th grade students. This fee-based program has students learning local marine science and they are introduced to local scientists.

Students have the opportunity to return to the Academy in following summers to expand upon their experiences.

Students in their second year collect data in Nahant and the Boston Harbor Islands following international biodiversity protocol.

Students in their third year meet a variety of local scientists from Northeastern University, the EPA, Salem State College, and the New England Aquarium to hear about their research and be exposed to different types of marine careers.

First-year students typically are entering their 9th or 10th grades in school and come from several cities & towns such as Swampscott, Marblehead, Acton, West Roxbury and a few from the state of Maryland and from Canada, too!

Unfortunately, Tracy told us, consistently there are no students from Lynn!!

There are some exciting careers in Marine Biology and these "COSA" courses are a wonderful beginning!

Tracy emphasized that this program is definitely NOT a "summer camp" experience. Students are highly motivated and usually return each summer until they complete their third-year

program! Tuition is \$850 per year.

Additional information can be found on their website at www.marinescience.neu.edu/outreach or by contacting Tracy t.hajduk@neu.edu or 781-581-7370x321.

Our \$323 Pot

was attacked by Ron Johanson and Bob Kennedy but the cash is safe!



Thank You! from President Michele

President Michele

due to the absence of a finemaster, passed the fine box to every table and we were all asked to deposit \$2 toward our charities fund !!

Habitat Plus disabled veterans' home sent our club a nice thank-you letter for our recent \$300 donation.

Director's Meeting

next Thursday January 15 at 11:15 o'clock!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

*Gene Hastings
Loretta Cuffe O'Donnell
Maroli Licardi
Tom Newhall*



Polar plunge



Some brave souls plunged into the frigid waters off Fisherman's Beach in Swampscott on New Year's Day to help fill some empty stomachs.



The third annual Swampscott Yacht Club (SYC) Polar Bear Plunge, which was held at 11 a.m. New Year's Day raised money for My Brother's Table!

Everyone taking the plunge raised a minimum of \$100 for the table.

Thanks to the Lynn Daily Item for the photos!

Why I am a Rotarian?

by: Garry Krischock

It is not for the money,
It is not for the fame,
It is not for any person gain,
It is just for the love of fellow man
It is just to lend a helping hand,
It is just to give a little of self,
It is to do something you can't buy with wealth,
It is not medals worn with pride,
It is for the feeling deep inside,
It is the reward down in your heart,
It is the feeling you've been part of helping others far and near,

That makes you a Rotarian.

These days I am retired and am active in the Rotary Club of Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast and still enjoy the great sense of pleasure and reward I personally get from my Rotary Involvement.

*Garry Krischock
Rotary Club of Runaway Bay Queensland, Australia
Club No 23971 District 9640*

Bill Gates Meets with Business Leaders in India

A shared desire to protect the world's children from the ravages of polio brought Bill Gates Jr. and Rotarian business leaders together in New Delhi on 5 November. The meeting resulted in three major commitments to help fund Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge.

"The worth of a person is measured not by what he possesses but what he gives," said Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo in introducing Gates at the event, hosted by the India PolioPlus Committee and Rajashree Birla, a member of The Rotary Foundation's Arch C. Klumph Society. "The Gates family has

proven this by committing their resources through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation toward global development and improving public health worldwide."

Gates spoke about his visit to India, where he observed polio surveillance, immunization, and outbreak response activities and met with health officials and experts to learn firsthand about the country's progress in ending the disease.

"The commitment from everyone involved is impressive, especially Rotary International, which has launched their worldwide program," said Gates, cochair of the Gates Foundation. "I am more than glad to be among you and share our vision of a polio-free world."

Birla, an honorary member of the Rotary clubs of Bombay and Mulund, Maharashtra, expressed her hope that India's business leaders would emulate Gates and help support polio eradication through their companies' social responsibility programs.

"We strongly believe that business and industry is uniquely positioned to contribute significantly towards polio eradication not only in India but across the world," said Birla, who contributed \$1 million to Rotary's challenge earlier this year. Then she added, "We in the Aditya Birla Group are pleased to commit an additional \$1 million today."



At top; Bill Gates Jr. meets with Harshad R. Mehta. Middle; Rajashree Birla welcomes Gates to a meeting with Rotarian business leaders in New Delhi, with Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo seated at left.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

January 15 - Diana Moreno & Art Horgan
January 22 - Loretta O'Donnell & Bob Dugas
January 29 - Jim Harris & Bob Kennedy

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!