

## Upcoming Programs:

**TUESDAY  
November 24  
Pre-Thanksgiving  
Football Luncheon**  
No Meeting Thursday

**December 3  
Joanne Travers**  
3rd World Country Children  
with Hearing Loss

**December 12  
Salvation Army  
Bellringing at the  
Christmas Tree Shop**  
Sign up Today!

## Gloucester Men Start A Local Distillery



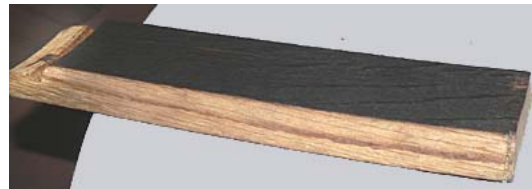
### “The Spirit of Cape Ann”

is the theme at Ryan & Wood Distilleries of Gloucester. Bob Ryan & Dave wood explained to



our club Thursday what is involved in starting a distillery in the United States and in particular in the town of Gloucester!

“We have both always lived on or near the waterfront” they said, “and to make a living in what was once a city whose main business was the fishing industry but is no longer, was a challenge!”



A piece from one of their special oak barrels, known for imparting “that special flavor” in the final product.

They explained that they both love the town and the thought of having to move elsewhere was rejected - but what would sell in the region? What products would be popular?



Eventually they investigated the possibilities of locally brewing spirits - but what and how?

The legal restrictions were enormous but eventually they learned what was necessary and invested in equipment that permitted them to create popular brews such as gin, vodka and rum.

Their 600 liter Alembic copper pot was designed and built to their specifications in southern Germany. They began their distillery in 2006 and currently you should be able to find their products up and down the North Shore!

As you can see from the photo at left, Ryan & Bob donated a bottle of Knockabout Gin and one of Beauport Vodka to our weekly raffle!

The winners? Joyce won the vodka and Bob Dugas won the gin!

And then, our guests drew our weekly raffle tickets for what now is our \$177 pot - the winners?

NONE! Dave Richardson and Rich Brangiforte could not find the joker in the deck.

### Our Meeting

was moved to the side room this week again - but this time it was Bob Gaudet’s doing - our main meeting room is getting a new carpet and a fresh coat of paint, just in time for Tuesday’s pre-Thanksgiving luncheon.

Please come Tuesday - it is always fun and the food is great as always.



### Camp Rotary, Incorporated

held its annual meeting prior to our regular Rotary meeting chaired by President David Richardson and Treasurer & Clerk Art Horgan.

Dave explained to the board what has been happening at Camp due to the retirement in the town of Boxford of their long-serving building inspector and the subsequent appointment of a new building inspector.

The new town inspector wanted to start from “scratch” before issuing permits for any work at camp which required many separate committee meetings with different town committees that lengthened the process considerably. The end result will be the inability to start construction on our newly-planned cabins until next year, as they cannot pour quality concrete support tubes in the winter months. The projected “OK” should be received after Christmas, 2009.

The board was assured that our contractor will be able to construct the new cabins within the original cost estimates presented earlier.

Dave also told the committee that the special documents the club board inquired about last month have finally been located as well as the documents regarding Youth Service Managers, Inc.



## Everyone remembers the horrifying December '04 tsunami

But what few people know – because almost no media reported this fact – is that nearly half of total relief donations worldwide, \$2.78 billion, came from ordinary U.S. citizens. Celebrities and big corporations got press, but not these individual small donors, most of whom gave less than \$50.

Wendy Smith describes this unprecedented burst of generosity in *Give a Little: How Your Small Donations Can Transform Our World*, published this month. Smith, who profiled a bridge-building project funded by The Rotary Foundation, adds that giving a lot of money does not guarantee success. “What matters,” she says, “is the outcome.”

Rotarians know this firsthand, whether they are among the Foundation’s top donors, bequeathing multimillion-dollar fortunes, or the many club members who steadily contribute smaller amounts every year.

We surveyed the landscape of recent projects funded by the Foundation and came up with these eight ways to change the world on the cheap. All of them fall into at least one of the six areas of focus outlined in the Future Vision Plan. And all have price-to-impact ratios that would delight any executive. For the cost of a candy bar, you can save a child from HIV infection. Give up a couple of lattes, and you can restore someone’s eyesight. And your next dinner at a restaurant? Buy some chickens instead – you could feed a family and provide enough income to send the children to school.

## Rapid HIV test: 70 cents

The remote border towns of China’s Yunnan Province are a virtual petri dish for HIV, with a thriving sex trade, cheap heroin from the neighboring Golden Triangle, plenty of migrant workers to spread the virus, and a lack of education about safe sex practices. (In 2003, about 6 percent of Chinese villagers knew that condoms could protect against AIDS.) Yunnan is also a place of mythic beauty; it inspired the legend of Shangri-La.

The Rotary clubs of Shanghai and Fremont, Calif., USA, teamed up with pioneering virologist David Ho in 2006 to prevent mother-to-child transmission of the virus in Yunnan, which accounts for a third of China’s reported AIDS cases – by far the highest of all provinces. Ho, named Time magazine’s Person of the Year in 1996 for inventing the cocktail of drugs so successful in treating AIDS patients, is also credited with helping to convince the Chinese government to confront the AIDS epidemic with a huge commitment of resources.

In rural Yunnan, an HIV-positive pregnant woman has 33 percent chance of passing on the virus in utero, during delivery, and while breast-feeding. A 70-cent test, funded by a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, lowered the risk to less than 2 percent among those tested. The rapid HIV test allows for early detection so the mother can be treated, preventing transmission and saving two lives.

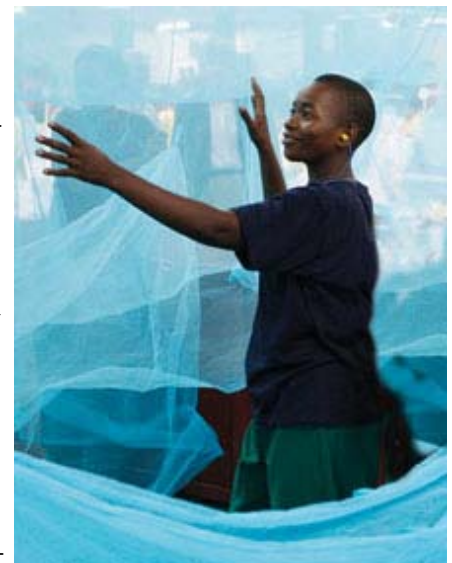
Armed with Foundation funds, the Rotarians and Ho’s China AIDS Initiative launched a massive drive to perform rapid HIV tests on 30,000 newlywed and pregnant women.

The China AIDS Initiative, a public-private partnership, is coordinated by the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, where Ho is chief executive officer. Ho recruited basketball stars Magic Johnson (Ho’s retroviral drugs are keeping him alive) and Yao Ming to publicize the drive. “A photo of Yao showing Magic how to eat with chopsticks – that carried a message that HIV is not transmitted casually,” says Fremont club member Lena Zee.

The Rotarians and the initiative also organized 270 educational events for the public, reaching 120,000 people, and trained 1,800 health workers.

More than 160 of the women in Yunnan tested positive. China AIDS Initiative clinics treated the women and provided drug therapy to prevent HIV transmission. Of the children born to the women, only two had the virus. “The rate is on par with standards achieved in developed Western nations,” Zee says. Recently, a second Matching Grant funded another drive. Only one child tested positive.

“Give me \$10-\$20,” Terry Youton says, “and we can save a family.”



**Mosquito net: \$5**

**Are YOU considering increasing your donations to our Rotary Foundation this year ?**



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

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

December 3 - Obie Barker & Mark Kennard  
December 10 - Jim Harris & Virginia Doocy  
December 17 - Elaine Kurkul & Joyce Elliott

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