

What A Party!

Wonderful Gathering of Rotarians, Guests and Many Friends



Thank You Everyone!

Warm thanks to our Salvation Army Bell Ringers for 2008! Sorry we could not get a picture of everyone for *TIPS*.

Our ringers this year included Peg and Bill Simpson, Marilyn and Jerry Bovardi, Iliia Stacy, Clara and Gene Hastings, Maria Bazzi and Cindy Steger-Wilson, Mark Kennard and Obie Barker, Bob Kennedy, Rich Cuffe and guess who? Our former member and president who loves to join us every year for this event, Maryanne Rooney! Total collected: \$541.87 !!

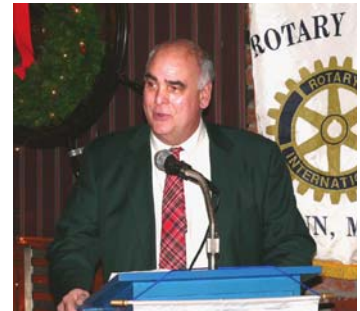
Bob Kennedy, Rich Cuffe and Maryanne Rooney.
Photo by Obie "Cell Phone" Barker



Marilyn and Jerry Bovardi ring the bells! The chilly winds kept everyone wrapped tightly but did not stop the donations!!

Nick Kostan

Superintendent of the Lynn Public School System and an honorary member of our club, addressed everyone and wished us



Happy Holidays! He commented on the wonderful work Rotarians do throughout the year.



Party Snapshots



Our Lynn orchestra led by Toku Kawata, stringed instruments teacher for the Lynn Public Schools.



Soloists treated us to some beautiful music, including how familiar carols might sound in selected foreign countries including Japan!



Thank You to Toku Kawata for our glorious music!



Rotary checks to our great Porthole Staff, too!



No Meetings
Dec 25 & Jan 1

Join Everyone
January 8 - Our **FIRST** meeting in 2009 !

12:15 at the Porthole !!

Our Speaker
will be
Tracy Hajduk
Outreach Program Coordinator Northeastern U. Marine Center in Nahant

Our First Breakfast Meeting:
Thursday Jan 22 at the Porthole 7:30 A.M.

New E-mail Scams !!

There are several e-mail scams that target Rotarians.

Please be aware of the following scams:

* An e-mail from "UFAAIDS" requesting personal information in exchange for a job position as a "U.S. UFAAIDS-Rotary District 8080-Donations Co-ordinator."

* A request via e-mail for a \$5 donation to list your Interact club on a Web site. This Web site is not affiliated or in any way associated to Rotary International.

* An e-mail that claims that a Rotarian has "emerged a recipient of our Rotary International improvement Grant Programs." It goes on to say that the recipient was selected from an "exclusive" database of more than 800 million individuals and corporate bodies. The e-mail then gives a fake a batch number and contact information for a "cash prize."

* Another scam e-mail claims that a deceased Rotarian has left money to the e-mail recipient to be donated to philanthropic efforts. The sender, who claims to be the executor of the will, then asks for the recipient's personal information in order to claim the inheritance.

* Another e-mail scam from a fake Rotary club claims that the recipient won a sum of US\$ 700,000. The e-mail states that the winnings can't be transferred in the recipient's home country and that they must share an active bank account for deposit of "cash prize".

Rotary International does not solicit funds through e-mail, nor does it ask that personal information be updated by e-mail or other electronic means. RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.

Can You Help With RYLA?

[Our kick-off meeting is Saturday Morning January 3rd](#) - includes lunch at noon - at the Danversport Yacht Club. Let's get some **additional Lynn members** on our committee this year. It's a great program for high-school juniors!! Obie is our club's registration chair.

Chanukah in 2008

will start on Monday, the 22nd of December and will continue for 8 days until Monday Dec. 29. Happy Holidays to our many Jewish friends!

News From Afghanistan!

Ipswich Rotarian Rachel Williams sent this Email - she is a dedicated humanitarian and often visits that country to assist with Rotary missions. Rachel is Rotary District 7930 Literacy Program Coordinator and the Ipswich Rotary Club Int'l Chair.

Rachel Says:

Things are not so good here in Peshawar. The lights go out often and we can hear military aircraft overhead.

The other night at a wedding someone started talking to me in the local dialect! For once in my life I want to fit in.

People carry on living their lives as they always have. Rich people have generators or batteries for alternative sources of energy.

Most are very impressed that we elected Obama but not sure that U.S. foreign policy will change. No one agrees with the

idea of sending 20,000 troops to Afghanistan. All seem to hate Sardari, the Pakistan president. He is a rogue that is dismantling whatever sanity is left.

I am safe and below is an internet link to a bit of blogging I have had a chance to do.

Cheers, R

<http://rachelforpeace.blogspot.com>

Our Giant \$283 Pot!

It's growing!! Rich Cuffe and guest Mary Ellen Connelly had the lucky numbers, but that was all!

Our Visitors and Guests Thursday

included: Mary Ellen Connelly, guest of Loretta; Phyllis Kennedy, guest of Bob; Clara Hastings, guest of Gene; Nora Dugas, do we dare mention Bob?

Two other smiling happy visitors were Peg Simpson, guest of Bill and Kendra Nagy, guest of Obie Barker. Kendra recognized the event of course, her husband Roy Nagy was our president during the 1990-1991 Rotary Year!

An Incredible Surprise Quiz!

Joyce Elliott presented everyone with a sheet of initials, representing the starting words of famous (and some not so well known) Christmas Carols!

Examples:

OCA YF	O Come All Ye Faithful !
HYAMLC	Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
JB BJB R	Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells Jingle Bell Rock

There were 35 of them and the winning table paid no fine but the other tables paid \$10 !!

Thanks Joyce!!

Microsoft Windows Explorer Virus

Internet Explorer users must install a fix immediately. Web users are being urged to install Microsoft's emergency patch, which is claimed to fix a bug in Internet Explorer, immediately.

Microsoft released the patch yesterday, after it was revealed that nearly two million PCs have been infected. Keep away from unknown internet sites until your browser has been carefully checked out. The flaw, which was accidentally made public by Chinese security researchers just over a week ago, has been used in a growing number of web-based attacks over the past few days. Criminals have posted attack code that exploits this flaw on thousands of websites so far it is claimed.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

January 8 - Gene Hastings & Ron Johanson

January 15 - Diana Moreno & Art Horgan

January 22 - Loretta O'Donnell & A Volunteer

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!