

## Upcoming Programs:

**December 10**  
**Directors Meet Plus A**  
**Special Presentation!**

**December 12**  
**Bellringing at the**  
**Christmas Tree Shop**  
**Just 2 Spots Left!**

**December 17**  
**Our Christmas**  
**Luncheon**  
**Bring Your Partner !**

**January 7**  
**Julia Kwolyk**  
**Ambassadorial**  
**Scholar to Vienna**

## Deaf Children In Poor Countries Can Be Taught The Spoken Word



### Joanne Travers

whose dedication aiding children in several countries spoke to our club this week. Joanne is an Ipswich Rotarian who spoke to our club several years ago when her own children, who have hearing conditions that have required very special attention, told us how her program has grown and currently is in place in several countries including Honduras and the Dominican Republic.



Joanne pointed out that one of the most important missions of her and her fellow volunteers as they visit schools worldwide is creating the vision that the deaf can learn to talk. In many civilizations a child born with hearing difficulties never learns to hear soft sounds in what can be the loud background noises in a public school-room. The soft sounds they cannot hear are human voices and after the age of 4 years, teaching a child the concept of language is usually lost forever! A child need to hear the sounds a voice can make before a boy or girl can be taught language.

The 501-c-3 charity Joanne helped to found is called Partners For A Greater Voice and their website can be found at

[www.greatervoice.com](http://www.greatervoice.com)

where you can find much more information and pictures of the dozens of children who have been helped to lead a more normal life by restored hearing and learning to speak a language.



Joanne answered many questions fol-

lowing her presentation and as you can see in the photo, received a souvenir thank-you mug from President Elaine!

She then drew the lucky numbers for our huge .....

### \$195 Pot

**but Art Horgan and Joyce Elliot did not find the joker - yet!**

Secretary Joyce however donated FIVE happy dollars to the cause in celebration of Marblehead's winnings in current football competitions (defeated Swampscott on Thanksgiving Rockland on Tuesday) and wished them luck for their big challenge at Gillette Stadium this Saturday at 11 AM against Bishop Feehan!

## Remember The Gang from Maine That Joined Us For Lunch November 5th?

Our club donated, from our Shoe & Stocking Fund, \$500 toward the Kennebunk Rotary Club's drive to get shoes to Guatemala where most of the citizens have bare feet.

Norm Labbe E-mailed your editor this week: "Thanks for your support. We have already bought the sneakers - 1,000 pairs of them at 50 cents apiece - 500 with your contribution and 500 from our club's match.



I hope to get most of them to Guatemala on my next trip in January.

We will have about 25 students with us on that trip; each student will have an extra duffel bag filled with sneakers! It will be a huge improvement for the local villagers."



See what 2,000 sneakers can look like ?



# Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration for Lynn Schools A Great Success!



Chair for Lynn Rotary and Lynn Lions Clubs Our Own Jim Harris at the mike!



Honorary Rotarian Steve Walsh brought greetings from the State House.



Our banking sponsors, along with Bob Gaudet, made the event possible! Thanks go to, left to right, Lynn Rotarians Adam Sherman, Brotherhood Credit Union, Maria Bazzi, Riverworks Credit Union and former Rotarian David Surface, St. Jean's Credit Union. Thank you !!



The room was filled and everyone seemed to have a great time. This was the first event following Bob Gaudet's refurbishing of the function rooms - new carpeting and new paint, too! Wow!

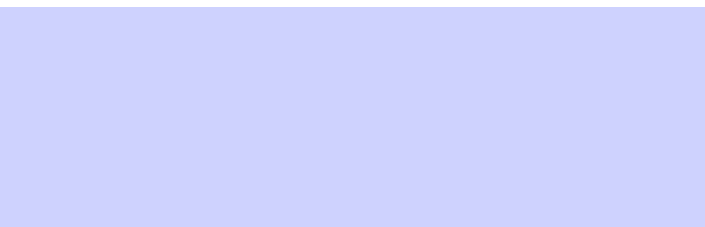


The PortHole gang was able and ready with a delicious luncheon, so good that many went back for seconds !!

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



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



## **GREETERS' SCHEDULE**

December 10 - Jim Harris & Virginia Doocy  
December 17 - Elaine Kurkul & Joyce Elliott  
January 7 - We Need Two Volunteers !!  
**Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!**