

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Dec 15

**Steve Krause
Sports Editor
The Daily Item**

Dec 22

**Our Christmas
Music Program**

Dec 29

No Meeting

Michael Ryan

4 major benefits of our 1-day trial jury system



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity
Our 2011-2012 Theme

This Saturday Dec. 10

is our **Bell-Ringing for the Salvation Army** in front of the Christmas Tree Shop, Route One South in Lynnfield!

For those who have never done it, it is LOTS OF FUN - Give it a try ! !

We only have one open time slot - at noon - join us!

Massachusetts Has

what is called a 1-day trial jury system which has many advantages over the methods used a few years ago. A typical jury trial today will depend on the selection of a jury drawn, not as



Michael Ryan

is done in other states by the voting list - but by the names and addresses recorded by the cities and towns as residents.

Even college students can be called for jury duty if they have resided in Massachusetts

for 6 months or more!

Michael explained that a typical jury trial will last one day or less should a selected jury be called into service. The jurors' main frustrations are the sitting and waiting to be called into the courtroom - as a large percentage are often settled with the presiding judge with the clients and attorneys involved, thus not needing the "use" of the waiting jurors!

After age 70, a juror selected has the option of asking to excused from service - but many age 80 and some age 90 have been known to serve!

Some jurors will be drawn from one town or city and yet will be asked to serve several miles away - often driving an hour or more to a location unfamiliar to the potential juror - at which time he or she has to find a parking garage within walking distance to the courtroom!

Michael answered several questions from our audience and had an amusing and informative slide show to illustrate his presentation! Thank you, Michael.

Our Giant \$1,120 Pot

drew a lot of attention at the door - several Rotarians bought a \$5 roll of tickets - and our president walked the ticket stub basket through the audience as Rotarians drew two lucky stubs!

Joyce Elliott (! ! AGAIN this week!) and Rich Cuffe were set to go home with the pot!

Breathe easily, readers, the money is safe, at least for one more week ! !

Our Board Meeting

today re-nominated our current board members and the club voted to agree to the nominations. We do, however, need additional members on our board !

Also Voted

was to NOT have any meeting prior to the New Year's weekend, on December 29.

Rich Cuffe

read two letters from our scholarship winners and from the Veterans Home vets who our committee took out to dinner recently! Thanks Rich.



December Birthdays!

Elaine Kurkul

Bob Gaudet

Stephen Upton

**Don't Forget Your Annual
Birthday Foundation Contribution !!**





Rotary International says:
Join us for the 103rd annual
RI Convention,
6-9 May 2012,
in Bangkok, Thailand, Land
of a Thousand Smiles!

Why does the RI Convention in Bangkok promise to be the experience of a lifetime?

Value! Thai government support allows RI to offer the lowest registration fee in years at 160 USD for Rotarians and guests. And the cost of food, lodging, and transportation is very reasonable.

Register online through Member Access!

Inspiration! Exemplary speakers such as Nobel Laureate, founder of the Grameen Bank, microcredit pioneer, and social business innovator, Dr. Muhammad Yunus and the 2004 Young Australian of the Year, co-founder and past director of the Oaktree Foundation, and co-Founder and current CEO of the Global Poverty Project, Hugh Evans.

Fellowship! The HOC (Host Organization Committee) will create a garden of exotic flowers within the House of Friendship that will also feature computer cafes, Thai cuisine and entertainment, and more. Also, expect a very special Host Hospitality "Kitchen of the World" Night on Monday, 7 May, in the Land of a Thousand Smiles and it will be! With 6,000 seats, 285 international food stations, 10 cooking demonstration areas, and 10,000 samples, this promises to be a night to remember at the IMPACT Center. Through the generous support of the Thai government, tickets for this event are 10 USD, a fraction of the actual cost.

Check out the HOC ticket special offered through the HOC website -- Buy ten tickets and get one free. Then, take a look at other Host Events and tours!

Entertainment! Enjoy the multicultural entertainment planned for the plenaries including international acts from Thailand, India, Bulgaria, and the United Kingdom!

Information! Download the tentative breakout session schedule.

Register for the convention and reserve your hotel online or by submitting forms by fax or mail. The hotel form includes an updated map and newly added hotels.

Please note: Flooding is restricted to some areas of Bangkok near the Chao Praya River. According to Dr. Anond Snidvongs, the worst of the crisis is over. RI will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates on rotary.org if conditions should change.

Whether planning an exotic adventure or returning to a favorite destination, you can be sure that your trip to Bangkok will be special this year — because of the warm reception you'll receive at the RI Convention, 6-9 May 2012.



Camp Rotary Snapshots - 2011



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

December 15 - Bill Simpson & Art Horgan

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!