

Upcoming Programs

February 12
NSCC (North Shore Community College) Presentation

February 19
Norman Kraft
Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbalist

February 26
Our Student Presentations for February

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

A Lynn Business Creating Custom Fabrics From Around The World



John Buscemi

a fabric importer and historian was our speaker Thursday. He explained how he has literally traveled the world in his quest to reproduce cloth and paper fabrics for historic properties throughout the United States.

Museums and homes of the "rich and famous" who helped establish our country are constantly needing to refurbish walls, floors, furniture - all sorts of items - and feel the need to replace the items EXACTLY as they were originally designed.



The types of weaving and creation in the 1700's and 1800's were done as the skills were known to exist at that time and since most of our country was founded by Europeans, they wanted the very best as they knew it. In addition John explained, he gets calls from several museums in Europe too - as his reputation has spread for being able to search the world for who can duplicate from a tiny sample or what is even more difficult, from an early drawing or photograph!

Above John duplicated the material exactly for a royal wedding gown - no, in those years wedding gowns were never white!

Directly above are examples of what covered much of our furniture in early elaborate homes - horsehair! In his right hand John is holding horsehair before being transformed into the



dark (often black) cloth in his right hand!

Yes, there are still skilled men (few women apparently) who know how to exactly weave and print patterning as they did many generations ago -



Ireland, France, Scotland and China are not too far to travel to duplicate what may be needed! "Bonnie Prince Charlie's" bed (1745) shown in this large photo had to be recre-

ated exactly as it was made originally - John showed us many of the materials that were created for the project.

President Michele thanked John with our official Rotary Mug!



Our \$438 Pot

drew Rich Brangiforte (Representing Jack Ryder) and Jim Harris (again!) The money is safe but here are very few cards left so . . .

Director's Meeting

is next Thursday - don't forget !!



Our February Birthdays!

Bill Demakis Joyce Elliott
Mark Kennard
Dave Richardson



Why I am a Rotarian?

On June 30, 2006, I had the honor of becoming my club's *Rotarian of the Year* in Manassas, Virginia. It was a honor that took me completely by surprise - and one that means more to me than I could possibly put into words. My official membership in Rotary began in 2004, but my history with Rotary goes back much further.

As a high school senior in Wayzata, Minnesota, my civics teacher informed me that a local Rotary Club (Plymouth, MN) was willing to sponsor a student to a 3-day retreat called 'Camp Enterprise'. She asked me if I'd be interested in attending and (to be honest) the thought of getting out of school sounded great!

The camp included students from throughout the Minneapolis suburbs - each sponsored by their local Rotary Club. These business professionals used their personal time to lead seminars in their various areas of expertise. They covered everything from how to obtain financing to investing in the stock market to business ethics. The topics and enthusiasm of the speakers enthralled me.

I still have my folder full of notes collected from those presentations. However, what remains most vivid in my mind is that the men and women who volunteered their time (and money) to sponsor me and teach me about business seemed to be having as much fun as I was as a participant. They genuinely cared about me and future generations as they shared their business experiences and encouraged us to think about the future.

They were amazing examples of leadership and service.

In 2002, I incorporated and began my own marketing consulting company. Many of the concepts I have used to grow my business were first introduced to me at Rotary's Camp Enterprise.

Something special was ignited in me at Camp Enterprise as I participated in those seminars. I saw that giving of ones' time and energy to help others can make an impact that can resonate years later. Seeds were planted that continue to grow in me. I hope that I can encourage and reach out to others as much as those before me have.

I am a Rotarian because, just like those before me, I want to work toward a better tomorrow. I've got big shoes to fill.

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Comments from your *TIPS* Editor

This great article above from Susan brings forth two ideas for us here at our Lynn club - a "*Rotarian of the Year*" award?

Why not?

And her 'Camp Enterprise' certainly sounds like our RYLA programs at Camp Rotary each year - young men and women meeting together and hearing success stories and inspirational ideas that can influence them throughout their lives!

We do many things correctly here in our club and in our district, too!

President Michele

read more letters from students receiving our dictionaries at the beginning of our meeting Thursday and also a Thank You from Amy at the Porthole thanking us for remembrances upon the passing of her mother recently.

Pirates' Day At Camp Rotary



Can you imagine dressing up like a pirate when **you** were at summer camp?

Yet one more thing that makes our camp VERY special!

Alex Buchanan 2008-09 recipient Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

Buchanan, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, is a retired food technologist and scientist. He studied agriculture and science as a 1959-60 Ambassadorial Scholar at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. His research has led to improvements in food production to support developing nations and emergency relief activities.



Among Buchanan's accomplishments are the development of the Australian milk biscuit, a high-protein biscuit used by the Australian government and many Rotary clubs for emergency food aid, and the creation of affordable, nutritionally balanced infant food for health centers in Thailand.

Buchanan also helped implement the first successful cooperative food research projects between Australia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. On 26 January, he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for service to food science and technology and to the community.

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

February 12 - Maria Bazzi & Obie Barker

February 19 - Jerry Bovardi & Elaine Kurkul

February 26 - Bill Simpson & Art Horgan

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!