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Lynn Rotary TIPS

February 17, 2011 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

February 24
Louise Coleman

Director of Greyhound
Friends of MA

March 3
SPIN

Special People in Need

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR

6 Terrific Students Receive Rotary Awards!



Our 2010-2011 Theme



Front row left to right: Dustin Costello, Sacred Heart School; Jose Valera, KIPP Academy; Tarina Dorsainvil, St. Pius V School; Jacqueline Dow, St. Mary's Jr/Sr High; Linda Seng, Marshall Middle School & Nadia Pich, Pickering Middle School. Back row: Rotarians Maria Bazzi, (manager of Riverworks Credit Union, co-sponsor of the event) Mark Kennard, chair of the scholarship programs and Jo Ann Noyes, assistant MC of the presentations.

What A Great Day!

Our meeting room was packed with Rotarians and student awards winners, their families and teachers and sponsors! The winter weather had disappeared and it was nearly 70 degrees when we left the Porthole after the meeting.

Bob Dugas

ran wild with the fine box near the end of the event and had a happy student winner carry the box table to table and EVERY ROTARIAN got fined at least \$2 and some \$5 just for being at the meeting!

Jo Noyes

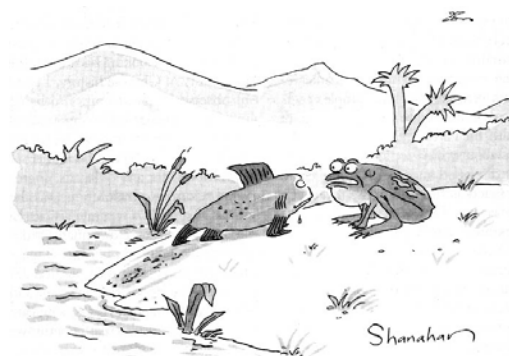
was back from her week in Florida and everyone was happy to see and talk to Jo after all these many weeks.

Our Pot Is Up To About \$500 !

Two lucky tickets were captured, one by Jim Harris and one by one of our prize-winning students! They failed to win the jackpot. There are less than 10 cards left!!

Camp Rotary Incorporated

had its Annual Meeting prior to our main event and is re-working some of its insurance arrangements at the camp. Several insurance firms are being contacted and the final policies will be reported as they take place. The meeting was conducted by CRI's new chair, Rich Cuffe and treasurer Arthur Horgan.



"The first thing you need to do is update your resumé."



RI Travel Service Helped Scholars Flee Egyptian Unrest

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Jamie Gajewski (at right) was studying Arabic at Alexandria University before the civil unrest in Egypt. Rotary International Travel Service helped her and four other scholars leave the country safely.

Rotary International Travel Service (RITS) stepped in to help Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Jamie Gajewski and four other scholars to leave Egypt when civil unrest made it unsafe for them to complete their scholarships there.



Gajewski, from Madison, Wisconsin, was studying Arabic at Alexandria University. Rotarians and Rotaractors in Egypt took good care of her from the minute she arrived in the country five months ago until her safe departure. After widespread street demonstrations erupted on 25 January, her previously safe neighborhood in Alexandria was overrun by military tanks and demonstrators.

"My neighborhood is a labyrinth of dark, narrow streets, and in front of every building there were bands of men and young boys armed with wooden planks, metal rods, knives, and guns, working together to protect their businesses and families from looters," says Gajewski. "Overnight, this safe neighborhood became unstable and dangerous."

Gajewski says that when foreigners were urged to leave the country, Internet and cell phone interruptions made it difficult to get information about evacuations.

"I began receiving worried phone calls from Egyptian and foreign friends from all over the city," she says. "They heard reports of roving gangs armed with guns who were specifically targeting our neighborhood. Seeing as my roommate and I lived on the ground floor, our friends, including Rotaractors I met, began to devise a plan to get us out of our apartment and into a safer area."

Using a landline phone, Gajewski was able to reach her mother, Janet, who contacted RITS. Within 24 hours, RITS secured transportation to the airport, as well as a plane ticket to Kuwait. It also obtained flights out of the country for four other Rotary Scholars.

"It was pretty scary not having reliable communication with anyone. Since the Internet was shut down, all I brought to the airport was a slip of paper with my ticket number written on it," says Gajewski. "Within a few hours, I was in Kuwait and continued on to Germany, Belgium, and finally France. I'm very lucky Rotary was there to pull me out."



Camp Rotary Snapshots - 2010



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

February 24 - Barbara Maitland and Joyce Elliott

March 3 - Steve Upton & Bob Dugas

March 10 - Jim Harris & ???

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