

UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

March 3
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Greyhound Friends Would You Like to Adopt A Beauty?



Louise Coleman Director of Greyhound Friends of MA

was our featured speaker this week and she drew a big crowd!

Greyhound Friends, Inc. is a non-profit organization located in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, dedicated to saving racetrack greyhounds and placing them in responsible, loving homes. In the past, they even imported them from a few foreign countries but it is becoming much more expensive and difficult because of tight USA restrictions on the medical histories of each animal.



Louise & Desmond wowed the audience - even Bob Gaudet came in to say "Hello"!

The organization works quite hard to carefully match each dog to the needs and desires of each new owner. The dog's color? Is the dog good with cats? Louise told us how loving Greyhounds can be - they apparently love people and care for their new families. Joyce Elliott has adopted two Greyhounds and loves them both!

Several questions were posed by our members such as what do they like to eat and what are the typical ages of the animals (usually 2 to 3 years old).

Louise invites you to learn more about their possibilities by reading their website: www.greyhound.org and visiting their kennel. They are open 7 days a week, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Our Pot Is Over \$540 !

Two lucky tickets were captured, one by Bob Kennedy and the other by Jim Harris (again!) They failed to win the jackpot. There are 17 cards left!!

Our March 17 Meeting Will NOT Be At The Porthole!

The details have been worked out by Steve Upton's committee and will be at the **Lynn Vocational Technical High School**, 80 Neptune Blvd directly off Commercial Street (off the Lynnway). Steve reminds us that there is a parking lot behind the school and we can use it until it fills up!

For those of us who have worked at the handicapped children's event each year, it is **ACROSS THE STREET** from the Tech High Gym buildings.

Special Guests

this week included Joyce's granddaughter Emma who helped sell tickets at the door (and later carried the fine box for Bob Dugas), Peg Simpson, guest of Rev. Bill, and Margie Richardson, guest of Dave!

Welcome Back Bob Kennedy !

Bob was hospitalized for nearly 3 weeks with the flu - he is feeling fine and acted it, too!

He nearly won the \$500 plus pot of money !!

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copies of our newly revised Club Constitutions at the meeting. If you did not receive one, contact Elaine.

A Bit of LYNN History

In 1860, on Washington's Birthday, thousands of striking shoeworkers filled Lyceum Hall in Lynn. By choosing to begin their protest on Washington's birthday, the strikers were invoking the memory of their revolutionary forefathers. Lynn had been a shoemaking town since the early 1800s. Hard times had now caused management to cut wages and speed up production. Declaring they would "live by honest toil, but never consent to be slaves," over 20,000 workers — more than had participated in any previous strike — joined the walkout. The size of the protest did not insure its success, however. With the owners refusing to negotiate and growing numbers of workers returning to their jobs, the strike collapsed after six weeks.

To read the entire story, click on this website: <http://www.massmoments.org/moment.cfm?mid=60>



Mercedes-Benz Brazil contributes to Rotarian relief efforts in Chile

The initiative of a Rotaractor and the determination of a past Rotary International director helped secure a donation of US \$568,000 from Mercedes-Benz Brazil to support Rotarian disaster recovery efforts in Chile.

Ana Carolina Silvestre da Costa, a Rotaractor and former Rotary Youth Exchange student, has been working in the internal communications department for Mercedes-Benz Brazil for three years. Because of her community service work through Rotaract, Costa was put in charge of overseeing the company's charitable giving.

When Costa's superiors asked her for ideas as to where the company could make a donation for earthquake relief, she reached out to Roberto Barroso

Filho, a past district governor, who encouraged her to suggest the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation.

"When I took it to the upper level, everyone had already heard of Rotary and knew its reputation," Costa says. "No one had any hesitation."

José Alfredo Pretoni, a past RI director and past Foundation trustee, met with Mercedes-Benz representatives to discuss the terms of the donation and served as the liaison to Rotary leadership and the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation.

The Mercedes-Benz donation more than doubled the amount available to Rotary clubs through the Foundation's Rotary Chile Recovery Fund, set up after a powerful earthquake in February 2010 devastated parts of Chile. The quake and a subsequent tsunami destroyed homes, hospitals, and schools, displacing families, limiting health care, and blocking children's access to the schools that remained open.

Part of the Mercedes-Benz donation has been used to purchase three ambulances to help transfer patients in the communities of Constitución, Talco, and Talcahuano to regional hospitals, and three minivans to shuttle children to school. The remainder is available to Rotary clubs and districts through Matching Grants for recovery projects in Chile.

"With this humanitarian help, we hope to mitigate the difficulties faced by the Chilean population, especially in this important moment of reconstruction and return to normal daily routine," says Jurgen Ziegler, president of Mercedes-Benz Brazil.



Rotaractor Ana Carolina Silvestre da Costa examines one of the ambulances purchased with the Mercedes-Benz Brazil donation.

Camp Rotary Snapshots - 2010



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

March 3 - Steve Upton & Bob Dugas

March 10 - Jim Harris & Bob Kennedy

March 17 - Art Horgan & Dave Richardson

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