

Lynn Rotary TIPS

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS!

March 24
Our Students!
Please attend & welcome the Youngsters!

March 31
Ms Jerry O'Connor
A president's vision of The Lions

March 31
J. Fergus
Gifford Fund
Board Mtg
11:30 A.M.

Lynn Tech

A Marvelous School



Our Meeting

was held this week at the Lynn Vocational Technical Institute at 80 Neptune Boulevard. The delicious "Irish" luncheon was outstanding and the student chefs took a bow at the end of the event to a very loud round of applause !!

Our Speaker

was the principal & director, Diane M. Paradis.



Her outstanding presentation kept everyone enthralled during her explanation of the school and its many varied options.

Diane explained that so much of today's job market requires skills of every new employee most of which were unknown just 10 years ago that the teaching profession has changed dramatically. She told us how many hundreds of hours of training any newly-hired teacher must have for the new

electronic and marketing skills the students must acquire in their classes.

Diane was fortunate in competing in a grant challenge put forward by a leading corporation that others thought impossible - and the school won - the only school in region! The school now has over \$100,000.00 in electronic equipment for their classrooms !

Thanks go to our incoming president, Steve Upton who found this great spot for our meeting. The Porthole had their annual St. Patrick's Day open house and was packed all day with celebrators.

President Elaine

announced that our pot

Is Now \$630 !



Two lucky tickets were captured, one each by Bob Kenndey and Dave Richardson but both failed to win the jackpot. There are 13 cards left!!

We Had Two Visitors

this week - Carole Rodrigue and Margie Richardson.

Bob Dugas

gave us a little history of St. Patrick's Day. Thanks. Bob !!

Japan Update from Julia

I know many of you have been watching the unfolding events in Japan over the last few days with great concern. First and foremost, I want everyone to know that all of D7930's inbound Ambassadorial Scholars have been in touch with their immediate families and they are all safe. Our RI Director, Ken Grabeau has reported that all of Rotary's Peace Fellows are safe and that the 1 GSE team (from another district) that was in country is also safe. Many are in the process of making decisions and arrangements to come back to the states. We need to keep these members of our Rotary family, as well as the people of Japan, in our thoughts and prayers.

More details are on page 2.

Governor Steve, PDG Ingrid and I have discussed this situation and have made the following decisions:

* D7930 will make a contribution to the Disaster Recovery Fund on behalf of all of the clubs in District 7930. We will use District Designated-Funds (DDF) that was not used during the PDG Ingrid's year and some uncommitted funds from DG Steve's year. We will make a contribution of \$11,750 or \$250 per club.

* We are suggesting that clubs and individual Rotarians make an additional contribution to the Annual Programs Fund (APF). As president - elect Joe Steffano of East Boston-Revere pointed out at PETS last weekend, by giving to the Annual Programs Fund now we are ensuring that in years to come the Rotarians in Japan will have more funds from the World Fund to support the projects that will be necessary to rebuild their country. These are projects that we can also help with through District Managed Grants in the future.

* Your contributions to the APF will count toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition, Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY), sustaining member status and Major Donor status .

As everyone knows, these messages are being updated as information is available so keep tuned to reliable sources and you will know the very latest !!



Special Announcement

Ken Grabeau, Rotary International Director 2010-2012



Dear Rotary Friends:

Following please find a more comprehensive summary of the status of Rotary leaders, students and program participants in Japan. All information is as received at Rotary headquarters as of 11:20 AM CDT on 15 March 2011.

ROTARY SENIOR LEADERS

President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka was at a Lisbon initial convention site visit when the earthquake hit, and he has reported that his family members are safe.

Director Masaomi Kondo's home is in the Osaka area, far from the site of the major damage and thus he is as well as can be expected under these circumstances.

Director Masahiro Kuroda lives in the city of Hachinohe, which is located just north of Sendai (the center of major destruction). We received confirmation yesterday from Dir. Kuroda that he and his family are fine, and he is back to work providing medical care to those in greatest need.

Trustee Kaz Ozawa lives in Yokosuka, an area south of Tokyo, and he is well and integrally involved in the recovery efforts of the Japanese government.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

At the time of the incident, there were approximately 150 Youth Exchange students in Japan. Numbers are approximate, as we do not have complete reporting from Japanese districts on current exchanges.

Yoshihiro Sekiba, the Youth Exchange Committee member from Japan, has confirmed that all students in affected areas survived the earthquake and tsunami. Students have been evacuated from the areas with potential nuclear radiation risks, with the exception of three who will be driven to a train station at 7:00 AM local time today, where they will then travel by train to the airport for flights home.

In affected districts where chairs could not be reached, Rotarian Sekiba was able to locate all of the students through other district leaders and host club contacts.

The District 2530 Youth Exchange Chair is missing.

All students have the option of going home, or remaining in Japan, based on the preference of the students and their parents. For students who were living in the affected areas and wish to continue their exchange year, Japanese Rotarians will attempt to find other placements for them.

Twenty students have already elected to return home. We anticipate that this number will increase, as districts report their early returns to RI.

The Youth Exchange Committee, and leaders of regional Youth Exchange groups, have been actively involved in working to get students out of the country and assist with communications.

Rotary Peace Centers

The Rotary Peace Center at International Christian University in Tokyo is currently on mid-semester break and classes are not scheduled to resume until 9 April 2011.

There are currently 8 peace fellows out of the country on break. Only one of these peace fellows is planning to return to Japan in time for the resumption of the semester.

There are currently 10 peace fellows residing in dormitories on the ICU campus. They are all accounted for and fine. 3 of these peace fellows have arranged travel to depart Japan within the week, and we continue to communicate with the other 7 regarding their plans.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

There are currently 4 scholars in Tokyo and 1 scholar in Kyoto. They are currently deciding if they wish to depart Japan and return home or change their country of study.

Group Study Exchange Teams

There is 1 GSE team currently in Japan, in District 2680 - Hyogo. All of the team's members are accounted for and fine. The team is scheduled to depart Japan on 22 March 2011.

There are 4 GSE teams scheduled to travel to Japan between now and the end of April 2011, with two of the teams to be hosted by districts impacted significantly by the tsunami (District 2520 - Iwate and Miyagi, and District . Unfortunately, it may be some time before we receive full information on all Rotarians and their families in affected areas. Further information will be forthcoming when available.

Camp Rotary Snapshots - 2010



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

March 24 - Rich Cuffe & Bob Kennedy
March 31 - Jim Harris & Barbara Maitland
April 7 - Diana Moreno & Virginia Doocy

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