

Upcoming Programs

April 23
Sam Scott
American Liver
Foundation

April 30
Our Wonderful
Student
Presentations!

May 1 & 2
Our District
Conference - Salem

May 7
Meeting Change:
We meet at
12 Noon - Danversport

The History of St. Mary's Jr/Sr High School



Dr. Ray Bastarache

was our speaker Thursday and gave us a fascinating background of St. Mary's Jr/Sr High School in Lynn - material that many of us not brought up in the Lynn schools knew little about!



Ray is the first superintendent in its 127-year history. (Their newsletter calls him *head* of the school, not superintendent.) He told us a brief history and how the school has grown so that today they have three computer labs, "smart boards" (not the old black or white boards in the classrooms) and 700 boys and girls from 30 communities in the region.

The Rev. Monsignor Paul Garrity was credited by many as the key person who grew the school and led it through tumultuous times for private Catholic schools in our nation. Lay teachers were signing up to teach at public schools as the wages were far greater than church schools could pay. Women were no longer signing on to be nuns so teachers had to be paid wages.

In 1931 St. Mary's added boys to a previously all-girls school.

The giant jump in the school was the drive of Fr. Garrity combined with a huge gift in the will of Mr. Connell of \$5 million - added to the \$1 million he donated earlier.

In 1999 the school had 480 students and today they have 700, offer 21 sports and have 44 teams. The approximately \$7,500 tuition annually is a very low tuition for a quality private school.

The school has had many generous benefactors in recent years allowing it to grow in quality - their students attend the top colleges nation-

wide and local Catholics are extremely proud of their institution!

Dr. Bastarache took several questions from our audience and then Rich Cuffe stood and praised Ray eloquently - the result being strong applause from everyone in the room !!

Mark presented our speaker with a souvenir Lynn Rotary mug and Ray drew

The Winning Tickets

belonging to Joyce Elliott and Bob Kennedy! Guess what? The approximately \$170 is safe for one more week!

Mark Kennard

was our emcee this week and reminded everyone of the many local Rotary events coming up very quickly.

Art Horgan and Ron Johanson were at the door and announced our guests:

Jack Donaldson, a Burlington Rotarian, who will be our AG for 2009-2010

Barbara Maitland, guest of Joyce Elliott, Bruce Ruth, Nick Kostan Mike MacNeil and Capt. David Payton who gave the invocation.

Remember Our Special Games

which are coming up quickly on Wednesday May 6th! The sign-up sheet will be passed out at next week's meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting

will be April 30 - same day as our student awards.

My Brother's Table

has submitted the following pleas for assistance:

TWO MBT VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Sunday, May 3

1. Help set up the Walk for Hunger
We need 20-25 people to start at 4:30 A.M.
Meet at MBT, 98 Willow St., Lynn

2. My Brother's Table needs your help on
Saturday, May 9 - Postal Canned Food Drive
At Lynn Ladder, 20 Boston St., Lynn

Three Shifts

12-2 p.m.

2-4 p.m. (greatest need)

4-7 p.m. (2nd greatest need)

Mail carriers arrive with canned goods. Unload and sort cans to go to MBT and other local food pantries.

For both events call Mary or Sue at

781-595-3224



Yes, We Will Meet at the Danversport May 7!

on May 7 our Thursday meeting will NOT be at the Porthole but will be at the Danversport Yacht Club with the Beverly Rotary Club and other very special guests including the visiting GSE team from South Africa. **Mark your calendars NOW before you forget!!**

Rotary Forms New Alliance for Water & Sanitation Projects



Sara Lucena, a member of the Rotary Club of Puerto Plata Isabel de Torres, Dominican Republic, installs a water filter in a home in Aguas Negras.

Rotary International and USAID have launched a collaborative effort to implement water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world.

The International H2O Collaboration was formally announced 18 March at the World Water Forum in Istanbul, in conjunction with World Water Day, 22 March.

Focusing on Africa, Asia, and Latin America, the alliance will develop its inaugural projects in 2009-10 in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic - countries where Rotary clubs and districts and USAID missions have the demonstrated ability to carry out effective water and sanitation projects. After the initial phase, the alliance will evaluate its work and strategically consider expanding into other countries.

The Rotary Foundation and USAID will share the project funding. Each organization will distribute funds separately and independently, keeping budgeting, expenditures, and reporting mechanisms separate.

Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants will support Rotary club and district involvement with these projects. Both Rotary and USAID will provide technical expertise and on-the-ground support

"We intend these projects to be models for future projects with strategic partners and in this way to enhance our contribution to world understanding, goodwill, and peace," says Past RI President William B. Boyd, chair of the RI-USAID Steering Committee. He underscores the need for Rotary to meet the challenges of today's world, citing the Future Vision Plan and strategic partnerships as ways to focus and strengthen service.

USAID is a government agency that provides economic, development, and humanitarian assistance in support of U.S. foreign policy goals. Its Global Development Alliance model promotes partnerships with prominent private-sector partners in the nongovernmental, foundation, and corporate arenas.

"Through this important collaboration, the service ethic and commitment of hundreds of thousands of Rotarians around the world will be joined with the global development expertise and technical leadership of USAID to yield a significant, sustainable increase in water supply and sanitation coverage for the

planet's poorest and most vulnerable populations," says USAID Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham.

DEADLINES

1. Rotary clubs and districts will have until 30 June to submit grant proposals.
2. The deadline for grant applications is 15 August.
3. Approved projects will receive funds in April 2010.
4. The Foundation intends to fund \$500,000 in projects in each focal country in the 2009-10 Rotary year through 3-H grants.

Camp Rotary Building Project Back On Track!

Monday evening Youth Service Managers, our managers of Camp Rotary, held a directors' meeting in Peabody and decided to go ahead with the program that had been postponed last season due to the questionable financing conditions of the local and world economies.

Several old, decaying cabins will be replaced with six new ones utilizing a new design that campers will find exciting, said YSM president Brian Magrane.

This year's enrollment is strong with some weeks already sold out.

Construction should begin soon after the closing of our camp season in late August.

Camp Director Rich Cowdell has been lining up the Red Cross training courses these past two weeks and especially wanted to express his thanks to Dr. Victor Saldanha for agreeing to be camp's official physician this year, overseeing medical forms and other items as required by Massachusetts law.

Victor was our Rotary District Governor in 2002-2003 and is still very active in Rotary and in his own medical practice.



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

April 23 - Mark Kennard & Jerry Bovardi

April 30 - Bill Simpson & Obie Barker

May 14 - Elaine Kurkul & Adam Sherman

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!