

Upcoming Programs

April 9
Brunonia "Sandy" Barry Author of "The Lace Reader"

April 16
Ray Bastarache
St. Mary's Jr/Sr High

April 23
Sam Scott
American Liver Foundation

EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR



TOMORROW IS THE BIG DAY! COME EARLY AND HELP SELL RAFFLE TICKETS !!

Several Announcements

Following discussions at last Thursday's directors' meeting, President Michele asks that our entire club be aware of possible changes in our weekly meetings during the next several weeks.

Michele asks for feedback from our entire membership concerning several proposals. Every member is requested to send her either an **Email or a telephone call** regarding these items **ASAP**:

1. July & August meetings as a breakfast club from 7:30 - 8:30 A. M. - no speakers.

2. Our Thursday May 7 Meeting: a joint meeting with the Beverly Rotary Club at the Danversport Yacht Club 12 noon - special guests will be our visiting GSE team from South Africa. Will you commit to attending? (Replaces our Lynn meeting that day.)

We must give the Danversport **a firm figure** so they can plan food, etc etc. Michele's Email address is:

mdesmarais@banecare.com

Michele's Work Telephone is: 1-781-595-5500

Michele's Home Telephone is: 1-781-598-9623

Thank You!

Buy Some Raffle Tickets!

Our fundraiser at Lynn Memorial Auditorium is **TOMORROW NIGHT AT 7:30 !!!**

Loretta commented everyone is selling admission tickets wonderfully but in many cases may have forgotten how important our raffle tickets are for raising funds! Come EARLY and . . .

Please try hard to sell as many books of tickets as you possibly can! The prizes are terrific especially if you are a sports fan!!

Our District Conference

DG Tom Elliott is encouraging clubs to organize **a group of members** to attend the Friday, May 1st "Fellowship Event" at the Salem 5, and the "Mystery Dine Around Salem" to dine in one of Salem's best restaurants and enjoy an evening of fellowship with members of our own club!

The District Fellowship event at the Salem 5 at 4 PM is a great place to meet prior to the dine-around as the evening events begin.

Elaine Ran our Meeting

this week and got everyone excited about the next day's events! Elaine and Loretta asked for some volunteers for mid-break time at the show to sell more raffle tickets - and as many folks understand, at the drawing times approach there is much additional excitement for a potential winning ticket!!

Habitat for Humanity

was our presentation Thursday by several sincere and dedicated volunteers to help people find a home!



Habitat for Humanity North Shore is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit ecumenical Christian housing ministry, dedicated to eliminating poverty housing and homelessness. The organization operates in 90 countries and has built more than 235,000 homes in over 3,000 communities.



Volunteer Gary Cowles

Here on the North Shore 12 homes have been built since 1985: 10 in Lynn, 1 in Beverly, and 1 in Salem with two more on the way.

The strategy is simple: build adequate and safe homes alongside low income people selected from local communities who contribute 400 or more hours of sweat equity in the construction of their new home. The homes are sold at cost and Habitat for Humanity North Shore takes back a mortgage at no interest, making the homes very affordable for low income people.

Potential homeowners must meet income and other financial guidelines.

There is no paid director. Every Saturday qualified volunteers work hard building a home.

There are many donors of goods and services and licensed craftspeople who donate their skills, too!

Two other speakers included Don Preston, president and J. Michael Sullivan.

Our \$120 Pot

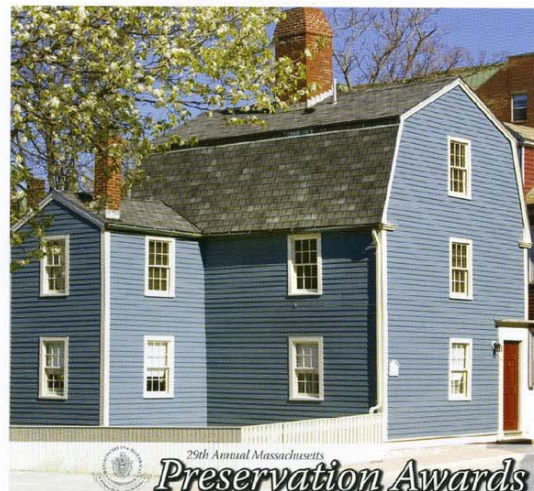
was challenged by Joyce Elliott and Jim Harris but the money is safe!



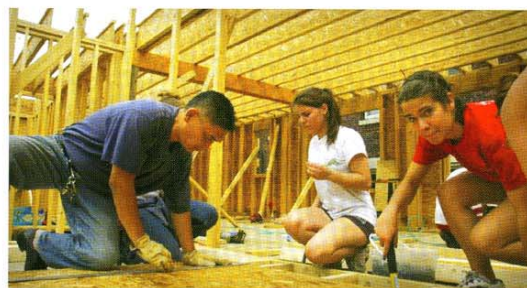
**Our 2008-2009
District Conference is
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
MAY 1st AND 2nd
In Historic
Salem Massachusetts**

The updated district website now has the schedule of the two-day event in detail and a registration form too!

Having a home breaks a cycle of struggle; it builds pride and wealth for the homeowners. In addition to building homes on the North Shore, 10% of fundraising efforts are contributed to Habitat for Humanity International for use in Zambia and their efforts to create safe and sustainable housing.



Habitat for Humanity North Shore won the 29th annual Massachusetts Preservation Award for its restoration of 18 Crombie Street in Salem. Once nearing demolition, the home now provides housing for a local family.



NOW is the time to sign up so that the committee can plan attendance accurately at the many food-related events.

Use this website link:

<http://www.rotary7930.org/DistrictConference.cfm>

If you do not have Email Bob Wood's telephone is 1-617-266-4860

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

- April 9 - Art Horgan and Adam Sherman
- April 16 - Ron Johanson & Gene Hastings
- April 23 - Mark Kennard & Jerry Bovardi

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!