

WOW!

What A Great Evening !



Who? Obie who?



Chair Loretta was actually shocked! So was everyone else! "Read that again!" A New Hampshire number??

Emcee Paul Floyd was mystified too, but no, it was Obie's son Robert who won a major prize!

Brunonia "Sandy" Barry

Author of "The Lace Reader" was our guest speaker Thursday.



Brunonia was born and raised in Massachusetts. She studied literature and creative writing at Green Mountain College in Vermont and at the University of NH, and she was one of the founding members of the Portland



Steve Walsh and the "Dignitarians" sang with gusto and on tune! Remarkable? Must be the legislative training!

Stage Company.

This novel, "The Lace Reader" has been a NY Times Bestseller, been on the National and International bestseller lists all across the country and the world. Her novel has well received by many best seller lists.

While still an undergraduate at UNH, Brunonia spent a year living in Dublin and auditing Trinity College classes on James Joyce's *Ulysses*. Ms. Barry's love of theater led to a first job in Chicago, where she ran promotional campaigns for Second City, Ivanhoe and Studebaker theaters. She moved to California and worked on a variety of projects for several movie studios.

Upcoming Programs

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

April 23
Sam Scott
American Liver
Foundation

April 30
Our Wonderful
Student
Presentations!

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



Mary Wells Flynn (left) and Kerrin (Cuffe) Morley were huge hits that evening!

Tentative Net Results For Our Fundraiser: \$17,254 !!

\$11,050 in Advertising Revenue
\$4,830 from Raffle Tickets
\$12,270 in Admissions to the event

Congratulations Everyone!!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

MICHELE DESMARAIS

VIRGINIA DOOCY

ILIA STACY





Photo IDs

Just a few from our terrific show - top left, pianist and vocalist Ben DiScipio; intermission chats with Nancy & Ron Johanson, John & Jo Ann Noyes and Clara Hastings. Directly above, Maria Bazzi counts some money as Bob Kennedy and Bob Dugas talk about the program book!

On the left the Shuffle Mode presented a "grand concert" during part two of the show.

Ilia Stacy Leaving Our Club

Due to a series of unexpected situations at My Brother's Table, Ilia will no longer be involved at the Table and as a result will not be commuting to Lynn from her home in Ipswich.

Ilia has been a wonderful member of Lynn Rotary, our club president for the 2004-2005 year and a Paul Harris Fellow among other honors.

We will miss her grace and smiles and hope she can join us as a guest occasionally!

After a decade in Hollywood, Barry returned to Marblehead in the mid 90's. Brunonia ("Sandy") now lives with her husband and 14 year old Golden Retriever, Byzantium.

The Lace Reader is her first original novel.

It was the Borders Book Club selection in August & October 2008 "Surprise endings are tough to pull off- too often they aren't a surprise to anyone but the main character. To Barry's credit, she genuinely got me." Christian Science Monitor

"Brunonia Barry tells a suspenseful, fast-paced story. Her many sympathetic characters are nicely drawn and inhabit a world thick with local charm and historical detail. Barry mixes together witchcraft, madness, abused women, Red Hats, survivor guilt, memory loss, precognition, and dissociation into a heady brew that will go down easily for many readers." Boston Globe

She told us how many of her ideas developed in Salem observing the persecution of the witches re-enactments put on for tourists. The lace came via a dream where she imagined looking through an old piece of lace (she actually has it, from her grandmother) she saw herself riding a horse - something she always wanted to be able to do!

"Dreams can be fascinating" she explained.

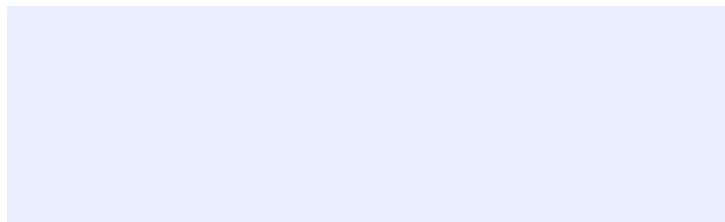
Sandy picked our lucky tickets and Ron Johanson and Bob Kennedy tried for the \$140 pot - try again next week, guys!

Visiting Rotarian

was Heidi Whear from the Swampscott club!

Yes, We Will Meet at the Danversport May 7!

Incoming president Elaine Kurkul led our meeting this week and announced that 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!!**



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

April 16 - Ron Johanson & Art Horgan

April 23 - Mark Kennard & Jerry Bovardi

April 30 - Bill Simpson & Obie Barker

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!