

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS !

June 2

**Doug Allen Remembers**

June 9

**Dr. Victor Saldanha**

Our Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Programs

June 16

**Lisa Nerich Sports in Lynn**

**Directors' Meeting Revised Date !!**

# Scam & Fraud

## Boston Better Business Bureau



Our 2010-2011 Theme

### Rachel Meyer

a communications and marketing specialist from the Better Business Bureau located in Marlborough (often having the nickname of the "Boston" BBB) was our presenter today and did a great job explaining the several dozen ways scam artists are trying to rip off consumers - both businesses and our general population.

**Imaginary Charities** offering bargains galore are daily attempting to steal hundreds of thousands of \$\$.

There is no shortage of scams out there today. Scam artists are always adding new twists and finding more victims. The saying that "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" applies today more than ever. The best way to protect yourself is knowledge — know the warning signs and exercise caution at all times.

Scams generally work through scare tactics and can come in all forms - over the internet or television, through the phone for email, and even door-to-door. Scammers will try to get your personal information by extending you enticing offers, such as a 'free' vacation or discounted home repair.

Watch out for deals that sound better than those that are being offered by legitimate companies. Get as much information about the promoter as you can; find out where they are headquartered and always have them mail you information before signing a contract or donating money. Don't fall for pressure words, such as urgent or final deadline.

The most important thing is to **always guard your personal information**. Don't be pressured into something that you may later regret, take the time to think things through. Keep in mind that responding to one scam will open the door to many more. You will be "on their list".



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### The Most Popular Scams:

- Advanced Fee Loan Scam
- Home Repair Scam
- Vacation Prize Claims
- Bogus Charities
- Nigerian Letter Scam
- Lottery and Sweepstakes Scams
- Diet Claims
- Work at Home Scams
- Fake Check Scams
- Prescription Drug Scams

For more information on these scams and more, contact your Better Business Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, or your Local Attorney General's Office.

### Our Pot

is slowly growing again and has reached \$139! Dave Richardson & Jack Ryder had the lucky numbers - but got no cash as a result!

### Next Week

should be a very special meeting - Doug Allen got a new pacemaker installation a couple of months ago when he was originally scheduled to make his presentation and had to cancel - so be sure to come and enjoy Doug's presentation !!

### Camp Rotary

had a nice turnout at their second Open House last Saturday and camp is nearly full! It will start on time and the kids will have a terrific summer.





# Camp Rotary Snapshots - 2010

When we hear of Pure Water for the World, most of us think of the bio-sand filters PWW uses. They, of course, are an important component of Pure Water's work in developing countries, but only part of a process for providing clean water.

They must be combined with hygiene education, and proper sanitation facilities and practices to ensure sustainable clean water sourcing. PWW beneficiary families learn that they must modify their sanitary practices, some of which may have been culturally ingrained in them for generations, to benefit from what Pure Water provides.



**Case in point.** Before Pure Water for the World arrived in Trojes, Honduras to provide bio-sand filters and latrines, one family we assisted had always engaged in open defecation - a common practice. A week after the installation of the family's latrine, PWW health promoters

came back to see how they liked it. The family said they were completely enthralled! They were endlessly proud to be owners of a hygienic pour-flush latrine. Sure enough, the latrine had been kept spotlessly clean. But the promoters noticed piles of fresh defecation in the bushes nearby. "Aren't you using your latrine?" they asked. The family confessed that it didn't seem right to dirty something so beautiful as the latrine. "No, it's there to be used!" the promoters urged, and reviewed the proper way to maintain and use the installation. Since then, the family not only own a beautiful latrine, but they use it as well.

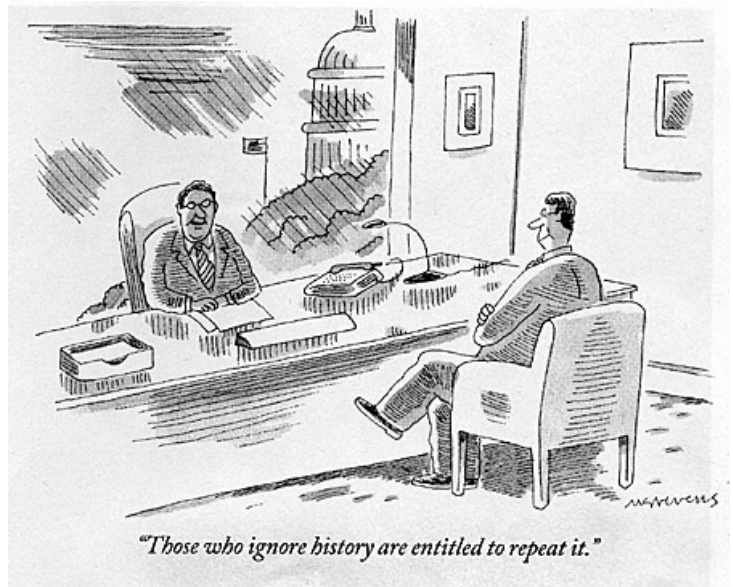
This story is only one of many. Pure Water for the World has worked hard to change the sanitation behavior of families, schools and communities in Haiti and Central America. It isn't enough for them to receive bio-sand water filters and latrines, they also need to learn how to use them. All combined, bio-sand filters, latrines and hygiene education promote sustainable projects that change the lives of children and their families.

To learn more, please visit our website.

<http://purewaterfortheworld.org>



## True In Managing Rotary Clubs, Too!



## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

June 2 - Bill Simpson & Virginia Doocy

June 9 - Obie Barker & Rich Cuffe

June 16 - Barbara Maitland & ??

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