

Our Fall Speakers !

October 7
Jerry Bovardi

October 14
Wines
& Wine Tasting

October 21
Tom Borque
Pro Football

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US \$100
EVERY YEAR

Rich Cuffe Parachutes To A New Career



Rich told a fascinating story of how he became the man we know today!



Back in the mid-1960's Rich had graduated from high school and hanging over his head as it was over the futures of thousands of other young men of the times was compulsive military service i.e. the draft for the Vietnam War!

Rich was fascinated at the possibilities he was offered and signed up for Ranger School. That was the toughest challenge in his young career to that time but he passed and found he had more options - Air Force service! In 1967 he entered Jump School - all was going well until on a jump one day another jumper beneath him drifted into Rich's path and Rich ended up sitting on the top of this fellow chute! Of course that increased his speed potential dramatically and when he finally got his own chute fully opened Rich's plummeting speed was much, much too high and he landed very hard! Taken to the hospital(s) it was found he had broken not only his leg but badly injured his back!

Finally out of the hospitals in 1968 he decided to enlist in Army Intelligence. He studied in Baltimore, MD and in 1969 was assigned to the Intelligence unit in Viet Nam. Following the war he traveled as a Captain in the service and enjoyed assignments throughout the globe inspecting military installations - especially enjoying his stay in Sydney, Australia.

He told us that he enjoyed his military experiences, especially the many lifetime friends he made - and to this day joins many of them in reunions throughout the world!

Thank you Rich - a story that I am sure surprised us all !!

Our Finemaster

this week was Barbara Eldridge and a few of the tags she made included Joyce Elliott, Maria Bazzi whose name always reminds her of the song: "Everybody Loves Maria" and Maroli Licardie who was fined for doing a terrific job on the recent Family & Children's Services celebration.

Our \$389 Pot

was gently attacked by Jack Ryder and Dave Richardson - of course, the money will still be growing until another week!

Our District Membership and Foundation Forum



A large attendance at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Danvers Thursday afternoon featured Rotary Club members from throughout our district including three from Lynn Rotary: Joyce Elliott, Stephen Upton and Gene Hastings. Several good ideas were presented as ways to increase the membership in Rotary Clubs and several speakers pointed out how Rotary has changed over the years requiring clubs to change to adapt to new approaches to membership.



Global Grants is one of the new features of the changes that will be available in helping others throughout the world by Rotarians - this snapshot was taken at one of the Global Grant forums explaining how we can help others through this program.



Zone 32 Director Ken Grabeau



gave the main address at our final banquet - emphasizing how Rotarians worldwide have changed dramatically in their personalities and their lives - and thus Rotary has to change too!

Ken and his spouse Ruth have lived in New Hampshire all their married lives, joined and worked in Rotary in New Hampshire and set up his business corporations there. But it was fun to have Ken remind me that his early life was right here in the Melrose area so he is quite familiar with our territory!



Ken carefully described the many lives we lead today and how differently our younger generations are growing up worldwide - and why every Rotary Club has to adapt to these changes in order to attract members!

On a more personal note, it was nice to see Dick Boldi at the event with our Camp Rotary Booth!

Dick was explaining our great camp to many conferencees - and they seemed interested, too !



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GREETERS' SCHEDULE

October 7 - David Richardson & Adam Sherman

October 14 - Virginia Doocy & Maria Bazzi

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!