

## PROGRAMS

**September 15**  
Greet Our District Governor

**"Swami" Doraiswami**  
Follows Special Board of Director's Meeting

**September 22**  
Mary Sarris  
Jobs in Lynn

**September 29**  
Senator Tom McGee

Our Meeting at the Porthole will include Saugus Rotary and some Swampscott Rotarians too!

## Operation Bootstrap The Lynn Center for Adult Learners



### Edward Tirrell

the new executive director of Operation Bootstrap was our featured speaker this week.

Ed was introduced by a personal friend, Rotarian Jessica Barnett, past president and currently webmaster of the Marblehead Harbor Rotary Club!



Operation Bootstrap is the Lynn Center for Adult Learners. It is a community-based, non-profit corporation located at 156 Broad Street. Ed explained their mission is to address the educational needs of adults in the Greater Lynn area by providing high-quality services. The vision of Operation Bootstrap is to empower individuals to lead productive lives by increasing literacy and life skills.



Jessica Barnett

Now in its 35th year of operations they have served some 25,000 families from the Greater Lynn area - providing opportunities to learn English or gain a high school equivalency degree (GED), preparing immigrants to become U.S. citizens, and providing pathways towards economic self-sufficiency. Operation Bootstrap serves those educationally and economically disadvantaged adults who do not have a high school diploma; immigrants seeking to learn English; youth (16 or older) who have dropped out of school.

Currently, Operation Bootstrap offers day and evening classes in five program areas: Adult Basic Education (ABE), Adult Secondary Education (ASE), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Career Exploration, Basic Computer Skills, and U.S. Citizenship. Most of our students are from Lynn Ed told us, but they also serve individuals from other North Shore communities. Their current group of students come from 35 countries around the world. Two thirds are enrolled in English for Speakers of Other Languages course (ESOL, and one third are enrolled in Adult Basic Education courses.

Their courses currently are Tuesday and Thursday evenings and there are, literally thou-

### Next Week !!

Be sure to come !

Meet our new District Governor,  
**Subbiah "Swami"  
Doraiswami**



sands of men and women on the waiting list to attend!

Operation Bootstrap is constantly on the lookout for volunteers to help teach language, writing using the English alphabet, whatever is needed !

Thank you, Ed for a very interesting presentation !! The telephone at the institute is 781-599-8543.

**Visitors** today included Donna McMillan, a vice-president of Eastern Bank who was a guest of Bob Dugas who has proposed her for membership!

**Our \$541 Club Raffle Pot** is getting exciting and Obie Barker and Bob Dugas thought they had the winning tickets but, as last week, the money is safe once again!

### Speaking of Bob Dugas

today Bob took the fine box around and got Maria for arriving too early, our president for not wearing his badge (has he found it yet?) Obie & Mark did not have their Rotary badges on, Gene for showing up at the meeting - and Dave and Art sold Bob the wrong ticket stub as it was not the winning Joker!



## Key To Literacy



More than 770 million adults worldwide do not know how to read. In an increasingly complex world, illiteracy condemns many of them to the lowest rungs of society.

## International Literacy Day is TODAY, September 8th

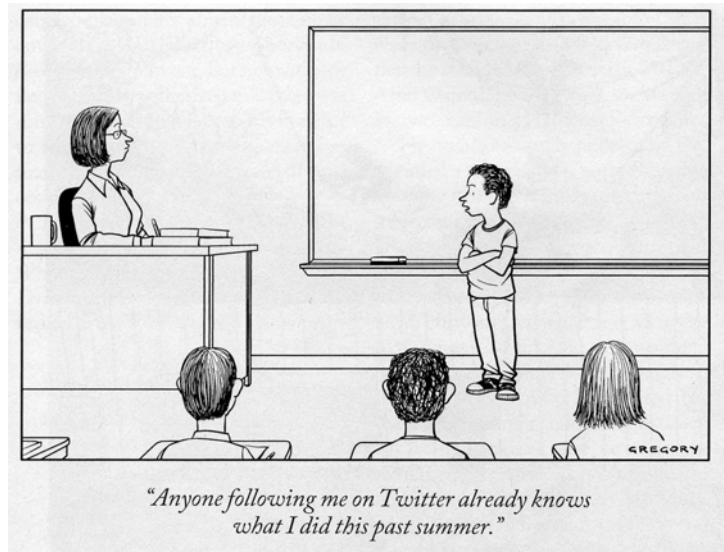
Learn how Rotarians are supporting basic education and literacy, an area of focus under our Future Vision Plan.

*Direct link to the video -*

*Click On This Link:*

<http://vimeo.com/21169328>

## The Teacher Did Probably NOT Expect This Answer!



Give the world hope - give your  
Annual Foundation Gift Today!

## District Newsletter Correction!

The new District Newsletter put on the Internet last week has a date error! Please make a note of the correct date!

**The Membership/Foundation Forum  
will be on  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2011  
at the Coco Key Resort (used to be called  
Crowne Plaza, and the Sheraton Ferncroft)  
in Danvers.**

**The event registration will commence  
promptly at 3:00 PM.**

## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

September 15 - Bob Kennedy & Gene Hastings  
September 22 - Bob Dugas & Adam Sherman  
September 29 - Virginia Doocy & Tom Lynch

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