

Upcoming Programs

November 20

Erik Lesniak
N.H. Fisher Cats
(Double-A minor league team affiliated with Toronto Blue Jays)

Tuesday

November 25
Pre-Thanksgiving Football Luncheon
At the Porthole
Sign Up at Next Week's Meeting!

Plans Being Developed for our big Lynn Auditorium Spectacular !



Loretta Was Hard at Work

at our table in the side room this week when your editor arrived at about 11:45 - busy, busy, busy would be the best description! Everyone was taking assignments and studying papers - it promises to be a great show and should earn some serious money as our only fundraiser this Rotary Year!

Beth Ryan

was our guest speaker this week. She explained to us about the organization based in Reading that, as an example, served 125 Lynn families needing help this past year. They provide beds and furniture for people in need and receive their information from other organizations that help the needy - such as charities in Greater Lynn.

They accept donations of beds and furniture too, "Please do not just take them to a dump" Beth said, "Call us first!"



The Mission of Deeds is a non-profit organization staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers who are located in Reading, Massachusetts. We purchase beds with

cash donations and distribute them, along with donated furniture and other household items in good condition, to needy families and individuals living in Middlesex and Essex counties of Massachusetts.

Since our inception in 1993, we have provided assistance to more than 7,000 families who have been referred by social service agencies such as shelters, elder care agencies, and hospitals. Recipients of assistance include individuals and families from diverse ethnic, religious, cultural and racial backgrounds.

More than half of the families who receive assistance are mothers and their children, many of whom have lived at shelters for homeless and battered women. Others receiving assistance include the elderly, especially those who have been abandoned by family members; mid-

dle-aged men and women who have lost their homes and possessions; and the mentally or physically handicapped who have little or no means of support.

We rely solely on the donation of funds, furniture and other household items for distribution to those in need of assistance. Cash donations are used to purchase mattresses, box springs, and bed frames. We accept donations of furniture, such as tables and chairs, linens, lamps, pots and pans, and other household items in good, usable condition.

They will not accept TVs, microwave ovens and other heavy equipment.

Thank you, Beth!

Our Visiting Rotarian

this week was Bob Kaminer, a Medford Rotarian who came with our speaker. Bob and his wife both volunteer at Mission of Deeds.

Elaine Kurkul

was our leader this week and our greeters sign-up sheet was nearly filled during the meeting with only the January 29th slot to fill!

We also still need the 3 to 4 PM and 4 to 5 PM slots to fill for our Salvation Army bell-ringing Saturday December 13.

Currently we only have 13 members who have signed up to attend our pre-Thanksgiving Football Luncheon at the Porthole.

We need much greater support there, that will count for our attendance that week - let's go!!

Thank You Bob!

Your foundation chair received another \$100 check from Bob Dugas as his first 2008-2009 Rotary Year Foundation Donation at the meeting Thursday! Wonderful !!

Our Raffle Pot

is still growing and even the attack at this week's gathering by Joyce Elliott and Bob Kennedy could not diminish the total \$\$\$ accumulating each week!



Camp Rotary's YSM Annual Board Meeting

As most of you know, Camp Rotary, the Rotary Club of Lynn's premier project, is operated each year by "YSM" - Youth Service Managers, a separate 501-c-3 non-profit corporation that makes sure everything runs beautifully year after year after year!

Again this year, the evening event was held at the Danversport Yacht Club and many honored guests were present, too!



Our marvelous camp director, Dr. Richard Cowdell, was presented a "thank-you check" by YSM President Brian Magrane during the evening.

Rich told us about the many successes at camp this past year and what they were looking forward to for 2009.

Camp Manager Dick Boldi (on the right) also was presented with a "thank-you" and told everyone of the many upgrades being performed for the 2009 season including new roofs for the oldest of our cabins!



Dave Richardson, president of Camp Rotary, Incorporated, our "home corporation" received a check from Brian for the outrageously high sum of \$1.00 - the annual rent paid by YSM to take over the camp and run it for the benefit of the nearly 1,500 boys and girls who enjoy Camp

Rotary during the summer months !!

Several Rotary Clubs including Lynn Rotary and Chelsea Rotary send many, many boys and girls to camp every year.



If you, as an individual, would like to send one or more youngsters to camp, please let us know and we will give you an application form. Our committee can choose a needy youngster or you can recommend someone you know as the recipient for your generosity.

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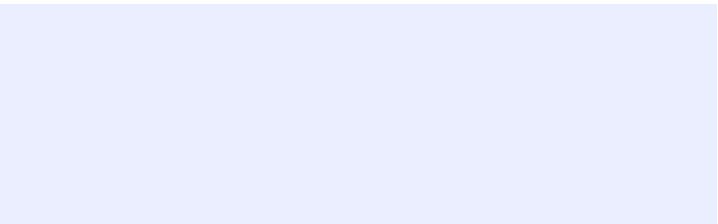
Wonder if this competitor got any credits for this unusual leap?

Camp Rotary Snapshot



Tax Time Is Approaching!

Have you made your annual contribution to our Rotary Foundation yet?



GREETERS' SCHEDULE

November 20 - Mark Kennard & Obie Barker

December 4 - Art Horgan & Jim Harris

Dec. 11 - Cindy Steger-Wilson & Maria Bazzi

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