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# Lynn Rotary TIPS

December 4, 2008 News of the Rotary Club of Lynn District 7930

## Rotarians & Lions Join & Help Celebrate A Wonderful Pre-Thanksgiving Celebration

(There was no TIPS published Thanksgiving Weekend)



Thanks to co-chair Jim Harris (left at the microphone) we had a marvelous turnout of our major sponsors again making the event possible! Sponsors were Brotherhood, RiverWorks and St. Jean's Credit Unions! Thank you everyone!!

Our main speaker was outstanding. He was former Patriots' star Roland James (left). a dedicated and talented educator.



or two evening meetings each month in an attempt to increase their regular attendance. She also urged us to seek out the many, many new on-line businessmen and women who work out of their homes and might well appreciate some community involvement!

Michele has all the materials and your editor is certain we all will be involved in some great new ideas for our club! Thank you, Ingrid!

### Visitors

Also attending today were our Assistant Governor, Julie Livingston from Marblehead and District Governor Designee Stephen May, a member of the North Reading club!



Our Shoe & Stocking Fund gave a generous check today to Donna Coppola for the JOI child care center of Lynn.



### Upcoming Programs

**December 11**

Learn about our Upcoming "Revue" at Lynn City Hall Auditorium

**December 18**

Our Spectacular Noontime Christmas Party for Rotarians and Family! A Lynn High Music Presentation Will Entertain Us plus A Spectacular Luncheon So Come Early and Stay Late!!

### Our Membership Crisis !!

Our guest speaker this noon was Ingrid Brown from Rockport - our incoming District Governor for 2009-2010. Ingrid made some very valid suggestions for the future of our club! She asked who is on our membership committee? The correct answer is of course EVERY member!



Ingrid gave President Michele some excellent materials for us to use in our concerted efforts "to turn our club around" and again make it an active, valuable member of the Lynn community. She noted that the Peabody club has changed to a breakfast club and some other clubs have been experimenting with one

**December Is Family Month...** We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we Make Dreams Real for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less."

*D.K. Lee, President – Rotary International*

## Dear New England Rotary Amigos -

The gift of literacy and hope is priceless.

YES! We can continue to Make Dreams Real this season, and we've got good reason to invest in a better world, right now.

We've launched our Netza School Project Founders Challenge which **DOUBLES** tax-deductible charitable gifts (or pledges) to The Netza Project from now until January 31, 2009 (up to \$10,000). Donations from individuals or Clubs qualify.

With the current trends in the global economy, we have to work a bit harder this year to keep our hundreds of Netza students, fed, healthy and in school in Mexico - but we can do it!

Even small gifts of \$25 help - it can feed a child an entire month of hearty school lunches - sometimes the only decent meal they get.



For the first time we face severe teacher shortages and the school has only a staff of 8 for 430 students (some teachers are handling 60 kids), so we're raising funds for some temporary staff. Just \$200 a month pays a trained teacher. We also welcome applications for visiting US teachers, ESL volunteers and interns. Please spread the word (Rotarian Tom Davis' daughter Jill did such an excellent job last summer! Brooke O'Donnell of Rockport is with us for a few more weeks.) We recognize long-term volunteers as Netza International Peace & Literacy Fellows: a great credential for their resume and life experience.

I'm sending an info kit to Janelle Favaloro in Rockport to share over the coming weeks. It includes the attached donation forms and my letter. It will also contain samples of our lovely new acknowledgement cards for gift giving to someone special, some beaded necklaces made by our women's group and 'Gracias' pencils, for stocking stuffers – free to anyone who donates. The Rotary logo is on back of our new gift card, sharing the long-time connection to our global partnership work to advance literacy and end poverty and suffering for all children, everywhere. (Matching info, forms and PayPal options are also at [www.netzaproject.org](http://www.netzaproject.org))

I appreciate your help in continuing to share our story and reach across borders to make a difference.

In the spirit of the season, I am ever Thankful for your help.

*Lisa*

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"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

*Pablo Casals*

### TIPS editor's note:

Lisa is a former Rockport Rotarian who got wrapped up in a wonderful Rotary-style project, building classrooms and school facilities in a poor area in Mexico, finally moving to our "west coast" to facilitate her desire to assist poor children.



## Our December 4th Meeting

was a big surprise for everyone - pictured above was our "room for the day" the Porthole calls "The Library" and for a change it was fun, everyone was compressed and knew what was going on! The main dining room was reserved for a collation for the late State Senator Boverini who passed away quite recently.

## We Still Need More Volunteers

for our Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing at the Christmas Tree Shop Saturday afternoon December 13 !!

Please contact President Michele TODAY !!

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## GREETERS' SCHEDULE

Dec. 11 - Cindy Steger-Wilson & Maria Bazzi

Dec. 18 - Elaine Kurkul & Michele Desmarais

January 8 - Gene Hastings & Ron Johanson

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