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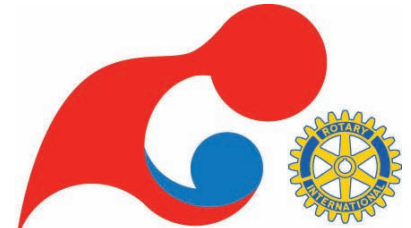
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Lexington Spoke: 12/23/08

A sunny, brisk day greeted a host of hardy Lexington school children, 17 Rotarians, and 4 guests, as they made their way around tall snow drifts to their respective locations. Apparently, the students (or school custodians) aren't quite so hardy in North Reading where I teach third grade, so the schools were closed on Monday.

As a result, I trudged into Max Stein's, looking forward to a delicious lunch of fried fish, potatoes, veggies, and a small sandwich. (Better than my usual bag lunch in the Staff Room at school.) I spotted Charlie V. sitting alone at a table and sat down. (Note to self: Remind my son to pick his friends and associates carefully. I chose to sit with Charlie and ended up with a writing assignment.)

Apparently, Pres. Spencer knew that I had been practicing the Pledge of Allegiance every school morning for eight years and that I was ready to lead it at this Rotary meeting. With a voice that any of the "Three Tenors" or one of the "Celtic Women" with nasal problems would have been proud of, Charlie V. led us in a verse of "America." Bob C., pastor of the Church of Ace, gave the invocation.

In a totally uncalled for fine, Bob C. was almost fined for wearing his church vestments to the meeting. As I understand the rules, you cannot be fined for wearing your work clothes to a meeting. The fact that "Ace Hardware" (www.lexingtonace.com) was printed on his back should have been irrelevant. What happened to freedom of religion? PP Dave E. wisely opted instead to fine Bob C. for selling many snow blowers. (Ace also sells sump pumps, if the rain gets bad on Wednesday.)

Former member and PP Paul Keene dropped in to say hello and to pay his respects and some happy dollars for safety glasses, allegedly to protect Rotarians at PP Dave E.'s table. How dangerous is a flying button? Pres. Spencer dropped \$100 happy dollars for his daughter, Taylor Ann, who is healthy and happy (and for himself sleeping through the night, as he hasn't introduced "the bottle" into his household yet.

Acting SAA Charlie V. got the guests introduced. Sasha Suderow, an Ambassadorial Scholar, will be starting at the Fletcher School this January.

Pres. Spencer distributed RI's Annual Report and thanked Charlie V. for managing the Club's Christmas Party, still again. Thank you, Charlie! He also applauded SAA Sean M.'s for the success of the raffle sales this year. (Is it true that Sean will get a pink Lincoln for his successful sales management?) There were a couple of BIG raffle winners from the Club.

The Governor of Illinois has nothing on us. Charlie V. pulled his own ticket in the weekly raffle (but knowing that Pres. Spencer was probably wired, chose not to stuff a gift under his shirt. Actually, he pulled another ticket.) The raffle gifts were provided by: Ace Hardware, ARLEX Oil, Vail Studio, MacNeil Insurance and Spencer Betz. The 50:50 raffle prize of \$55 was won by a guest, Helen Tallett, who generously donated her winnings to the Club.

The good news is, however, that there have apparently been no indictments of club members since my last visit. Maybe the grand juries are still deliberating. When I mentioned this, PP Dan O. remarked in a scurrilous manner, "It's not like the old days when Bill was President." (How often do you get to use the word "scurrilous?") Hey, Dan, I was never indicted!

Dave B. introduced our speaker: Mike Lynch, an economist specializing in Massachusetts, from Global Insights, which is a business of some 800 employees on Hartwell Avenue. He shared some of the research and projections that Global Insights has on the state of our economy. The U.S. has officially been in a recession for the last 12 months.

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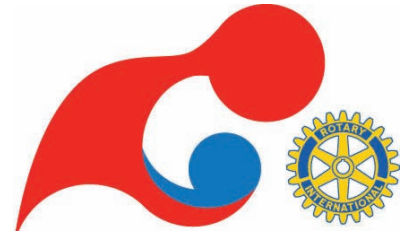


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I was impressed with the number of very cogent questions that were posed by the Rotarians present; but, then again, I’m used to the questions of third graders. (No, honestly, there were some very thoughtful questions and comments from the audience.)

Meetings:

Monday, December 29: None

Monday, January 5: Regular Meeting (also a Board Meeting at 11:00)

Monday, January 12: None

Tuesday, January 13: Joint Meeting with Lions’ Club at K of C Heritage Hall at 6:30 PM.

I hope to see you all at the Joint Meeting.

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