



# THE CHARM



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## Student of the Month



Our October Student of the Month, Heidi Blanchard, was honored by our Club at the October 26 meeting. The sixth grade student at Church Street School was praised by her teacher Diana Ianucci and principal Joyce Kossman. A talented dancer and equestrian, Heidi is also a strong student who tutors and mentors others in her class. She is cheerful, helpful and responsible in all her activities.

## Skiff St. Cleanup

Unfortunately, inclement weather came to haunt us once again last Saturday. Eric Lind is working with the Rotaractors and Interactors to schedule a date later this month when we can all get together for this fun and rewarding service project.

## Hamden School Superintendent Speaks



Our speaker October 26 was Dr. Fran Rabinowitz, Superintendent of Hamden Public Schools. A new grandmother and former Sister of Mercy, Dr. Rabinowitz came to Hamden after serving six years as Connecticut's Associate Commissioner of Education. Hamden was her first choice in applying for a Superintendency in that the challenges and diversity form a "picture of Connecticut". She feels that Hamden schools have the potential to be as good as any in the state, noting that resources alone are not going to move our children forward, but caring and commitment. With a 53% minority population and 35% of students on reduced-price lunch, the challenges are certainly there; but the commitment of the administration and teachers, in concert with involved parents, will certainly position Hamden's kids to succeed.

## Quote of the Week...

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."  
Eleanor Roosevelt

## The Four Way Test Of the things we say, think and do:



## Service Above Self

## Give us a Hand! 2009-10 Service Chairs

**Membership**-Owen Sanderson-288-3196  
**Club Service**-Eric Lind-315-0295  
**Community Service**-Betsy Gorman-288-0017  
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## Upcoming Meetings And Events



- Nov. 2 Special Guest Speaker  
Board Meeting
- Nov. 9 Joann Hoffman-Eats4Life  
Nutritionist for better health
- Nov.16 Jay Bowes-St. Martin dePorres  
Academy
- Nov. 30 Matt Kopac-Rotary Cultural Am-  
bassadorial Scholar.

## Dictionary Project

Rotarian Fabi Giguere reports that she has received a full pallet of dictionaries for our Club project of distributing a dictionary to every third grader in Hamden. This year the Club will be distributing the dictionaries to over 500 students in the Hamden Public Schools, Hamden Hall, three parochial schools, Wintergreen Magnet and Mustard Seed Charter schools. Rotarians that have volunteered to distribute should call Fabi at 230-8159 to pick up the dictionaries and Hamden Rotary book plates. Fabi's office, at LIMPIEX Cleaning Service is at 34 Raccio Park Rd., off Sherman Ave. near Elite Fitness.

## Now What's he Doing?



Matt Kopack has been speaking to Rotary Clubs, going to class, working for a non-profit, seeing a little of the countryside, and learning **volumes** about the culture of El Salvador. Go to Hamden Rotary's home page and click on his blog link-**it's great!**