

Enfield Rotary Cacessible Daysound

Ed Palomba of the Savings Institute was named Chairman of the Playground Committee and given the responsibility for raising funds for a project that was expected to take five years or more. Lindsey Weber proposed the project when she became President in 2009.



Fundraising for the playground began with pasta dinners (2012 event pictured below). Our Cinco K Mayo 5K Race/Walk was established as our major fundraiser in 2012, taking the place of charity golf tournaments. Road Race proceeds were earmarked for the Accessible Playground and other community projects, scholarships, etc.

















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Rotary Club of Enfield Charitable Fund, Inc.









When the LEGO Children's Fund announced that it would make a major grant toward the project in 2011, the timetable shrunk from five-plus years to three. They presented their check to us in January 2012. Prospects for an opening that year became a reality and the committee shifted into high gear. A playground equipment vendor was chosen and discussions with the Town of Enfield resulted in selection of a site at the Enfield Public Library on Middle Road.

Fundraising didn't stop with LEGO's generous donation. In fact, our club raised an additional \$90,000 for the pavilion and picnic tables inside, benches, landscaping, a safety net to catch any home runs hit out of the adjacent softball fields, signage, etc.

In addition to Lindsey Weber, President in 2009-2010, three additional club Presidents committed in advance to supporting the Accessible Playground project during their terms: Rich Tkacz (10-11); Mike Helechu (11-12); and Ed Palomba, who made the transition from Committee Chairman to Club President in July 2012, just in time for the ribbon-cutting on July 28th.































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Above: Søren Torp Laursen, President of LEGO Systems and Chairman of the LEGO Children's Fund.





Rotary Meeting at the Playground: October 17, 2012

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