



THE ROTARY CLUB *of* BELLINGHAM  
BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLE



## Opening

With his usual flair and warm smile, **President Jim** welcomed us all to the 4,228<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rotary Club of Bellingham. **Don Anderson** led us in the first chorus of the *Star Spangled Banner*.

### CELEBRATE ROTARY

**Mark Knittle**, whose classification is Computer Services, shared a bit of information about his company, Data Doctors. Over the past four years Data Doctors has worked hard to help local residences and businesses alike with networking, data recovery, back-up and other computer needs.

Mark pointed out that although his largest competitor is the technology service departments of the "Big Box" stores, Data Doctors has worked hard and has been largely successful at

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besting them by providing excellent customer service and by teaching his employees, who are admittedly geeks to the core, to minimize the geek-speak and help customers better understand how to maximize their computer use.

## Announcements

### SERVICE FUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

**Kathy Hughes** has asked that we announce that the committee is prepared to consider the second round of Service Fund requests and would like to have them by the first week in February. The third round will be in May.

**Dominique Zervas** took a deep breath and then quite unexpectedly broke into a wonderfully entertaining song (in Spanish no less) as she once again promoted the silent auction of a week's stay at both a one-bedroom and a two-bedroom condo along the beach near Cabo San Lucas. The proceeds, of course, are to be directed toward our major project, the Pickford Cinema. As though the slide show and song weren't enough to convince us all to place our bids; she further had **Ron Jepson** add his testimonial. They (Ron & Shelley, not Ron and Dominique) had the pleasure of spending a week in the one-bedroom condo last year and had a wonderful time.

**Gary Goldfogel** directed our attention to the sign up forms on our tables, and encouraged each of us, regardless of athletic prowess to sign up for the Rotary Club Night of Bowling on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Just in case the promise of fun and great fellowship weren't enough, Gary gave us fair warning that as the Sergeant-at-Arms today he would be addressing the event again.

**Brad Burdick** quickly passed the microphone to Mark Kuntz, the Director of *Musical of Musicals, the Musical*, for a brief announcement regarding this upcoming Rotary event. As a spoof on many of the most famous musicals of past years, Mark couldn't help but smile when he spoke about the fun and laughter that will ensue as one watches this performance

*Mills Electric*

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*Unity Group*

*Dave Morse*

*Blythe Plumbing*

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*Teri Treat*

*Sage Management*

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at the Mt. Baker Theatre. Ticket sellers were on hand to encourage and accept payment for this upcoming evening of fun with fellow Rotarians at the theatre.

Before beginning our programmed events, **President Jim Visbeek** reminded us that, as a club, we have committed to funding \$100,000 toward the expansion of the Pickford Cinema. At the present time we have only reached the \$70,000 mark. Recounting many of the wonderful projects that have been funded by the club over the past several years, Jim was grateful that he did not find himself an end user of such projects as hospice care or the food bank. He further expressed his gratitude for those other projects which he has had the opportunity to enjoy, including walking with his sweet wife along Boulevard Park. Jim reminded each of us how lucky we are to live in a community where these services and public places exist and how much richer and fuller life is in our corner of the world because of them. Rotary has made an impact in so many ways that he, and each of us, should be proud. He finished his remarks by encouraging each of us to participate by contributing to this year's major project, because we are Rotarians and whether in good times or bad, making our communities a better place to live is what we do. Well said President Jim.

## Business Notes

### Board Briefs from January 14, 2010 meeting

1. New Membership proposal approved by the Classification & Membership committee's and approved by the Board
  - a. James Wakefield proposed by **John Macpherson & Peter Theisen** to fill the classification "Consulting Engineering-Oil Refining"
  - b. **Glenn Butler** proposed by **Paul Grey & Teri Treat** to fill the classification "Business Consulting". Glenn was a previous member of our club, left the area and is back.

**THIS WEEK'S TEAM:**

**Editor: Dale Rings**

**Reporter: Peter Self**

**Photographer: Austin Huang**

**Sgt. at Arms: Gary Goldfogel**

**Invocation: Joe Coons**

**Introduction of Visitors: Cindy Enger**

**Greeter(s): J. C. Hickman**

**Raffle Tickets: Irwin**

THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON FEBRUARY 15, 2010 UNLESS WRITTEN OBJECTION IS RECEIVED BY SANDEE LINDHOUT, 2200 VINING ST., BELLINGHAM, WA 98229 ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>.

2. We agreed to renew our Gambling License at a cost of \$58.00 in case we would like to utilize it in the future.

3. The Board approved pledging to sponsor 3 students for Business Week again this year. (3 students at \$500.00 each for \$1,500.00)

4. A Leave of absence request for 5 months from **Phil Griggs** was received and approved until June 1, 2010. He will be in New Zealand doing another locum in Urology.

5. **Ed Lowery, Patricia Decker & Laury Evans** submitted resignations and they were approved by the Membership Identification/Retention Committee after they were contacted. The Board has also approved the resignation with great regret.

12. Letters of appreciation:

- a) Team Orange - 2010 Whatcom County Healthy Community Calendar and letter of appreciation
- b) Bellingham Technical College endowment scholarship report as of 6/20/09 - Mary Humphries

## Presentations

### SCIENCE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**LeCocq**

**Music: Don Anderson**

**AV: Rogan Jones**

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Club meets  
Monday - 12:00 Noon  
Northwood Hall



Students of the month were recognized from the three Bellingham high schools, for their accomplishments in the area of science.

Jack Morgan, from Bellingham High School, was introduced by **Marilyn Mastor**. Jack currently has a 3.9917 GPA, which is no small task given the fact that he keeps a rather busy schedule. As ASB President, Captain of the Soccer and wrestling teams and an active church and community volunteer, science is clearly just one of Jack's passions. His plans are to attend Whitman College next year in pursuit of a chemistry degree.

Louise Highleyman, representing Sehome High School, was hosted by **Ralph Rinne**. Louise has a 4.00 GPA in spite of the numerous advanced placement and honors courses in her schedule. As an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Louise was named Top Biology Student, but perhaps her proudest accomplishment is the resurrection of the Science Olympiad, which allows for a day of fun science-oriented competition and learning. Louise is unsure of her college plans at the present, but is sure it will involve science.

Hunter Bennett, of Squalicum High School, was introduced

by **Dan Whittle**. Hunter is not only the class VP, but is an active volunteer with his church, the YMCA, and youth sports programs. Hunter is also involved with the Future Business Leaders of America. His college plans are to attend the UW next year and major in biology with a focus on pre-med (if he can handle the blood and guts).

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## Happy Bucks/Fines/ Recognition

Sergeant-at-arms **Gary Goldfogel** fined **Irwin LeCocq** the standard \$20, for a ringing cell phone, which occurred during the invocation. Irwin claimed that he didn't hear a thing. The debate was still on in spite of a request for **Marty Haines** to intervene. In a related fine, Gary called for all those who checked to see if their phones had not been turned off to also fork out \$1.

Following a couple of failed fine attempts, Gary kept his promise, made earlier, and had each person who had not yet bought tickets to the Musical of Musicals or signed up for the night of Bowling to pay \$1.

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## Program



### Jacque Coe, APR with "Washington Lottery - Where the money goes"

Guest speaker, Jacque Coe was introduced by **Margaret Curtis**. Jacque stated that Washington has had a state run lottery of one sort or another since 1982. While it was the understanding of many Washington residents that the lottery was approved based upon the fact that all proceeds were to be used for education, education is just one of the many areas that the funds could be used. In truth, lottery proceeds were directed into the general fund and are used for a number of government expenditures.

About 60% of the funds collected are paid out in the form of prizes and winnings. This is by far the largest piece of the pie. Contributions to education are the second largest recipient of funds, with just under 20% of the gross receipts. Overhead, administration, and cost of business account for just under

15%. This leaves the remaining 5.3% in the general fund to be used for such things as stadium contributions, etc.

Questions were posed in regard to the tax burden borne by winners, the average demographic of players, and other related topics and were answered quite readily by Jacque. It was noted by Jacque that Bellingham alone has had thirteen folks add the moniker "millionaire" to their names as a result of the lottery since its inception, and 585 individuals state-wide. All in all, about 8.5 billion dollars have been pumped back into the economy via prizes, state-funded contracts, and retail commissions during the lottery's 26 year history.

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## Guests of Rotarians

**Cheryl Crazy Bull** introduced Carole Rave with Northwest Indian College

**Brad Burdick** brought Mark Kuntz, Sam Stoeddter and James Tweedale representing The Mt. Baker Theatre

**Paul Grey** introduced former member Glenn Butler. I was great to see him again.

Parents of our Students of the Month:

**Dan Whittle** introduced Brad and Tammy Bennett, parents of Squaticum High School student - Hunter Bennett

**Marilyn Mastor** introduced Eric and Jody Morgan, parents of Bellingham High School student - Jack Morgan

**Ralph Rinne** introduced Emily Highleyman, mother of Sehome High School - Louise Highleyman

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## Visiting Rotarians

(NONE)

# Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ron Jepson, January 25th  
Steve Hager, January 26th  
Dave Bradley, January 27th

## PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Betty Miller, January 26th  
Cheryll Blair, January 27th  
Shari Sitkin, January 27th  
Chris Tucker, January 29th  
Stefanie Allen, January 30th  
Lilian Marzocco, January 30th

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Robin Halliday, January 27th      7 Years  
Elizabeth Grant, January 28th      2 Years  
Yvonne Cartwright, January 29th      14 Years

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## Upcoming Programs

2/1 Alice Clark - Pickford Film Center - Construction Update  
2/8 Paula Hammond - Dept. of Transportation  
2/25 Holiday - No Meeting

2/22 Stephen Radcliffe - Marrowstone Summer Music  
3/1 Kerrie Lenderman (WAHA) - Whatcom Alliance for  
Healthcare Access  
3/8 Joseph Drumheller - The End of Human Suffering

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