



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

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Business Notes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The Board will meet Thursday, April 15th at 4:30 at the Dorothy Haggen Building.

Announcements

Scott Renne asked the membership to sign up to host fellow Rotarians for Rotation Day on May 17. Sheets will be on the table or contact Scott directly.

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5th, 2010
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Sponsors:*

Steve Adelstein

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Program

Jack Payne provided the introductions for our new members.



Tom Beaumont

Tom's life really gained direction in the summer of 1970 when he received a letter accepting him as a staff member at a church summer camp near Portland. He worked all day washing breakfast dishes, lunch dishes and dinner dishes. That entire summer, his role at camp was doing dishes, and he was paid \$5 per week. During the next 8 summers, Tom worked at the camp and he was named Co-Director in 1978. In 1979, Tom met his wife and they now have 3 children. Tom got the opportunity to move his family to Bellingham in 1985 when he accepted the Executive Director position at The Firs. In that role, Tom oversees a full-time staff of 21 employees, and many more during the summer. He has a great passion for helping children discover the outdoors and building relationships.

Barry Hanson

Unity Group

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor:

**Stephanie
Bowers**



Sue Bussinger

Sue's life has always involved some aspect of cooking or catering, so she decided to present herself as a recipe. The first part of the recipe is 1 cup of Big Sky. Sue was born and raised in Anaconda, Montana. She then went to Montana State University to study Home Economics. The second ingredient is a loving relationship with Larry, her husband of 39 years. She met Larry at the student health center at college, as they had both been injured, and they spent several hours together which led to a great relationship in which they enjoy many outdoor activities. The third ingredient is to stir in 2 pints of children, and the fourth ingredient is to add 4 cups of career. Sue started her career as a High School teacher in Montana, then a County Director, then Retail Manager at the Greenhouse in Bellingham, and her last role was as Haggen's Catering manager. Sue is now mixing everything together to create a new dish for her life.

Reporter:

Barry Hanson

Photographer:

Sue Bussinger

Sgt. at Arms:

Matt Hammatt

Invocation:

Kevin Allen

**Introduction of
Visitors:**

John Griggs

Greeter:

Dan Whittle

**Raffle Tickets:
Irwin LeCocq**

Music:

Don Anderson

AV:

Mark Knittel

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Glenn Butler

Glenn shared that his wife Janis is the most important and interesting aspect of his life, but he went on to share some of his history. Glenn's formal education started at Montana State University, where he proceeded to make the most of the university experience by skiing almost every day. He then got serious about his education and moved to Oregon State to study Chemical Engineering. He went to work at the Cherry Point refinery in 1979, and then ARCO sent him on a whirlwind tour of duty serving in California, Texas, back to California, and off to Boston. He was then provided the opportunity at the Cherry Point refinery to serve as Refinery Manager and as Regional Executive for Arco. In 2000, BP purchased Arco and Glenn was asked to move to London for BP. With two children in school, he and Janis instead made the decision to retire. Over the next year, Glenn served as a Consultant, primarily working as an expert witness in court cases. This led him to enrolling in Law School. After his home was damaged, he left Law School to work on that project, and did not return to school. Glenn has worked in a "Rent-A-CEO" capacity for several organizations, has been very active in the Bellingham Angels group, and serves on a number of Boards of both for-profit and not-for-profit companies.



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Jim Wakefield

Jim grew up in the very conservative city of Wichita, Kansas. Jim received his degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Kansas. He met his wife Karen in college and they were married and moved to Casper, Wyoming where Jim worked in the oil fields. From Jim's graduation until 1993, he moved often as did many in the oil industry. Each time he received a promotion that would require him to move to Texas, he found new employment that would not require a move. He got the opportunity in 1993 to make the move to Bellingham to join Anvil. Jim and Karen have been married just shy of 40 years, and they have 2 daughters and a son. Karen speaks fluid French and they have often enjoyed vacationing in France. During these trips, Jim is happy to let Karen do all the talking. They are very happy that all three children are working in the Seattle area. Jim and Karen enjoy traveling and they have been very active as Volunteers in our community.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Lisa Santana, from the North West Indian College, was a guest of Cheryl Crazy Bull.

Upcoming Programs

4/12 Congressman Rick Larsen

4/19 Aaron Adelstein - Built Green

4/26 Representative Kelli Linville

5/3 Greg Lane TVW

5/10 Liz Luce, DOL - Public safety and consumer protection

5/17 Rotation Program

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