



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

TATTLE



Business Notes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Thursday, April 15
at
4 pm at the Dorothy Haggen building.

Teri Treat announced a **Membership Classification** meeting was to be held after today's Rotary meeting. She and Fred Shelton discussed the campaign that will be mounted to bring new members into the RCOB.

Celebrate

CELEBRATE THE RCOB

Ann Jones; classification: Radio Broadcasting. In celebration of Rotary and its members Ann recounted the history of Rotary

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membership beginning with the founding of Rotary clubs in 1905 as men-only clubs to the Supreme Court case in 1987 that ruled against Rotary, ruling that subsequently required all clubs to accept women as members. Ann and Mary Robinson were the first two female members of the Rotary Club of Bellingham.

CELEBRATE ROTARY CLASSIFICATIONS

Wayne Langei; classification: Credit Unions. Wayne briefly described the Whatcom Educational Credit Union, its financial size, membership statistics and impact in the community. This was followed by a humorous description of what he imagines we all think about how credit union operate and treat their members.

Announcements

There is a District Assembly meeting this weekend. President Jim invited RCOB members to attend.

Rotation Day will be May 17; Scott Renne is making arrangements.

Dale Rings announced that the new Tattler style/format has produced a significant reduction in volunteer production effort, with no reduction in readership. This new reduced-text presentation will be continued.

Program

Presentation by Congressman Rick Larsen

Barry Hanson

Unity Group

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Blythe Plumbing

John Sitkin

Chmelik Sitkin

& Davis, P.S.

Teri Treat

Sage Management

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**THIS WEEK'S
TEAM:**

**Editor: Dale
Rings**

**Reporter: Arlie
Norman**



Congressman Larsen presented his views on the general state of the economy and his concerns over the continuing situation of tight credit.

Although he sees signs that the economy is improving, many in the population still are not employed or are losing jobs, businesses continue to fail and many are losing their homes. He noted that public investments in infrastructure, e.g. roads and bridges, will give support to the badly slumping construction industry, an industry currently experiencing 35% unemployment. A continuing problem is tight credit - small local and regional financial institutions are not able to make the business loans that are needed now. He stated strongly that he supports legislation that will result in financial regulatory reform.

He expressed optimism for the future, reminding the audience that Americans are fundamentally resilient. During the question and answer session after his talk, Congressman Larsen commented that with respect to the new health care legislation, regions that have been managing health care well, such as the Pacific Northwest, should experience some benefits relative to much of

Photographer:

Sgt. at Arms: Gary Goldfogel

Invocation: Mike Plenkovich

Introduction of Visitors: J.C. Hickman

Greeter(s): Cindy Enger

Raffle Tickets: John Pedlow

Music: Don Anderson

AV: Brad Burdick

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the rest of the country.

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Patrick Collins was present as the guest of Teri Treat

Rafeeka Gafoor, Director of Congressman Larsen's Bellingham office was present as a guest

Upcoming Programs

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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