



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

TATTLE



Noteworthy

Everyone exited the building in recognition of President Jim's multi-week absence. All enjoyed a good laugh accompanied by music.

The Club membership then recognized Jim since, during his 2-week absence, he became an ordained Protestant minister. Everyone put \$1 in to honor him; Jim added \$20.

Announcements

ROTATION DAY: MAY 17th

Scott Renne is distributing sign-ups for the May 17th Rotation Day. Contact Scott at 738-8230 or swrenne@blueseas.com **IMMEDIATLY** if you have not signed up. There will **NOT** be a regular meeting. Assignments will be distributed at the meeting next Monday, May 10th.

May 3rd, 2010

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ROTARY CRUISE: JUNE 21st

We are chartering the 160' schooner **Zodiac**. It will depart at noon from Bellingham Cruise Terminal, catered lunch and return home around 1630. There is a limit of 48 guests.

RCOB MAJOR AWARDS:

It is time to select the **RCOB Major Awards** for the June 28th meeting. The Executive Committee, comprised of **Jim Visbeek, Kathy Hughes, Steve Adelstein, Steve Hoekstra and Margaret Curtis**, requests that you present them with a written nomination (no ballot shall be created or distributed) of a member for the following awards: These awards are not based upon popularity or popular vote; they are awards for long-term service. Please see the large roster page 23-25 or the website for additional criteria information.

Last year's awardees are as follows:

William J. Griswold Service Award: Dale Rings
David C. Morse Sr. Community Service Award: Joe Coons
Michael K. Mischaikow International Service Award: none
Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award: Curt Cortelyou

These awards consist of a contribution of \$1,000 each to the **Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation** in their names.

ROSTER UPDATES NEEDED:

Please contact Sandee at rcob@comcast.net with any changes. Also is it time to update your picture?

2010-2011 COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS:

Kathy Hughes has distributed the new committee sign-ups for next year. You can use the sheets on tables or contact Kathy at 201-0150 or khughes@smcgear.net

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

"Bring a Friend to Rotary" is the name of the membership campaign that **Teri Treat** discussed today. Each of us will be asked to identify *just one business friend* who could be a Member of this club. Now's the time to come up with a name and prepare to participate in this important task of every Rotarian.

Barry Hanson

Unity Group

Dave Morse

Blythe Plumbing

John Sitkin

Chmelik Sitkin

& Davis, P.S.

Teri Treat

Sage Management

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: **Stephanie Bowers**

Reporter: **Nancy Jordan**

THE DISTRICT 5050 CONFERENCE

The Conference will be in Marysville May 14-16.



Program

"Who Can the Public Trust? Protecting Democracy as the Media Transforms"

Arlan Norman introduced Greg Lane, President and CEO of TVW, a private non-profit entity. Greg assumed this role in 2008 with 20+ years of experience in journalism and the legislature. TVW has been around since 1995 and is affectionately called "Washington State's C-Span."

Lane provided a brief overview of Civics 101, in which he said "the key to a healthy democracy is an informed citizenry." He noted that over the past 20 years, our media has changed from print, radio and television to online sources, causing a cut in the number of reporters, and less information and accountability.

TVW is not a news gathering agency but a source for traditional public records information. They have two journalists on a staff of 20. They also produce other programming designed to fill in background information on current issues. They have archived everything they produced back to 1995. They intend to stay with their unbiased, non-partisan open format. They let the viewer make their own judgments.

They track website hits, which in 2009, with 1.8 million hits, was triple

Photographer:
Austin Huang

Sgt. at Arms: Tom
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Allen

Introduction of
Visitors: Glenn
Butler

Greeter(s): Pam
Kiesner

Raffle Tickets: Pam
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Music: Don
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Vandekerck

AV: John Raasch

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that of 2008. TVW is funded by the cable industry through donated channel space (\$9M/yr value), state funds, which provide 8% of operating costs (for contract to broadcast state Supreme Court proceedings), and corporate support much like NPR (\$300-350K)

Guests of Rotarians

Teri Treat introduced Patrick Collins with Sterling Health Care

Rick Haggen brought Tom Kenney with Washington Federal Bank

Roland Trenouth and **Paul Hanson** introduced two students from WCC College as part of our International Service Committee.

The students are studying at Whatcom as part of the Community College Initiative program which is a U.S. State Department sponsored program. The program is funded by the US Association of International Development (USAID), and the students were selected by the Fulbright Commission in Egypt. There are 10 students at Whatcom this year (2009-2010) and they are working on completion of one of two programs: Hospitality and Tourism Business Management or Retail Management. In addition to their academic program, students will be involved in a variety of community activities (like visiting Rotary), and will be completing internships during the summer.

Osama Fathy Ahmed

Osama is working on his Hospitality/Tourism Business Management certificate, he is a tour guide at home in Egypt. He speaks Spanish (very well - I should note). He recently visited NYC and DC with other students during spring break. Osama is hoping to do an internship related to tourism in Bellingham.

Ahmed Hanafy Mahmoud

Hanafy is also working on his Hospitality/Tourism business Management certificate, and works at a hotel in Egypt. He is hoping to continue to work at a hotel but in a better position. He was one of the students who went to Hawaii during the winter break and volunteered at a 5 star hotel. Hanafy is hoping to do an internship at a high-end hotel in Bellingham.

Also introduced was Anne Bowen, Executive Director of College

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Advancement & Foundation at WCC. She is also a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club.

Upcoming Programs

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

5/17 Rotation Program

5/24 Anna Ehnmark - TAG (Technology Alliance Group NW Washington)

5/31 Holiday - No Meeting

6/7 Youth Awards

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www.bellinghamrotary.org

District 5050 Website
www.district5050.org

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Monday - 12:00 Noon
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