



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

TATTLE



Celebrate Rotary

Celebration of Classifications

Pat Foley, classification, Electrical Contracting, was called upon. She is the CEO of Mills Electric, which specializes in large commercial and industrial jobs. Their most recent job is with Bellingham Technical College. When asked about what they have done that makes her proud, Pat said that Mills is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Not many electrical companies can boast about being in business that long. She also mentioned that 30% of their electricians have been with the company for more than 10 years.

Michael Bradburn was also called upon by President Jim; classification, Seafood Export. They are

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Mills Electric

celebrating their second year in business and pack and ship frozen food and a variety of other items for enterprises that sell their products over the Internet. They have shipped over 10 million dollars of products from just one client. The company now employs twenty people and is opening up a new facility in Hastings, Nebraska.

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 **IMMEDIATELY** if you have not signed up. There will **NOT** be a regular meeting. Assignments will be distributed at the meeting next Monday, May 10th.

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. Sign Up sheets will be distributed May 24th.

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:

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: **Dale Rings**

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??

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Jim then auctioned off two tickets to the 5th Avenue Theater production of Candid, donated by Bob and Lois Nicholl. Charlie Self won the bid for \$100.00

Del Vandkerk sold several items from the podium that had not sold on Ebay. They had been previously donated by fellow Rotarians.

Program

The program was by Liz Luce of the Dept. of Licensing (DOL), Public Safety and Consumer Protection Office. She gave a very informative program about the Department and how they are trimming waiting times and reducing expenses. Most people go to the DOL to renew their driver licenses. The Department licenses 5 million drivers, 7 million vehicles and vessels, and in addition licenses architects, funeral directors, boxers, and tattoo artists, just to name a few of the professions under their pervue.

With the budget cuts statewide, the DOL has had challenges

Reporter: Patti Leach

Photographer: Mike Diehl

Sgt. at Arms: Tom Grinstad

Invocation: Joe Coons

Introduction of Visitors: Ray Tryznka

Greeter(s): Peter Theisen

Raffle Tickets: Sandy McIntire

Music: Don Anderson

to try to reinvent itself, and provide improved customer service. They want to do more business on-line and are continually improving the options. Without changing the business model they would have to ask for 20 new employees every five years. Their new emphasis is to find ways to "skip a trip" to their offices by using the Internet. So far, they have been able to close 21 offices and related staff by streamlining their systems. Many of the offices now have computer stations in them that people can utilize to avoid long

Guests of Rotarians

Tom Grinstad introduced Charles Stark with C. F. Stark & Associates

Mike Bradburn brought Dennis King

Pat Foley introduced John Huntley, owner of Mills Electric

Margaret Curtis introduced Chris Anthony with DOL

Tim Farris brought Debbie Ahl formerly with Sterling Health Insurance Co.

Upcoming Programs

5/17 Rotation Program

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

5/31 Holiday - No Meeting

AV: Mark Knittel

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6/7 Youth Awards

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