



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

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## Announcements

Remember, NO MEETING on June 21 unless you are going on the Rotary Cruise. There are still some spots left but sign up now! The Zodiac boards at 11:30 AM and leaves port at 11:45 AM and returns @ 4:00 PM (that's eight bells for you mariner-types).

Washington Business Week summer camp for teens is coming up. The Bellingham camp will be June 20 to June 26<sup>th</sup> at WWU. There are also camps in Spokane, Ellensburg and Tacoma. Information can be found at [www.wbw.org](http://www.wbw.org).

*June 14th, 2010*

*2009-2010*

*Sponsors:*

*Steve Adelstein*

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**Rotary Golfun 2010** will be August 21 at Useless Bay Golf and Country Club (they named it, I didn't - Your Faithful Servant) in Langley. The cost is \$110.00 U.S. dollars for green fees, golf cart and dinner. There will most likely be flyers on the tables in coming weeks.

### **JUNE 28TH CHANGING OF THE GUARD MEETING:**

We are going to hold our annual Awards and Changing of the Guard meeting, June 28th at noon. Current and Future Board are encouraged to attend and spouses are invited.

### **BOARD BRIEFS FOR THE JUNE 10, 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

Incoming Treasurer **Bob Sytsma** and current Treasurer, **Steve Hoekstra** met and created an Internal Controls Review and Recommendations which was presented to the Board in lieu of the embezzlement in the Rotary Club of Seattle.

The main recommendation for change was:  
*One* person, other than the person who deposits the funds (The Sergeant-at-arms for the day), should count the cash each week with a "count sheet". Both sign the count sheet, make a copy for the treasurer and give cash/count sheet to Sandee. The treasurer will then compare the count sheet totals to the deposit slips/bank statements.

President Jim reported that Tommy Thomson has issued a second check to The Pickford Cinema in the amount of \$15,483.68 for a total donation of \$70,483.68.

He also reported that Ken Culver and D. C. Morse were appointed to serve another 3 year term as President and

*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**

Reporter: **Chuck Snyder**

Vice-President respectively of the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation. Both of the terms would be extended until June 30, 2013.

President Jim also thanked outgoing Board Members Paul Grey, Mike Diehl, Past President Margaret Curtis and Treasurer Steve Hoekstra (2003-2010) for their service to The Rotary Club of Bellingham. He also welcomed incoming Board members Gregor Hodgson, Larry Ziels and Program Chairman John Macpherson

**Service Fund Grant Requests** were approved and a request for a grant from the RCOB Foundation will be made. They are all in the amount of \$1,000.00

1. Catholic Community Services-Hope
2. Whatcom Community Foundation
3. Compass 2 Campus - WWU

#### **Membership/Classification Committee:**

1. **New Membership proposal for Debbie Ahl to fill the classification "Insurance-Medicare" was approved by the committee and The Board of Directors. She was proposed by Tim Farris and Larry Ziels. She will be eligible for membership on July 5, 2010 unless written objection is received by Sandee Lindhout, 2200 Vining Street, Bellingham, WA, 98229 on or before June 27, 2010.**

2. A Membership proposal to reinstate Greg Grant to the club was received from **Teri Treat** and **Don Anderson** to fill the classification "Commercial Real Estate". It was also approved by the committee and The Board of Directors.

3. A letter of resignation was approved with regret from **Ken Dove** - He has been transferred to Seattle.

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## **Program**

Photographer:  
**Robin Halliday**

Sgt. at Arms:  
**Wayne Langei**

Invocation: **Jack Payne**

Introduction of  
Visitors: **J. C. Hickman**

Greeter(s): **Dan Whittle**

Raffle Tickets:  
**Barry Hanson**

Music: **Don Anderson**

AV: **John Raasch**

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Our program was **Senator Dale Brandland**, who is finishing his final term in Olympia this year. He was sheriff of Whatcom County beginning in 1992 and was elected to the Senate in 2002. He has served as vice-chair of the Republican Caucus and on numerous committees. He gave a recap of his eight years in office.

Senator Brandland left the sheriff's office because he lost his passion for law enforcement when one deputy was killed in a tragic accident and a corrections officer whom he had great affection for also passed away. He was recruited to run for the Senate and said the hardest campaign was convincing his wife to let him run. He has no regrets but was awed by the responsibility that comes with being one of only 49 Senators in the state.

If the Senator had a failing in the office, he said, it was not being communicative enough with his constituents back home. He eschews newsletters and press releases as he feels they are just a chance to brag or hone one's image. He professes a great aversion to email and the internet, saying it begins a dialogue that never ends. He is leaving the Senate

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because he dreads the commute and living in Olympia so far away from his home and family.

He was proud of being one of the top three Republican Senators in terms of having his bills signed into law in a Democratic legislature. His philosophy is to work with the other party to accomplish things rather than being merely partisan. This has gotten him into hot water with his own caucus from time to time, but Senator Brandland feels that relationships are fundamental to being a legislator. He focused on public safety bills in order to be effective. He especially enjoyed sitting on the capital budget committee working for economic development in the state and because it was a truly bipartisan committee. He also explained his votes in favor of the simple majority law for school bond measures and on gay rights, votes that set him apart from his party.

And for the future? Senator Brandland advocated for privatizing liquor sales and corrections. He warned that the current budget was unsustainable and that the coming deficit was very troublesome. His final words - beware the income tax proposal being floated.

Thank you Senator Brandland for your public service and for an interesting program.

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## Guests of Rotarians

**Arlan Norman** introduced his wife Diane Norman with WWU

Club Website  
[www.bellinghamrotary.org](http://www.bellinghamrotary.org)

District 5050 Website  
[www.district5050.org](http://www.district5050.org)

Club meets  
Monday - 12:00 Noon  
Northwood Hall



**Pat Foley** brought John Jawerski with 3-D Computers

**Craig Parkinson** introduced Mark Sohoening with Northwest Sky Ferry

**Bruce Clawson** brought Tom Kenney with Washington Federal

**Tim Farris** introduced Debbie Ahl

**Robin Halliday** brought former member Sheila Brillson on with Critical Junctions Institute

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## Upcoming Programs

**6/21 Rotary Cruise**

**6/28 Change of Guard and Awards**

**7/5 Holiday**

**7/12 State Representative, Doug Erickson - View of State Government**

**7/19 Jonathan Hensley - Access to Health Insurance**

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