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Announcements:

President Kathy greeted us all noting that she had come to the realization that we are all closet gamblers. This conclusion was based upon the complaints she received in regard to last weeks missed raffle drawing. In response, today she drew the winning ticket prior to any other business. **Bob Morse** won. On a more serious note; we were reminded of the honor it is to be a part of Rotary and the good works and people that we have the privilege to be associated with. Following a few anecdotal stories, we were challenged to wear our Rotary pins proudly each and every day and not just to avoid a fine at our meetings.

We are pleased to announce that our latest **Paul Harris Fellow** is **Harold Heiner**. The Board had approved this, but we have been unable to present the certificate to Harold until recently when Teri Treat met with him. Congratulations Harold. Take care and visit us soon!!

Presentations:

Tommy Thompson gave a rather enlightening, and yet humorous report of the state and nature of the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation. As a separate 501(c) 3 the foundation is the funding mechanism for all of those great awards and scholarships funded by the club. Over the past years the foundation has funded 6 Scholarships, 21 Service fund requests and somewhere between 24 and 27 student awards. This totals over \$40,000.

Program



President of Regence Blue Shield, Jonathan Hensley

Jonathan Hensley, representing Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield, presented a quick synopsis of how the recently passed healthcare reform will change the way we view healthcare insurance and what impact it may have on private businesses. As the cost of healthcare for the average American is about \$1 in every \$6, the topic bears close attention.

In general Jonathan felt that many of the changes in the new legislation will be beneficial. Prior to the passing of the bill, Regence had already begun addressing such issues as pre-existing conditions and coverage for children. Over the next 8 years changes will be gradually introduced which will have an effect on businesses both large and small. With over 2400 pages in the new legislation, understanding it all and administering it will be something of a challenge.

In spite of all of the discussion and regulation, in the end, the single most effective component to controlling healthcare costs, according to

Barry Hanson

Unity Group

Dave Morse

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor:

**Matt Hammatt &
Pam Kiesner**

Reporter:

Peter Self

Jonathan, will be our personal decisions and commitment to living a healthier lifestyle.

Guests of Rotarians

Jim Visbeek introduced Tom Kenney with Washington Federal

Marty Haines introduced Ken Hoving from Sooner Rotary Club

Upcoming Program

7/26 Mt. Baker Climb Celebration - Dick Tucker

8/2 Dave Nichols - Stop the War on Drugs

8/9 Dr. James Douglas - Cardiac Surgery

Photographer:
Del Vandekerck

Sgt. at Arms:
Cleary Cone

Invocation:
Rex Dudley

Introduction of
Visitors:
**Dominique
Zervas**

Greeter(s):
Ray Trzynka

Raffle Tickets:
Dewey Desler

Music:
Don Anderson

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