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BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLE



Opening

President Jim asked how many in attendance had checked out the www.district5050.org website. Only a couple of members had, and the rest of us had to cough up a buck.

Announcements

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NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST MEETING

JULY 27TH AT 7:00 A.M.

HARBORSIDE BISTRO

Happy Bucks

President Jim mentioned "Golfing success stories", with the # of birdies: **Dewey Dresler's** team had 2 (on 9 holes); **Ben Kuiken** had one; and **Ken Marzocco's** team hit 13, due to a golf team ringer.

Brad Burdick - for making the STP (Seattle to Portland) 200 mile bike ride in one day.

Bob Boule - \$10 - for the Blaine Jazz Festival and serving 2100 meals.

Larry Ziels - \$50 - \$49 to honor his anniversary plus another for extra measure.

Bob Nicholl - \$10 - in honor of the Bellingham Festival of Music.

Dominique Zervas - \$5 - for Bellingham being a great community, the Bellingham Festival of Music, and the Mt Baker Theatre programs.

Guest **Scott Caldwell** - \$20 - for his birthday on Saturday and for being able to watch the Chelsea Soccer team play and meet **Andriy Shevchenko**, the famous Ukrainian football (soccer) player.

Dale Rings - for a fun day at the Vintage Sports Car Races in Mission, BC with **Chuck Snyder**- especially since he got to ride a couple of laps in a 900 Porche 911 Carrera S.

Sandy McIntire - for the successful conclusion of the Bellingham Festival of Music.

Barry Hanson - \$10 - for a trip on Pemberton's charter boat from

Mills Electric

Barry Hanson

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Blythe Plumbing

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: Dale Rings

Sitka to Juneau, Alaska.

Brian Griffin - for finally closing on their home, which has been for sale for 16 months.

Dave Blair - \$20 - for taking delivery of a new boat - paid as a loan application fee to the Irwin LeCocq" I'm happy I sold my boat fund."

Ken Marzocco - for not only getting 13 birdies, but also 5 eagles.

Jim Vos - \$10 - for Security Solutions being selected to install a new security system a the Blaine border crossing with ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or stimulus) funds.

Sergeant-at-Arms / Fines

Megan Stanfield found a great set of challenging questions to honor the historic date of July 20, 2009: 40th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. She also collected on the IOU's in the box.



Program



Speaker Dr. Hart Hodges:

Reporter: Nancy Jordan

Photographer:
Del Vandekerck

Sgt. at Arms:
Megan Stanfield

Invocation:
Kevin Allen

Introduction of
Visitors:
Nancy Jordan

Greeter(s):
Joe Morse
Vic Tate

Raffle Tickets:
Pam Kiesner

Music:

"Building a Sound Whatcom Economy" or "Getting There from Here."

Question: What's the approach or strategy to increasing economic well-being? Rather than spend time on mechanics, maybe we should look more closely at the unintended consequences of the actions we will choose. There are many 'new' concepts that are captivating such as "neomercantilization" - or the 'go local' movement on steroids, triple bottom line, and EMR healthcare, etc. Note that these are tools not goals.

Hart added a **Happy Buck** for being able to deviate from his normal slide outline for economic development. Then, showed a 'riddle' of a YouTube video about two teams passing basketballs. Question: did anyone notice the bear? The 'take home' message for us in this era economic recession and grand changes in the way we deal with issues is to **pay attention to the unintended consequences of our choices/actions** that we will most likely need to deal with in the future.

After a series of the data slides on unemployment, job growth, home prices, debt burden, and changes in state spending, Hart pointed out that **though recent (last 25 years) recessions are not as deep, they are lasting significantly longer periods of time.** One area to watch is healthcare and the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) processes. While there continues to be a great need for employees in this field and we pay great attention to the uninsured and ever increasing health care costs, the fees charged by physicians for services such as Medicare are now going to be even more impacted due to the requirements to adopt EMR records management, which is included in the ARRA stimulus package.

Rising national debt and Cap & Trade (vs. carbon offsets) were also noted as impacts on our recovery process, along with the local issue of the impact of **LAMIRDS** (limited areas of more intense rural development) on our planning and zoning policies.

Guests of Rotarians

Don Anderson

AV: Mark Knittel

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Joe Coons introduced John Pedlow
Rex Dudley brought Scott Caldwell
Bruce MacCormack introduced John Webster
Teri Treat brought Sue Bussiger
Margaret Curtis introduced Kris Hamilton

Member Birthdays/ Club Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Al Marsh, July 20th

Partner Birthdays

Nancy Barnhart, July 20th
Nancy Goldfogel, July 21st
Willy Vandekerck, July 23rd
Marcia Culver, July 25th

Club Anniversaries

Jeff Jenkins, July 20th 11 Years

Upcoming Programs

7/27 District Governor Larry Jubie

8/3 Howard Lincoln, CEO - Mariner's

8/10 Peter Jewett & Paul Grabau: Environmental Due Diligence
on property

8/17 Seaton "Chip" M. Daly III Corporate Data Governance: A

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