



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

TATTLE



Opening

President Jim opened the meeting and asked that **Elizabeth Grant** accompany us on the piano in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

Joe Coons delivered the invocation in his usual wonderful style.

Announcements

District Foundation Golfun Tournament

August 21st at 11:00 at the Surrey Golf Club - Fee is \$100 per person. Contact **Sandee** or **President Jim** Visbeek for information or register online at [district 5050.org](http://district5050.org)

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Celebrate the RCOB:

Scott Walker, Environmental Engineer, has been a member of Rotary for 14 years and is particularly proud of the diversity the Club exhibits as it relates to age. After 14 years in Rotary, Scott has seen the various perspectives and values members present over time. In particular he noted the service of **Jim Caldwell** and **David Morse**. Scott also took the moment to present Happy Bucks for **Elizabeth Grant**, since she played the piano for not only the Club, but also her Mother who was a guest.

Celebrate Rotary Classifications:

Rick Wright, Nurseries-Growing; has owned and operated greenhouse operations for 30 years and has specialized in low growing perennials, ferns and other materials that have been distributed all over the northwest. He noted that he does actually have repeat customers, as opposed to last week's classification celebration of funeral director, by Rob Westford. Rick is most proud of the fact that he has introduced 10-15 new plant varieties to our area nurseries for all of us to enjoy, due to his travels and research.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting will be held, Thursday, August 13th at 4:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Hagen Building

Sergeant-at-Arms: Wayne Lengei

Jim Cunningham, who just returned from a 3-month trip in Alaska, noted that, under the direction of **D.C. Morse**, he caught two halibut that weighed one pound each. He cannot recommend D.C. as a guide. Actually, Jim may have caught at least four fish (not counting those filleted and eaten) and was fined \$20.

Wayne noted that he received "someone's" photo in the mail addressed "to the voters". **Scott Walker** was asked why the piece was not addressed to Wayne personally and what is wrong with this mailing system and WHY did he wish to run for this office? Scott indicated that Pete Kremen should be consulted and added that running was a great opportunity to continue community service. Pete was asked what

Barry Hanson

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor:

he thought of this mailing system and replied that it was egregious; his mailings are always addressed to "dear valued member of the community". He does know how to work the crowd.

Wayne asked that all convertible-owning members to please stand; then he asked those whose tops were down to sit down. Why in the world would you leave the top up on a beautiful day like today? **Paul Landgren** said it was protection from the sun and paid one dollar.

Mark Knittel, when looking at Wayne, said his excuse was that the wind blew his hair (wink, wink), and, along with **Rex Dudley** coughed up five bucks. **President Jim** levied additional fines on them for not mentioning their names and classifications. You have been forwarned for future meetings.

Since **Pete Foti** was not present, **Tom Grinstad** was fined for publicity about his firm's design of Pete's new shop, which he hoped could be finished on time. He also contributed \$40 to more than cover the celebration of his 36th wedding anniversary.

President Jim asked for all "non-Mariner fans" to stand. **Pat Foley** and **Rex Dudley** were each fined \$5.00, while Elizabeth Grant was also fined because she thought baseball was "boring." **Tommy Thompson** was fined because he said he had never been an athletic supporter.

President Jim then auctioned off two Mariner-autographed baseballs, one for \$400 to **Kathy Hughes**, and an additional one to **Susie Thompson** for \$200.

Happy Bucks

Brad Burdick paid \$25 for 25 years of marriage and kicked in some more for his participation in the Ram Rodders bike race.

Dan Whittle was happy about his first daughter-in-law, whom he said is a "keeper".

Cindy Enger contributed \$10 for a week of kayaking in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Bruce MacCormack produced \$10 for a wonderful time watching the Vancouver Island fireworks and \$10 for his new (to him) Jaguar XKR.

Dale Rings

Reporter:

Patti Leach

Photographer: Del Vandekerck

Sgt. at Arms:
Wayne Langei

Invocation:
Joe Coons

Introduction of Visitors:

Barry Hanson

Greeter(s): Cindy Enger

Raffle Tickets:
John Griggs

Music:

Elizabeth Grant

Aaron Booker was happy for the Whatcom Museum History Cruise led by Curator Richard Vanderway...only three more cruises left!

Karen Morse was \$20 happy for being the best Mariner fan in the State of Wa.

Program

Cathy Hughes introduced program speaker Howard Lincoln, President and CEO of the Seattle Mariners.



Mr. Lincoln is credited for helping to save baseball in Seattle and has been a key player since 1992. He spoke about the Mariners and the 10th anniversary of SAFECO Field. This year marks his 10th season after taking over as CEO from the former chairman of Puget Power in 1999. His real involvement actually began in 1992 when he participated in finalizing the purchase of the Mariners as one of the new owner group; a time when SAFECO Field was not in the picture. He noted that the Mariners have come a long way from the "empty" King Dome days". Since SAFECO opened in July of 1999, 29 million fans have come to the stadium and that does not include the millions of fans who watch games on television or listen to them on the radio.

Surveys of fans have been taken, the most recent in 2008. Some important statistics show that:

- * Over 50% of fans come from outside King County
- * 30% of fans take more than 3 hours to arrive at SAFECO Field
- * 30% of fans have attended SAFECO Field for the very first time

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* All games are broadcast live to Japan

Although SAFECO Field was controversial from the beginning, it represents a successful \$500 million public/private partnership. Bonds are due in 2016 but will actually be paid off in 2012. The Field will be owned by the public and the Mariners will have no claim other than to be a tenant. This is wonderful for the Public Facilities District who owns the facility because once the bonds are paid off, 10% of Mariner profits will be paid to the Public Facilities District. This model is exactly how the Mount Baker Theatre improvements, Whatcom Museum construction, and streetscape improvements are financed. It is through sales taxes already set aside over a period of time.

Mr. Lincoln then went on to explain the performance of Ken Griffy Jr. and the wonderful improvements the team has made since his return. He also credits greatly the new general manager and coaching staff. So far this year, the Mariners are in 3rd place, behind the Angels. Mr. Lincoln closed by stating that he fully expects to be in the front row seat when Ken Griffey Jr. is inducted into the Baseball Hall of fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

The raffle winner was **Jim Cunningham**.

Guests of Rotarians

Yvonne Cartwright introduced Sue Bussinger with Market Street Catering

Tim Farris brought John Pedlow

Bob Sytsma introduced Tom Beaumont

Rex Dudley brought Scott Caldwell

Elizabeth Grant introduced her Mother, Helen Calhoun

Peggy Zoro introduced her best friend, husband and Mariner fan, Gene.

Ben Kuiken brought Peter Aylen, another Mariner fan.

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Club meets
Monday - 12:00 Noon
Northwood Hall





Visiting Rotarians

Pete Kremen with Whatcom North Rotary Club.

Member Birthdays/ Club Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Elizabeth Grant, August 4th

Steve Hoekstra, August 7th

Gragg Miller, August 8th

Partner Birthdays

John Edgar, August 6th

Mary Grey, August 6th

Mamiko McIntire, August 7th

Club Anniversaries

Susan Edgar, August 9th 10 Years

Upcoming Programs

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

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

8/24 Greg Winter, Director of Whatcom Homeless Service Center - Recording fees used to help homeless

8/31 Dr. Bradley Smith (WWU) - Smarth Growth: Protectings the Green by Land and Sea

9/7 Holiday - Labor Day

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