



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

TATTLE



Opening

We sang "America the Beautiful", accompanied by **Elizabeth Grant's** mother, whom Elizabeth sneaked onto the piano bench out of sight of many. Helen Calhoun is from Louisiana, and Elizabeth insisted that her mother is the better pianist. A hearty round of applause was rendered when the identity of the accompanist was revealed.

Celebrate

RCOB:

Jack Westford shared that willingness of everyone in the Club to help and the quality of programs are two reasons he enjoys RCOB.

Three special programs have been of particular interest to Jack in the past: Rotary Youth Exchange, Take a Vet to Lunch, and Habitat for Humanity. As an example of member commitment, Jack received a

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call from Habitat for Humanity asking if we'd be interested in helping with a "Women Build" project; Jack contacted twelve women in the Club, all of whom are willing to help.

ROTARY CLASSIFICATIONS:

Fahri Ugurlu, whose classification is "Restaurants - Waterfront" manages **President Jim's** favorite restaurant, the Harborside Bistro at the Bellwether Hotel. Sixty percent of their business comes from catering corporate functions, meetings, weddings, and other special events. Forty percent of the income is from the restaurant. Fahri believes in "aggressive hospitality" and develops his staff to provide a warm welcome, and effusive thanks to their customers.

Announcements/ Business Notes

Board of Directors Meeting:

The next Board of Directors meeting is this **Thursday, August 13, 4:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Hagen Building**. This is an excellent opportunity to complete your new membership requirements for those of you who still need to attend a Board Meeting. Attendance also counts as a meeting make up.

Photography Committee:

This committee still needs one or two more volunteers. If you are interested, please let **Jim Visbeek** know, or contact **Del Vandekerk**, Committee Chair.

E-Bay:

Del Vandekerk is our resident E-Bay expert, and sells donations he receives from members on E-Bay. Proceeds are deposited with the scholarship fund. What are some examples of donations to the cause? An alarm clock radio donated by **Robin Halliday**; a set of two DVDs on the life of Verdi, which almost made it to E-Bay but was snatched

Barry Hanson

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: **Dale Rings**

up by **Sandy McIntire** for \$10.00; and, a pot belly stove from 1900, 42" tall, 150 pounds, donated by **Brian Griffin**. Please look for items to give to "Del to Sell".

Happy Bucks

Fines and Recognition

Sergeant-at-Arms, Cleary Cone

We did not take time for Happy Bucks, but **President Jim** started us off by trying to auction two \$92 tickets to the Sea-Hawks/Broncos game on August 22 at Qwest Field - a \$230 package which includes a parking pass, program, and seats on the 50-yard line. Even though there were three admitted Broncos fans in the audience, **Herb Ershig** bought the package for \$200. Thank you to **Tony Pechthalt** for donating this football package to the club!

Banks have gone organic and are planting trees now. Whether banks should be organic was briefly discussed and **Irwin LeCocq**, though confused as were the rest of us, paid \$10. Better than \$924, or \$1 for each tree planted by his bank. Where are these being planted? And why?

Cleary then took over and asked **Bob Diehl** what his feelings are about cash for clunkers? Bob said it's a mess, and even though they are running out of cars, there is still room for anyone to come on down and take advantage of this program.

Pete Foti was asked if the city was giving him a hard time with his new building. He admitted that it is taking time, but is coming along. Because it was taking so long, he was asked if the building will be on the National Historic Register. It cost him ten bucks.

Cleary wondered what's up with the pricey, little bitty watermelons that Haggen is selling. **Rick Haggen** agreed to pay \$20. On an unrelated note, Rick went fishing and threw one, no wait - ten - back.

On a more serious note, we bid **Glen Nardi** adieu, and we are sorry to see him go. Glen is moving to Biloxi, Mississippi, next Monday to take over their newspaper. No fines for Glen, just best wishes and good luck!

Tony Pechthalt's article about making parents' financial plans was addressed...someone wondered if he is talking to the wrong audience.

Reporter: Pam
Kiesner

Photographer: Austin
Huang

Sgt. at Arms: Cleary
Cone

Invocation: Rex
Dudley

Introduction of
Visitors: Earl
Settlemyer

Greeter(s): Dan
Whittle

Raffle Tickets: J. C.
Hickman

Music: Helen
Calhoun, Elizabeth
Grant's Mother

AV: Brad Burdick

This reporter is not sure what is meant by that, (editor's note: quite a few members' parents are no longer with us, as Cleary noted, so it's a pretty small market within the Club) as it's probably important for all of us to do so, but Tony paid \$20.

When asked if anyone had two five dollar bills - supposedly in exchange for a ten dollar bill - **D.C. Morse** handed two over to **Cleary** who gladly put them in the hopper. No ten dollar bill came forth. It's a scam that still works, which Cleary gleefully declared.

Program

Speaker: Peter Jewett, Farallon Consulting



Steve Adelstein introduced our program with a joke about the parting of the Red Sea and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement prior to doing so. Steve then introduced Peter Jewett from Farallon Consulting who spoke about "Environmental Due Diligence". Peter described three phases of environmental cleanup:

- Identifying potential environmental risks and recognizing environmental effects such as storage tanks, debris, drums, leaking equipment and transportation spills. Potential risks to the site are indicated by doing walk-throughs, and reviewing historic records.
- Investigating the subsurface by gathering data: soil samples, sampling beneath buildings, conducting storm water assessments and finding sources of contamination. Peter mentioned an increase in their work with the dry cleaning business due to chemicals used in the process.
- Recommending and implementing cleanup actions, including

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excavation with site redevelopment, drum and tank removal, pipeline decommissioning, chemical injection, sediment cleanup, like capping or dredging, and indoor excavation. Clean up could include molasses or cow manure, but that's another whole paragraph.

Farallon is a service-based firm made up of geologists, hydrologists, and engineers. They are celebrating their ten-year anniversary, and operate offices in Bellingham and Issaquah.

Several questions were asked of Peter, including:

1. "Where are the contaminants hauled?" Some stay local, other contaminants go to Arlington, Oregon, and some as far away as Texas.
2. "Are we gaining or losing ground?" We are gaining, in Peter's opinion, because we are much more conscious about our environmental decisions.
3. "How do you decide whether to cap or remove?" It's a business decision, determined by cost and long-term maintenance.

RAFFLE was won by **Pat Foley**, who is, indeed, a winner!

Guests of Rotarians

Jack Westford introduced Kendra Meyer with Habitat for Humanity

Jack Mulhern brought his daughter-in-law, Tracey Mulhern who is also employed by Farallon Consulting, our speaker for today

Steve Adelstein also introduced Paul Grabau with Farallon Consulting

Pat Foley brought Frank Imhoff with Imco Construction

Joe Coons introduced his wife, Judy

Sandy McIntire brought his son-in-law, Michiel van der Woude from Holland

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Club meets
Monday - 12:00 Noon
Northwood Hall



Chuck Snyder introduced Scott Caldwell

Elizabeth Grant brought her Mother again, Helen Calhoun who also played the piano for us

Visiting Rotarians

Pete Kremen

Whatcom North Rotary Club

Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Andrew Evans, August 11th

Dave Blair, August 13th

Ken Dove, August 15th

Tom Grinstad, August 16th

Fred Sexton, August 16th

Partner Birthdays

Sheila Browne, August 11th

Connie Diehl, August 12th

Club Anniversaries

Charlie Rendina, August 13th 2 Years

Vic Tate, August 15th 4 Years



Upcoming Programs

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)

Smart Growth: Protecting the Green by Land and Sea

9/7 Holiday - Memorial day

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