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

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## Opening

Meeting #4216 (but who's counting?) was opened by **President Jim** welcoming us and announcing who had the various duties, including "Boatless" **Irwin LeCocq** who sold what he said were all winning raffle tickets. **Don Anderson** played *America the Beautiful*, we sang, and the angels wept, or so it is said.

**Joe Coons** gave the invocation with quotes from famous people about God, your reporter's favorite being that attributed to Dwight D. Eisenhower who, when asked how he felt about the talk in the 1960's that God was dead said "Well, that's

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interesting, I just spoke to him this morning."

### Celebrate Rotary:

**Bob Trunek** spoke about his 7 years in this Rotary club saying the best thing about the experience is the people. As a newcomer to Bellingham 7 years ago he found it a wonderful way to get to know new people and make friends. He believes that our major projects are a good way to find opportunities to contribute to not only our local community, but to the world. That seems to be just what Rotary is all about.

**Peter Self** spoke about his classification, Community Service: Boys Scouts of America. He asked how many of the club members had been Scouts or were mothers of Scouts (a statistically much smaller number, given our demographic) and got nearly half of the room to stand. Nationwide that percentage would be closer to ten percent, showing that the leadership taught in Scouts correlates to success in life. It is truly amazing that in 2008 the Eagle Scout projects in Whatcom County contributed over \$250,000.00 worth of time and effort to the various projects.

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## Announcements

### New Member Breakfast

There will be a New Member Breakfast, Monday, October 26th at 7:00 at the Harborside Bistro. **Sandee Lindhout**, Executive Secretary, will be our speaker.

### Blood Drive

**Joan Aioldi** announced that 19 Rotarians signed up for the blood drive last week giving 17 units of blood. The drawing for the wine donated by **Dave Blair** was won by **Cathy Buckley**, who wasn't short in her commitment.

**Bruce Clawson** and "**Vannique**" **Zervas** gave another plug for our major project this year, the Pickford Film Center, thanking those who went to the Rotary event and showing a short film featuring the Salam family from the film "On a Wing

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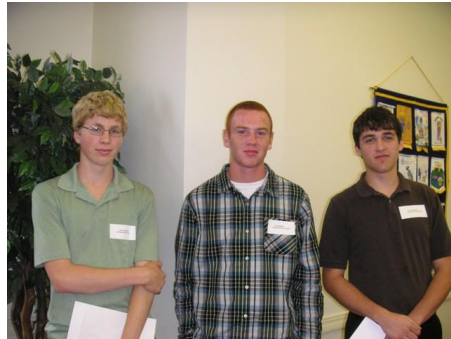
**THIS WEEK'S**

and a Prayer" in a fun endorsement for the Pickford. If you haven't given yet, get cracking!

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## Presentations

### Students of the Month:



This was the day to honor our Students of the Month, today focused on math. **Cathy Buckley** gave a short introduction of the process.

The first to be presented, by **Cindy Enger**, was Eric Schneider, from Sehome High School. Eric is, according to his counselor, "...a person of unusual intellectual ability and accomplishment." That is clear from his GPA and his resume. He is the co-chair of the Sehome Robotics Team, a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship process, runs cross country and sings in the Sehome Men's Choir. He has letters in those activities as well as soccer. He is also modest, telling us that he wasn't "...really sure why I'm here." claiming that many more know more about math than he. It was good to hear him say that he finds knowing his teachers to be rewarding and that they guide him well.

Second was Jack Morgan, presented by **Susan Edgar**. Jack is from Bellingham High and likes math because it involves definite right answers that can be proven. He attributes his love of math to his teachers and has your reporter's sympathy in that he has two older sisters. His GPA

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Invocation: **Joe Coons**

Introduction of Visitors: **John Griggs**

Greeter(s): **J. C. Hickman**

Raffle Tickets: **Irwin LeCocq**

Music: **Don**

of 3.9917 must reflect some mathematical anomaly. He is ASB senior class president, plays soccer (MVP for 2009 and team captain) and wrestles (also captain of the team). Jack excels at all he does and embodies the ideal of our outstanding students.

Third came Squalicum's Lucas Gonzales, presented by **Chuck Farrell**. Lucas came to Bellingham from Texas and takes AP economics, chemistry, language and composition, maintaining a 3.93 GPA. He runs cross-country (is there a pattern here between math and running?), teaches at his bible school and has received the Character Award at Squalicum High. He has his sights set on the Naval Academy because he respects the well-rounded character of its graduates. He says he likes math because although one sometimes has to just accept the results of a formula, one can come to understand it later. We wish him success in his quest for the academy.

### Football Pool

**Mike Plenkovich** announced the winners: **Ken Marzocco** 1st quarter, **Dave Bradley** second quarter, **Susie Thompson-Sines**, a perennial winner, third quarter, and **Dave Bradley** again for the fourth quarter. **President Jim** demonstrated why he wasn't a math student of the month by trying to calculate the odds of winning, albeit with little success.

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## Happy Bucks

- **Patricia Decker** was happy for six weeks in Ireland with the wonderful people, music and scenery.
- **Paul Landgren** for two weeks leaf peeping (is that legal?) and seeing historical places in New England, such as that well known national shrine, Fenway Park.
- **Pat Foley** for four weeks in China (she's still hungry).
- **Scott Walker** didn't give money, but introduced **Susie Thompson-Sines** to show that accountants are not boring.

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### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

· We then were treated to a string of accountant jokes until **Bob Sytsma** averred that bankers were more boring and gave happy bucks for a trip to Utah, Colorado and the canyonlands.

· Not to be outdone, **Bruce Clawson** declared himself a "reformed CPA" and said he went from that to banking so he could go directly from the frying pan into the fire. Those accountant jokes? Well, it seems old accountants never die, they just lose their balance. Or that they can't get into heaven anymore as they keep messing with the prophets. 'Nuff said.

· **Susan Edgar** gave money for seeing Robert Redford and following him to his private parking place, which might be considered stalking in Washington.

· **Terry Treat** was happy to be back from caring for too many nieces and nephews.

· **Phil Gubbins** was happy that he didn't need a 3.93 GPA to get into the Naval Academy in the last century.

· Finally, **President Jim** gave bucks in lieu of an apology to all the accountants.

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## Program

The program was new member talks.



**Scott Caldwell** said he joined in order to try to lower the average age in the club. Groans were heard from the front of the room, center table. He began as a teacher of history in

**Sandee Lindhout**

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Club meets  
Monday - 12:00 Noon  
Northwood Hall



Bothell, but didn't think he could do that for a lifetime, so moved to Bellingham to be director of the local soccer association. He has coached the game for many years and obviously has a passion for it. He met his wife in Bellingham, although it turns out that they were but a year apart all through school and in all the same places without knowing each other. When she suggested that his schedule might not be conducive to marital bliss, he became a financial advisor, which he continues. He serves on the boards of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Youth Soccer Association. His calling is to help youth and he is happy to be able to do it here and as a part of this club.



**John Pedlow** grew up on the east coast and went to college in Philadelphia, claiming that his major was business administration with minors in football and lacrosse. He spend twenty years in San Diego and managed the America's Cup in 1995. This was a two year project involving many entities, and when the cup was lost he moved on to Bellingham for his first stint as a Rotarian in the Bellingham Bay club. He was a vice president at Alpha Technologies, leaving there for Broadcast Electronics based in Illinois and Seattle. He was on the road a lot, providing not only equipment for AM and FM broadcasting, but programming as well. In 2007 he retired and spend a year living what he called, "The self-indulgent life of the newly retired." He said his wife Joyce has been involved in so many community causes that he became Mr. Joyce, thus prompting him to get back into the community's causes himself. He works with The ARC of Whatcom County and KMRE radio. He has children who all live in really nice places, races sailboats, skis and kayaks.

Welcome to both **Scott and John**. They will both be great Rotarians.

### **Raffle**

The raffle was won by **John MacPherson** and the meeting was adjourned.

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## **Guests of Rotarians**

**Bruce Clawson** brought James Willson with Pickford Cinema

**Cheryl Crazy Bull** introduced Julie Johnson

**Rogan Jones** brought Blair Murray

**John Macpherson** introduced Jim Wakefield

**Teri Treat** brought Sue Bussinger

Parents of our Students of the Month:

**Cindy Enger** introduced Dr. Tom Schneider, parent of Lucas Gonzales, Squalicum High School student

**Susan Edgar** introduced Eric and Jody Morgan, parents of Jack Morgan, Bellingham High School student

**Chuck Farrell** introduced Adam and Heather Gonzales parents of Eric Schneider, Sehome High School student

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## **Visiting Rotarians**

**John Sleeth**

**Bellingham Bay Rotary Club**

**Bill Kirby**

**Carson City, NV**

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## **Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries**

### **Member Birthdays**

**Jim Wilson, October 20th**

**Dennis Murphy, October 23rd**

### **Partner Birthdays**

**Debbie Adelstein, October 19th**

**Sharie Burdick, October 22nd**

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## **Upcoming Programs**

**10/26 Jeff Goltz - UTC**

**11/2 Chip Jenkins - North Cascades: The National Park  
in your backyard**

**11/9 Alice Clark - Pickford Film Center - programming**

**11/16 Kathi Hiyane-Brown - Egyptian Students at  
Whatcom**

**11/23 Cathy Buckley - Jingle Bell Run**

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