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

TATTLE



Opening

President Jim opened the 4220th meeting of the Rotary Club of Bellingham. He was supported by **Joe Morse**, the greeter, and **Susie Thomson-Sines** who sold raffle tickets. **Jack Payne** delivered an inspirational invocation in which he reflected on the bounty we enjoy and should appreciate as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday. President Jim then opened the meeting by inviting Rotarians to join him in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*. There were no visiting Rotarians.

President Jim introduced **Kay Sardo** who celebrated Rotary with remembrances of her 12-year membership. She recalled many interesting and fascinating experiences: her first community project where she worked with **Patricia Decker** to

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clear blackberry bushes on the hill below the museum (repeatedly); a project in support of Dorothy Place, a facility for care of women who are subjects of domestic violence; and her 12 years of holiday-time bell ringing. She is proud of what Rotary has been able to do - for her it has been richly rewarding.

President Jim introduced **Arlan Norman** who explained his Rotary Classification of Education: Sciences and Technology. Arlan described some of the new initiatives recently introduced by the College of Sciences and Technology, such as the advanced materials science and behavioral neuroscience programs. He further gave reasons why what the College is doing is important to the community and the citizens of Washington.

Announcements

Pickford Cinema Project

President Jim brought us up to date regarding our fund raising efforts for the Pickford Cinema Project. Currently, just under half the members have contributed and that effort has raised around \$50K. We were urged to keep the project in mind and do what we can to help reach our fundraising goal and 100% member participation.

Holiday Bell Ringing

Cleary Cone reminded Rotarians to sign up for bell ringing. More participants are needed. Cleary, having the floor, asked permission to do a Sergeant at Arms bit, at which point he conveyed a message from Phil Gubbins' former Rotary club in Columbus, Ohio, that "Gubby?" should be levied a fine as a result of a recent Notre Dame football game. Cleary in his typical humorous way determined that \$20, plus \$5 shipping, would be the appropriate fine.

Pat Foley
Mills Electric

Barry Hanson
Unity Group

Dave Morse
Blythe Plumbing

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Chmelik Sitkin
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Teri Treat
Sage Management

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THIS WEEK'S

Rotation Day

Marty Haines reminded the membership of the upcoming Rotation Day, made a request to complete sign ups, and informed members that assignments will be posted on the Rotary web site.

Monday Night Football

Barry Hanson requested that those who are interested in a Monday Night Football gathering at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club for the Patriots vs. Saints game should sign up with him. Cost is \$25 per person for a New Orleans-style bar meal.

Football Pool

Ben Kuiken announced the winners of the football pool. **Fred Ossewarde** won the 1st and 2nd quarters, **Cheryl Crazy Bull** won the 3rd quarter and **Chuck Beard** won the 4th.

Business Notes

Board Briefs

Steve Hoekstra, Treasurer, reported that the Finance Committee is reviewing the audit procedures and will have a report in December.

Kathy presented 6 Grants totaling \$5,000.00 approved by the Service Fund Committee and they were also approved by the Board. The grants requests will be sent to the RCOB Foundation for approval:

1. Animals as Natural Therapy \$500.00
2. Bellingham Child Care & Learning Center \$1,000.00
3. Girls Go Tech \$500.00 WCC -TAG
4. Mt. Baker Youth Symphony \$1,000.00
5. RedCross \$1,000.00
6. Whatcom Symphony Orchestra \$1,000.00

TEAM:

Editor: **Dale Rings**

Reporter: **Arlie Norman**

Photographer: **Marty Haines**

Sgt. at Arms: **Cleary Cone**

Invocation: **Jack Payne**

Introduction of Visitors:

Earl Settlemyer

Greeter(s): **Joe Morse**

Raffle Tickets:

Susie Thomson-Sines

The Board of Directors approved the terminate the membership of **Charlie Rendina**. He currently works in Canada.

A request was received from **Susan Edgar** asking for a leave from November 28th thru March 5, 2010 due to traveling and it was approved by the Board.

New Membership Proposal: The following proposal was approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors:

1. **Sue Bussinger** proposed by **Teri Treat** and **Rick Hagen** to fill the classification "Catering" She will be eligible for membership on December 7, 2009 unless written objection is received by **Sandee Lindhout**, Executive Secretary - 2200 Vining St., Bellingham, Wash 98229 on or before November 29th.

Presentations

Students of the Month

A great group of theater students, one from each of our area high schools, were honored as Rotary Students of the Month.



April Hoag, Josephine Vorenkamp, and Caleb Hepker

AV: Brad Burdick

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Bellingham High student April Hoag was introduced by **Brad Burdick**. April is a senior honors student who has excelled in all areas at Bellingham High. She is currently taking AP calculus, honors chemistry, concert choir, honors drama and, in addition, has been taking courses at Whatcom Community College. She is a member of the Philosophy Club, the student Senate, sings in the Concert Choir, and is a member and officer in the Drama Club. During each school year she has acted in school theatre productions, such as "Romeo and Juliet" and "Les Miserables." Non-school activities include participation in the Ballet Arts Northwest and the Migrant Outreach Program. Her awards include 1st Place in the NW District Solo/Ensemble and the Best Drama 3 Show Award. Her future plans likely include attending college at Brigham Young University. She spoke to what she gets from theatre and how to her it is all about drawing in and engaging the audience.

Squalicum High student Josephine Vorenkamp was introduced by **Jon Sitkin**. Josephine, a star student at Squalicum, has excelled in many areas. She is currently taking AP music and English, honors physics, pre-calculus and concert choir. She is a member of the Squalicum Rotary Interact Club, the Storm Singers, Drama Club and has had lead roles in several musical theatre productions, including "Once Upon a Mattress" and "Les Miserables." Outside the classroom she works with The Edge Youth Group, is a lector at Assumption Catholic Church and has been a guest artist with the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra. She received a Best Character - Female award in 2008 and a 6 Who Make a Difference award in 2006. Rather than speak at the Rotary meeting, she sang a moving rendition of "Easy to be Hard" from the musical "Hair".

Sehome High student Caleb Hepker was introduced by **Ken Jernberg**. Caleb is described by his teacher as a "compassionate" individual who has contributed much to Sehome Theatre. During 4 years of participation in drama he has lit the stage with his performances in "Cyrano de Bergarac" and Eugene in the Thespian State-winning production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs". He has written, produced and performed in his own original work in Drama 4. His creative art is used to create show posters, of which he showed

Sandee Lindhout

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samples. He is a leader in his school and is currently vice-president of Sehome's Thespian troupe. He is a star student who does not expect to go into theatre, but rather to pursue a career in some area of medicine. He spoke eloquently to the need to retain arts instruction in the schools, seeing it as one thing that really helps keep students engaged.

Paul Harris Fellowships



D.C. Morse, Jan Marchbanks, and Ben Kuiken

Paul Harris Fellowship Awardees were introduced by **Margaret Curtis**. This distinguished group of Fellows all have risen in the Paul Harris ranks as a result of multiple gifts: **D.C Morse** who has achieved ruby status (Paul Harris fellow + 6 sapphires), **Jan Marchbanks** who has reached the 5 sapphire level and **Ben Kuiken** who is now at the 2 sapphire level. Congratulations to this outstanding group from all fellow Rotarians.

Program

"Whatcom Community College's Egypt Initiative - Impressions of Egyptian Students"

Speakers:

Kelly Kester, WCC International Program Director

Students:

Amr Lemloun Degeidy

Mohyadin Mahrous Saleh Mohamed

Ahmed Mohamed Hussein Ahei



Egyptian Students with Kelly Kester (on right)

Steve Edelstein kicked off the program with one of his typically well-picked jokes. He then introduced Kelly Kister, the Director of International Programs at Whatcom Community College (WCC), who introduced the Egyptian study program at WCC and three Egyptian students, Amr Lamloum Degeidy, Mohyeldin Mahrous Saleh Mohamed, and Ahmed Mohamed Hussein Afifi. The students would later present program segments on the history of Egypt, Egypt today, and differences and similarities between Egypt and the United States. The three students are part of a 10 student contingent studying at WCC under a grant from the U.S. State Department. Students in this program spend a year at WCC studying programs such as business management, sales, hospitality, and tourism, with a view towards gaining perspective and experiences that will help further their careers in Egypt.

Mohyeldin after explaining that historical records in Egypt go back to about 5000 BC, briefly outlined the history up until the present. Over time, many tribes and invaders have occupied and controlled Egypt and that has had an impact on the country as we see it today. Beginning in 343 BC the country was controlled by Persians, then by Alexander the Great and the Greeks, the Romans and finally the Arabs. The Arab era begins in about 1250 AD and it is during this period that Islam

was established as the main religion. Next, the second student, Amr went from the history to a colorful and pictorial presentation of modern Egypt, a country of 83 million people mostly located along the Nile River. The country is 90% Moslem and 8% Coptic Christian. Cairo, a beautiful but busy city, located across the Nile River from the Great Pyramids, is now a city of 30 million people and is the largest city in Africa. The economy of Egypt is based mostly on agriculture and tourism, and the latter is an industry the country is working to expand. Finally, Afifi dicussed the many ways Egypt and the United States are different, but also the ways the people of the two countries are similar. The religious base and the societal class system are areas where Afifi indentified differences. In terms of similarities, he sees the people of both countries as being warm, welcoming, hard working, and having a sense of humor

The program provided a brief but stimulating overview of Egypt and its culture by three well- educated and effective student ambassadors for their country. From this program, Rotarians also gained a sense of the Whatcom Community College International Program and what it brings to the Bellingham community.

RAFFLE

Dick Tucker won the \$41 raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.

Guests of Rotarians

Bob Nicholl introduced his wife Lois Nicholl

Bruce Clawson introduced Kathleen Culver with The Pickford

Kathy Hiyane-Brown brought Anne Bowen with Whatcom Community College

Parents of Students of the Month:

Ken Jernberg introduced Cheri Hepker, mother of Sehome Student of the Month, Caleb Hepker

Jon Sitkin introduced Gabriel Vorenkamp, mother of Squalicum Student of the Month, Josephine Vorenkamp

Visiting Rotarians

NONE

Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dean Shintaffer, November 16th

Rud Browne, November 19th

Sandee Lindhout, November 19th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Greg Grant, November 19th

Joanne Dudley, November 22nd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Grey, November 19th 8 Years

Upcoming Programs

11/23 Cathy Buckley - Jingle Bell Run

11/30 Rotation Day

12/7 William Rex, President

Washington Aerospace Scholars Foundation

12/14 Diane Flick, Coach

Leadership & Motivation of WWU Volleyball Team

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