



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

TATTLE



Opening

President Jim Visbeek opened the meeting on a sad note, asking us to take a moment of silence in memory of the father of **Jim Vos**, who died last week. After the silence, **Mike Plenkovich** gave us a moving invocation, reminding us not only of our obvious Thanksgiving blessings, but the blessing of various adversities which teach us how to cope, be creative, and overcome difficulty.

Business Notes & Announcements

CELEBRATE ROTARY

Although there were no visiting Rotarians, we welcomed a number of guests and then we heard from Judge **Chuck Snyder**, who elaborated upon his affection for Rotary. One of his most memorable RCOB occasions was working on the hillside above Holly Street below the

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museum, cleaning up the slope. "Every time I pass it," he said, "I remember the fun it was to work on that project with others making a difference for the City." We're pleased that Chuck is one of us!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE PRESENTS 2010-2011 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Immediate Past President, **Margaret Curtis**, chair of the nominating committee, gave us the names of the committee's slate of nominees for our officers and board of trustees next year.

(The Nominating Committee members consisted of **Jim Visbeek, Kathy Hughes, Matt Hammatt, Barry Hanson and Margaret Curtis**)

The following Rotarians have accepted the committee's request to stand for election December 14th. Nominations from the general membership can also be presented from the floor or by written petition between November 23 and December 7th.

President	Kathy Hughes
Immediate Past President	Jim Visbeek
President-elect	Steve Adelstein
VicePresident/ProgramChair	JohnMacpherson
Treasurer	Bob Sytsma

Secretary, **SandeeLindhout**, employed as Executive Secretary by the Board, does not need to be elected.

Incoming Directors (elect two from four candidates)

Paul Landgren
Peg Larson
Gregor Hodgson
Larry Ziels

Current directors to serve the second year of their term:

Marty Haines
Robin Halliday

Current Directors moving off the Board at term completion:

Paul Grey

Pat Foley

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Mike Diehl

FOOTBALL POOL

Bruce Clawson stepped to the rostrum next and told us that we were at \$52,000+ toward our \$100,000 goal for this year's major project, and that puts us at 52%. "Now is the time to get your pledge in and wrap this up," Bruce reminded us.

BELL RINGING

We were reminded about Bell Ringing. The word: No more volunteers are needed, and when the day comes, show up when you're scheduled!

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:

<http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102831039698&s=3&e=001LIT9vqUxAkHrH6on5ugUaQAF6HMoxZgfhkXc5gPuLqYafdM3s-8UjUrnX6Fy6l5trjzO170z7Ti5RQ2S9RWIvzGyJ09BVnLmYzh-ikFjTjT3v1Pd0YQOYg==>. Don't come to Northwood Hall!

(Apparently, a substantial contingent of our members will be following their meetings at various businesses with a stop at **Fahri's** Harborside Bistro for adult beverages for which Fahri may have offered a significant incentive...)

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Dennis Curtis reminded us about the Monday Night Football event next week, November 30, at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club. There are over 20 reservations, but there's room for more! In addition to football, there's a Cajun/New Orleans menu (the game is with the Saints.). Call Dennis if you'd like to be added to the list at 933-1230.

NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST

The New Member Breakfast Club will meet Monday, Nov. 30th, from 7:00 am to 7:45 am. at the Harborside Bistro located in the Bellwether Hotel. The breakfast is a continental breakfast, with unlimited coffee, juices, breakfast breads, danish, bagels/cream cheese and cereal. Seasoned Rotary members are invited to attend along, with new

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: Dale Rings

Reporter: Joe Coons

Photographer: Marty Haines

Sgt. at Arms: Cleary Cone

Invocation: Mike Plenkovich

members. The meeting counts as a make up meeting for all.

This week's guest speaker will be **Bruce Clawson**. Bruce is co-chairperson of the Major Projects Fund Raising Committee. He will be discussing the workings of that committee. All members are invited, and it counts as a makeup; you can leave after 7:45 if you're on time at the start. It's a great way to get to know a few Rotarians better!

A reminder to new members: New members are required to attend 5 of the 12 meetings, following her/his induction.

Larry looks forward to seeing you!

Happy Bucks / Fines / Recognition

Sergeant-at-arms **Cleary Cone** was at his amusing and fund-raising best today, citing **Brian Griffin** for helping the Herald be unusually heavy with publicity for his book. Since the book will sell for \$24.95, Cleary fined Brian \$25.

Cleary also told us the tale of trying to get a good rate on a CD he's rolling over: Wells Fargo said they'd pay "nothing much", at People's Bank the young man who answered didn't know **Irwin LeCocq** for a moment, but then remembered him as someone "who tried to sell a boat", and then, when he called **Wayne Langei**, Wayne said that the WECU would "only charge him 1% to keep his money safe".

Patricia Leach gave for the Museum's successful opening, with 5,000 visitors over the weekend. **Rogan Jones** surfed in a contribution for a vacation in Hawaii; **Chuck Snyder** gave to commemorate the museum opening and the new families and kids paired up on National Adoption Day, and **Robin Halliday** joined in giving to honor the work of the Museum and Arts District. **Phil Griggs** gave for three days of sunshine. **Joan Airolidi** paid us to note that the Library had both Sarah Palin's and Brian Griffin's books on hand.

Paul Hanson raised a lot of Happy Bucks by singing a lovely ballad that ended with the classic phrase, "...and the pig got up and slowly walked away."

Cleary ended with a heart-rending and touching elegy about his years in

Introduction
of Visitors:
**Marty
Haines**

Greeter(s):
Tim Farris

Raffle
Tickets: **Ray
Trzynka**

Music: **Don
Anderson**

AV: **Gary
Goldfogel**

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**2009-2010
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**Jim
Visbeek**
President

Kathy

Rotary and how much he had learned in the way of good ethics and conduct, especially how not to be judgmental, the latter lesson from **J.C. Hickman** who appreciated everyone, "except about that no-good, rotten S.O.B. I'm pointing at!"

Program



Speaker: Cathy Buckley on behalf of the Arthritis Foundation

The program was an outstanding example of ad-libbing by **Cathy Buckley**, when the sound from the planned video...which was to be around half of it...wouldn't work. Cathy picked up the ball and ran with it, telling us about the remarkably large number of folks who are affected by arthritis-related diseases (there are over 100 of them!) One in five Americans are affected by the disease, including 300,000 children (who frequently are not diagnosed for a long time, since it's unexpected in kids.) Locally, the Arthritis Foundation is supported by the very successful Jingle Bell Run. This year's run is on December 12, and last year it attracted 3,200 runners and walkers who run five miles, or walk two. The entry fee for people is \$25, while dogs (last year 700+ were in the program) cost \$10. Cathy's interest in this charity was quickened when as a young intern she saw kids with juvenile arthritis which she described as "heartbreaking".

Thank you so much for this program and reminder, Cathy! We'll see you on the 12th with our bells on!

Hughes
President Elect

Steve Adelstein
Vice President
& Program
Chair

Steve Hoekstra
Treasurer

Margaret Curtis
Immediate Past
President

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Barbara Osen Director, Arthritis Foundation

Guests of Rotarians

Dominique Zervas-Foley introduced her son, Pascal Foley

Mike Bradburn brought Steve Hubble, Retired Military

Bruce Clawson introduced Kathy Washatka and long time board member with Pickford Film Center

Patricia Leach brought Patty Relay with the Whatcom Museum

Visiting Rotarians

(NONE)

Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS (NONE)

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Ben Enegren, November 27th

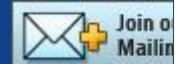
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District 5050
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www.district5050.org

Club meets
Monday - 12:00
Noon
Northwood Hall



Cheryl Macpherson, November 27th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Mike Diehl, November 24th 6 Years

Bruce MacCormack, November 29th 5 Years

Upcoming Programs

11/30 Rotation Day

12/7 William Rex, President - Washington Aerospace Scholars
Foundation

12/14 Diane Flick, Coach - Leadership & Motivation of WWU
Volleyball Team

12/21 Christmas Program - Social Committee

12/28 Holiday - No Meeting

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