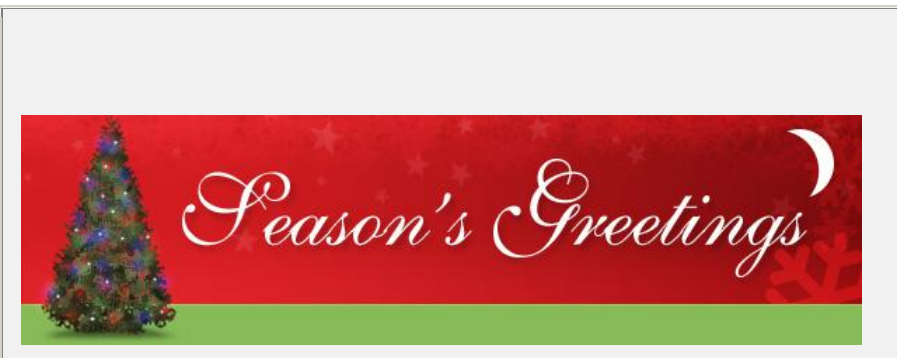




THE ROTARY CLUB *of* BELLINGHAM
BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLE



Opening

Kathy Hughes presided over the meeting after lunch and holiday music by our wonderful Rotary Brass, who then joined in for the National Anthem.

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*Don Anderson, Doug Cole, Brad Burdick,
Ken Dove, Del Vanderkirk*

Kevin Allen announced the passing of fellow Rotarian **Curt Cortelyou**, age 96, and a regular at our meetings until recently. A moment of silence was held in his honor. Curt was a past District Governor, past President, and multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He will be missed.



Announcements

Rotary LEADERSHIP Institute

January 23, 2010 from 8:00 am-3:00 p.m. in Mt. Vernon, WA

Cost is free for the next three to register; \$85.00 for all others

Barry Hanson

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**THIS WEEK'S
TEAM:**

Editor: Dale Rings

Calling all presidents-elect, nominees, club directors, committee chairs, new Rotarians, experienced Rotarians and anyone else who cares to attend.

Rotary Leadership workshops are an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge about Rotary and to interact with members of other clubs. Leadership strategies are also shared and experienced.

It is necessary to take the segments of the program in order and one is taken at a time in a full day workshop.

Part One features sessions entitled: Leadership Characteristics; Rotary Beyond the Club; Membership Retention; Intro to the Rotary Foundation; Leadership - Team Building; and Service Projects.

Part Two features the following sessions: Leadership, Goals; Vocational Service/Ethics; Membership Recruitment; The Rotary Foundation - SHARE; Leadership - How to Run Meetings; and Analyzing a Rotary Club.

Part Three will also be offered on this date.

Pre-registration and payment are required. For more info contact Denis Boyd at denboco@shaw.ca

The Board of Directors has approved paying the registration fee for the first 4 Members who would like to attend. There are three positions remaining. Contact Sandee at 734-5532 or at rcob@comcast.net.

Mt Baker Climb Committee

With the New Year it's time to get serious about setting goals for yourself and the coming year. There is still time to decide to join other Rotarians and climb Mount Baker this summer! We plan to go some time in mid July during the best time of the year for this type of climb. The exact date (or dates) will be selected by those going and will depend upon the total members who actually participate. You'll need to be in good shape but it isn't necessary to have "snow climbing" experience. We'll have training and hikes this spring to get everyone up to speed.

If you are interested in going please notify **Brad Burdick** burdick@mountbakertheatre.com or 733-5793 and he'll add you to the list and keep you informed about training hikes, equipment needs, and activities leading up to the big climb.

Reporter: Patti Leach

Photographer: Marty Haines

Sgt. at Arms: Dennis Murphy

Invocation: Father Kevin Allen

Introduction of Visitors: Ben Kuiken

Greeter(s): Austin Huang

Raffle Tickets: Barry Hanson

Music: The Rotary Brass: Brad Burdick, Ken Dove, Doug Cole, Don Anderson and Del Vandekerck

For some of us, this will be a once in a life time opportunity! Sign up today!



Business Notes

Jim Vos gave a report on the bell ringing over the weekend and noted that all went according to schedule. Photos of many bell ringers were on the tables for members to look at or take. Jim noted that **Karen Morse** had not yet really retired, since when he saw her bell ringing, she immediately asked him for money?

Jeff Jenkins reported on the football pool and noted that it will be on the website.

Pickford Moment: **Bruce Clawson** announced that **D.C. Morse** and **Jan Marchbanks** will donate a condo for two weeks in Cabo to be auctioned in January in order to raise funds for the Pickford project. He then introduced Pickford Director Alice Clark who thanked the club for all the support they have given the theater. She mentioned that she hoped all would understand the importance of the project, not only because the theater entertains and educates our community, but also it brings the world to our community as evidenced by the movie *Slumdog Millionaire*.

Happy Bucks - Sergeant-at-Arms



Dennis Murphy was as Sergeant-at-Arms, and opened by thanking the

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Rotary Brass. Then all who had attended a musical event this holiday season to raise their hands. Those who didn't were fined a dollar. The same drill applied to those who have attended a show at the Mount Baker Theatre. In the absence of **Fahri Ugurlu**, Dennis asked for **Cleary Cone** to act as an interpreter for a photograph. Cleary told everyone he thought the photo showed Fahri "giving hell to some elderly woman". Fahri will be given the opportunity to explain the photo and "clear" his name at the next meeting. **Pete Foti** was congratulated on obtaining permits for his construction/tear down project. Dennis concluded by noting that Dec. 21 is not the shortest day of the year, but the day with the least amount of sun.

Several Happy Bucks were collected. **Dale Rings** celebrated 24 years of marriage, **Peg Larson** celebrated 43 years of marriage, **Margaret Curtis** celebrated 33 years of marriage, and **Bob Morse** put in one Happy Buck for the experience of ringing bells with **Bob Diehl**. Morse claimed he had labeled himself a "clunker," for which Diehl needed cash.

Program



The program today was a performance by the Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth (BAAY). A third of the group gave their time to come to the club to perform some wonderful holiday music. Each introduced themselves after the performance and gave their ages ranging from 9 to 14. They received much applause.

Guests of Rotarians

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Club meets
Monday - 12:00 Noon
Northwood Hall



Bruce Clawson brought Alice Clark with The Pickford.

The following members brought family and friends: Patti Leach, Pat Foley, Ken Culver, Brad Burdick, Pam Kiesner, Yvonne Cartwright, Ann Jones, Peg Larson, tom Grinstad, Joe Coons, Fred Kaiser, Fred Ossewarde, Mike Plenkovich, Dick Tucker, Terry Busch, Ben Kuiken Cleary Cone, Bob Nicholl and last but not least Dr. Bob Gibb who brought 8 members, just a portion of his family.

Visiting Rotarians

Bill Kirby, Carson City, NV

Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Foley, December 23rd
Mike Bradburn, December 24th
Bob Sytsma, December 25th
Loch Trimmingham, December 25th
Dick Johnson, December 31st
Joe Coons, January 1st
Al Archer, January 3rd

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Lindhout, December 26th
Joyce Busch, December 27th
Perry Stanfield, January 1st

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

January 1st
Don Anderson, 31 Years
Gary Goldfogel, 21 Years
Roger Sahlin, 39 Years

Upcoming Programs

12/28 Holiday - No Meeting

1/4 New Member Talks

1/11 Loni Rahm - Bellingham - Whatcom County Tourism

1/18 Holiday - No Meeting

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