



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

TATTLE



Opening

Don Anderson warmed a crisp, gloriously sunny day with his rendition of *America the Beautiful*.

Marking Pearl Harbor Day, **Rabbi Cindy Enger's** characteristically moving invocation was a reminder that we are participants in our world. Every day we are called on to make a choice: engage or not. Work together to set things right or stand by.

Joe Morse added a banner from the Ann Arbor, Michigan club to the RCoB collection. Welcome back to **Joe and Karen** after several weeks away.

CELEBRATE THE RCOB

*December
7th, 2009*

2009-2010

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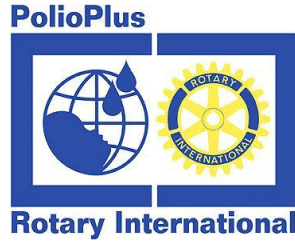
Margaret Curtis
Wilson Engineering

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Dale Rings, classification International Healthcare Consulting, is celebrating his 25th year in Rotary! One of Dale's notable Rotary memories is from 1986 when a Rotary International representative spoke to Dale's former club. The speaker queried the group: "What if you heard the news that a 747 filled with children crashed at O'Hare Airport and there were no survivors? What if that happened every hour of every day?" These horrific statistics represented the number of children dying from polio daily in 1986. It was the beginning of Rotary's Polio eradication campaign and a compelling call to action for Dale. (The polio campaign quickly evolved into Polio Plus, adding other needed inoculations to complement the polio vaccine.) Dale also has fond memories of traveling to Cabo San Lucas to help determine furnishing needs to be purchased by the Club for a daycare in the region's barrio. Dale is grateful to **Jan Marchbanks and D.C. Morse** for their leadership in our club's international service.

CELEBRATE CLASSIFICATIONS

Scott Renne, classification Marine Electrical Manufacturing, explained a bit about his work. (Before delving into professional details, President Jim resolved the pronunciation of Scott's last name: he prefers re-nay.) In Scott's words, he takes copper from one part of the world and puts it to work in another. His company, Blue Sea Systems, manufactures devices that move electricity from point A to point B in mobility systems such as boats and other vehicles. Electrical meters and circuit breakers are among their many products. Scott loves his work and it shows - he is always a cheerful face in the crowd. Blue Sea Systems generates a \$4 million payroll via business in 38 countries! In closing, Scott expressed his eagerness to take up the debate over buying local.

Mills Electric

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Announcements

Holiday Program

The children's choral group from Bellingham Arts Academy for Youth will perform at our Holiday program on December 21st. Spouses and guests are invited. Sign-ups will take place at the December 14th meeting.

(Editor's Note: Jackie White, wife of Dick White, passed away Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM. Future service information is unavailable at this time.)

Business Notes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE OF OFFICERS:

Past President **Margaret Curtis** reminded the group that Club leadership elections are next week.

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

The following Rotarians have accepted our 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
Vice President/Program Chair	John Macpherson
Treasurer	Bob Sytsma
Secretary	Sandee Lindhout , employed as
Executive Secretary by the Board, does not need to be elected.	

THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: **Dale Rings**

Reporter: **Mauri Ingram**

Photographer: **Mike Diehl**

Sgt. at Arms: **Gary Goldfogel**

Invocation: **Cindy Enger**

Introduction of Visitors:
Tony Pechthalt

Greeter(s): **John Pedlow**

Raffle Tickets: **Vic Tate**

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 & Mike Diehl

Presentations

PICKFORD PROJECT

In this week's Pickford Minute, Village Books co-owner Chuck Robinson spoke about his enthusiasm for the new Pickford Film Center - more great films and a great gathering place for the community to learn, explore ideas and build community. We've reached 60% of our Club goal of 100% participation. Members were urged to make pledges and/or donations to bring us to our goals. Past president Margaret echoed Chuck's perspective, noting that Pickford is about much more than films. It's about building community through new ideas.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION



**Rick Hagen, Sue Bussinger,
Teri Treat, Jim Visbeek**

Music: **Don
Anderson**

AV: **John Raasch**

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New member **Sue Bussinger** was nominated by **Teri Treat and Rick Haggen** to fill the classification "Catering." Sue is originally from Montana but has called Bellingham home for 31 years. Sue's husband Larry is an engineer with Anvil Corporation. The couple has two grown children. Sue and Larry also share a love of sailing. Sue has been with Haggen for 16 years, serving as the company's general manager of catering. Taking the opportunity to get the fundraising rolling, **President Jim** fined all attendees who did not attend Rotation Day (where many Haggen box lunches were served).

Happy Bucks

Gary Goldfogel immediately tapped **J.C. Hickman**, commenting on J.C.'s lack knowledge of technical jargon relative to his son's (who was introduced earlier) profession and his correspondingly modest contribution. The term at issue was *nano*. Limited vocabulary aside, J.C. is quick on his feet and offered a nano-buck in restitution.

Building on the previous week's Rotation Day, Gary invited trivia, beginning with coroner's office guest **Brad Burdick**. Brad said he was surprised to learn that the coroner's office uses many of same tools he uses around the house.

Ann Jones Richardson was interested to learn that many of **Judge Chuck Snyder's** cases are adjudicated in 5-7 minutes! **Marty Haines** went to Morse Steel. He discovered that more than half the steel we use in the U.S. is recycled. **Karen Morse** was pleased to learn that she could renew her Smithsonian membership via her membership in the Whatcom Museum.

Congratulations to Northwood Hall's own Susie who was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Whatcom North Rotary Club!

Lastly, **President Jim** asked the board members of the St.

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Monday - 12:00 Noon
Northwood Hall



Luke's Foundation to stand. St. Luke's was recently recognized as the Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation by the Association of Fundraising Professionals - Washington Chapter for National Philanthropy Day. Congratulations and a modest \$5 per board member concluded the festivities.

Program

SPEAKER: Melissa Edwards, Washington Aerospace Scholars Foundation



After a litany of airplane jokes, **Steve Adelstein** introduced Melissa Edwards, administrator of the Washington Aerospace Scholars (WAS) Foundation. WAS is an experiential education program at the Museum of Flight. It was formed in 2006 by the Museum in conjunction with NASA, the Apex Foundation and others to encourage students' interest in aerospace education. Four teams vie to successfully complete a number of engineering challenges. WAS is modeled on a similar program in Texas (another is operated in Virginia). Students apply for the six-month program (December to May) which culminated with a week-long summer residency. During the summer program, participants work together to plan and execute a mission to reach Mars.

Forty high school juniors and four teacher/counselors are involved in the summer program. The students take tours at the University of Washington and Boeing. Whatcom County has sixteen WAS alumni. They represent Bellingham, Squalicum, Sehome, Meridian and Mt. Baker High Schools. WAS tracks students for six years to determine whether they are pursuing careers in aerospace. The program enjoys high alumni reporting levels.

This year's applicants include students from Bellingham, Squalicum and Mt. Baker. The gender split of those applicants is 46% male/54% female, an improvement over the historical female participation of 25%. Students apply in the fall of their junior year. The program covers transportation, lodging and meals for participants. There are 160 slots for 240 kids, which is narrowed down by a competitive process. WAS is also seeking teachers who receive a \$500 stipend and continuing education credits. All expenses are paid. University students are invited to serve as assistant mentors, a volunteer position (volunteers pay their own expenses).

Guests of Rotarians

(NONE)

Visiting Rotarians

(NONE)

Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Beard, December 11th

Jamie Vos, December 11th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Hoekstra, December 7th

Gerry Ann Sahlin, December 7th

Robin Ugurlu, December 9th

Leslie Lowery, December 12th

Dawn Sexton, December 13th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Morse, December 9th 13 Year

Jeff Haggen, December 11th 9 Years

Paul Landgren, December 11th 14 Years

Upcoming Programs

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

12/21 Christmas Program - Social Committee (Spouses, Guests and Children are invited) We will have sign-up sheets at the 12/14 meeting.

12/28 Holiday - No Meeting

1/4 New Member Talks

1/11 Loni Rahm - Bellingham - Whatcom County Tourism

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