



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Susie Thomson-Sines
introduced Tony Branch,
Citigroup Smith Barney

Eric Lane
introduced Roben Selditz,
Northwest Administrator for
Group Health Cooperative

Peg Larsen
introduced her daughter,
Maryann Larsen

Mark Lambert
introduced his son and former
RCOB member Jules Lambert

Bob Trunek
introduced Tyler Ryan
of Multop Financial

Margaret Curtis
Jill Clark, Kulshan
Community Land Trust

VISITING ROTARIANS

Shannon Terrell
Stew Ellison
Brad Cornwell
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Ron Kelley
Mt. Baker Rotary Club

Diane Carruthers
from California

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OPENING REMARKS

President Tim Farris opened the meeting with the singing of America the Beautiful accompanied by Don Anderson. Al Archer gave the invocation, asking us to be thankful for our friendships and our many opportunities and blessings. John Cooper introduced visiting Rotarians.

PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced Paul Schissler, Executive Director of the Kulshan Community Land Trust (KCLT). Paul has been self-employed since 1994 and has devoted much of his time to launching KCLT, as well as serving as president of the Northwest Community Land Trust Coalition. Paul spoke to us about "Finding Homes that People can Afford" in Whatcom County, and why he thinks the creation of affordable housing is a critical part of keeping Whatcom County the beautiful and livable place it is.



Paul Schissler/Kulshan Land Trust

The KCLT was founded in 1999 and is supported by individuals, businesses, local, state and federal funding. A land trust such as this operates much the same as a conservation trust - the KCLT holds the land and makes it available to lower income buyers at an affordable rate. KCLT is involved in new construction, community redevelopment, and now condo projects.

The problem in a nutshell is that housing prices have been going up far faster than wages. So people are finding it increasingly difficult to come up with the down payment and are certainly having trouble making the kind of mortgage payments required on a home purchase.

KCLT takes a land lease approach. The owners purchase the home on a 99-year lease. The KCLT puts together a financing package that allows buyers to build up some equity in their home. In exchange, the new owners agree to maintain and possibly improve the property, meet all of their financial obligations, and, when they are ready to move on, sell the home again at an affordable price that will allow the next family the same benefits.

KCLT's goal is to increase the number of affordable homes in Whatcom County by partnering with developers, builders, lenders and even landlords who can influence the only factor that we have any control on - the cost of housing.

Paul's presentation sparked a lot of questions and discussion, and gave us a lot to think about.

President Tim closed the meeting by announcing the winning raffle ticket - (Maury Ingram), and also announcing that lately our 50/50 raffle seems to be outperforming the Dow!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 7th
Anna Hall-Evans, Comm. Relations
Director of Bellingham Bay Foundation
- Waterfront Park Alternative

August 14th
Carolyn Casey, Communications Mgr.
Port of Bellingham -
Waterfront Marina Alt.

August 21st
Karen Ssebanakitta -
Whatcom End of Life Council -
5 Wishes Waiting to Hear Back

August 28th
TBD

September 4th
No Meeting - Labor Day

September 11th
Peter Gray & Tim Shepherd -
Teen Cultural Exchange with Russia
through Biographies

September 18th
Club Anniversary -
History Committee and
Seattle Gilbert and Sullivan Society

September 25 -
Dennis Madsen, former CEO of REI,
Coop principles in a capitalistic society

October 2 -
Matt Rose - Inside Travel in Beijing

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Craig Funston, July 31st
Mauri Ingram, July 31st
Robin Halliday, August 1st
Ken Marzocco, August 2nd
John Cooper, August 5th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Grant, August 4th
John Edgar, August 6th
Mary Grey, August 6th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph Rinne, July 31st, 6 Years
Cleary Cone, August 1st, 15 Years
Dennis Curtis, August 1st, 1 Year
Brian Griffin, August 1st, 46 Years
Steve Hager, August 1st, 18 Years
Dale Kinsley, August 1st, 15 Years
Ben Kuiken, August 1st, 25 Years
Howard Mitchel, August 1st, 36 Years
Bob Schnoor, August 1st, 54 Years
Dean Shintaffer, August 1st, 31 Years
Rick Wright, August 1st, 22 Years



HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

This week, Sergeant-at-Arms Greg Grant decided to engage the group in a rousing rendition of Rotary Squares, wherein many people amazingly confessed to quite a number of unusual things. Of note was the question posed to Curt Cortelyou - "According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?" Curt's response, "It's what got me out of the Navy!"

Bob Diehl was fined \$5 for a full-page ad in the paper, which was deemed by Greg as "a little over the top".

Al Archer paid up \$1 for telling everyone he was BBQing at President Tim's house on Sunday, when in fact it was Saturday. Then got dinged another \$1 for an article on the Sean Humphrey House that appeared in the paper.

Bruce McCormick was the Club's big score this week. He went home \$20 lighter for appearing on the front page of Business Monthly.

President Tim contributed \$??? Happy Bucks for having had the opportunity to work with the good folks at Brett and Daugert for these many years.

Joe Coons gave \$46 to report that the one and only good decision he's ever made was to marry his wife, Judy, 46 years ago.

President Tim then called Al Archer to his feet once again to report that Al's BBQ skills resulted in the fire alarms in the house going off 3 times, even though the BBQ was outside. Al responded by pointing out that there were too many Rotarians inside the house, inhaling the air and causing the smoke to come in.

BUSINESS NOTES

We were reminded by President Tim of the District 5050 GolFun Tournament that will be held on August 11, 2006 at Homestead Farms Golf Resort. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susie Thompson-Sines or signup on the District 5050 website.

The Major Projects Committee, co-chaired by Steve Adelstein and Ray Trzynka, is still looking for Club member suggestions as to potential, significant projects for this Rotary-year. President Tim has asked all to put on their thinking caps and get back to either Steve or Ray with possible ideas.

The History Committee, headed by Brian Griffin, is planning a presentation on the development of Boulevard Park. His research includes interviewing many of the folks who were involved back in the beginning when the idea was only a concept and, with a \$200 donation from Rotary, is preparing a pamphlet that will describe how the park went from concept to completion. It is hoped that this presentation will help inform newer members regarding the previous generation of Rotarians who accomplished this major feat.

President Tim reminded us that it is important for the Board to listen to the membership. It is our club, our money, and our time, so it is important that the work we do is meaningful to the members. Several years ago we undertook a survey of the membership. This time, the Board is suggesting "Table Talks" to bring up and discuss issues/concerns. Instead of a program, each table will be given a specific topic to discuss and a discussion leader to help facilitate. The results will go back to the Board for their review and discussion; then the results will come back to the membership. Chuck Snyder will roll out all the details at a later meeting.

Chuck Beard announced, "We are still taking money for squares," reminding us that there are still 25 "squares" to fill for the football pool. The committee will take cash and checks - No credit cards, no debit cards, and definitely no IOU's.

Teri Treat, Co-Chair along with Fred Kaiser of the Membership Identification & Retention Committee, requested that we consider our membership needs. To have the manpower to serve a community our size, we must be on the lookout for a diversity of quality individuals who can help us accomplish our goals. Teri stated, "Membership best comes from each of you individually." She encouraged members to review the Club's membership qualifications and procedures and bring forth the names of qualified candidates to the committee for consideration.

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A tribute and SAD farewell to Gerald Pumphrey

President Tim honored Gerald Pumphrey on the occasion of his last day at Rotary before taking up his new challenges as President of South Puget Sound Community College. Gerald was a member of the Rotary Club of Bellingham for 5 years and on the Board for 2 of those years. He was recognized and honored by the club as the recipient of the Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award in June 2006 for his contributions to the community through the growth and development of Bellingham Technical College.

Gerald responded by commenting on what the club means to him - service and fellowship. He said the club provides the infrastructure to get a lot of things done as a group that he as an individual would never be able to accomplish on his own. He reminded us of the wheelchair project, Boulevard Park, and the Farmers' Market, saying though it was controversial - Bellingham is better for it, as projects that we were able to accomplish as a group and, as a result, make a difference in our community and world.

Our Club is pleased for Gerald that he has this new professional opportunity and challenge but also sad to lose him from our club and community. Gerald, we will miss you.



Gerald Pumphrey bids our Club farewell

Tom Grinstad announced that his wife, Kris, has signed on for another year of their marriage. So, Tom kicked in \$33 for 33 years, plus another \$2 as a signing bonus.

Matt Hammatt was \$10 Canadian pleased to report he was off sailing with his wife in Desolation Sound this past week, minus the 2-year-old - what a holiday!

John Cooper contributed \$5 to thank Al Archer for all his good work at the Sean Humphrey House.

Maury Ingram, with a take-off on Chuck Beard's reminder that the football pool committee "is still taking money for squares," contributed \$5 and suggested Chuck may have just come up with our new slogan for next year - "Rotary, Money for Squares!!!"

Ed Lowery dropped \$62 in the kitty for a new grandson and for 37 wonderful years with his wife, Leslie.

DC Morse turned over \$100 from John Griggs in celebration of the birth of John and Donel's twin granddaughters.

Gerald Pumphrey gave a few Canadian happy bucks to say thank you for the opportunity to represent our club in interviewing outstanding Ambassadorial Scholarship candidates over the weekend.

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