



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Dick Johnson introduced
Beau McCalhum

Paul Grey brought
Charles Rendina with
Rendina Law Firm

VISITING ROTARIANS

Bill Kirby
Carson City, N.V.

Bill Gorman

Shannon Terrell & John Sleeth
Bellingham Bay Rotary

Lynda Goodrich
Sunrise Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

There are moments in life when we are particularly blessed. They are those moments, when a friend seeks you out to confide in you and ask for help. When it happens, you realize what an honor it is to be asked and what a privilege it is to be allowed to help. Because in the end, you are left with that feeling that you did something good, and that is special.

In our club, we are blessed with these opportunities. As we look to next year and the years to come, many of those in need will come to this club and ask for our help.

- Within the Bellingham waterfront redevelopment, there is a need for Rotary.
- There are social service agencies that need our leadership and financial support.
- Students need our recognition and scholarship support.
- Children need us to be mentors.
- And much more.

This is not a burden that is put upon us. It is an opportunity. The Rotary club is the biggest and most prestigious club in town and is an organization of community leaders. Few can do what we can do. It is always an honor to be asked and a privilege to be able to help.

The meeting opened with music by Don Anderson, playing "America the Beautiful," rather than "Stairway to Heaven." Al Archer gave the Invocation. Mike Plenkovich introduced visiting Rotarians, and Matt Hammatt sold raffle tickets.

BUSINESS NOTES

Each year our club offers four awards for distinguished service. They are:

1. Will J. Griswold Club Service Award
2. David C. More Sr. Community Service Award
3. Michael K. Mischaikow International Service Award
4. Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 30
Karen Morse
WWU Waterfront Presence

May 7
Lance Calloway
Adult Soccer Championships

May 14
Susan Simmons and Laurel Clark
Whatcom County Humane Society

May 21
Alice Clark and Carl Sell
Whatcom Film Association
Pickford Dreamspace

May 28 - No Meeting
Memorial Day Holiday

June 4
Youth Awards

June 11
Rotary Cruise

June 18
Bill Morton
Second Half Strategies

June 25
Rotary Awards
Changing of the Guard

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

- Bill Elfo**, April 23rd
- Craig Parkinson**, April 28th
- Roben Selditz**, April 28th
- Howard Mitchell**, April 29th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

- Jeanette Morse**, April 27th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Brad Burdick**, April 27th
9 Years
- Fred Sexton**, April 29th
11 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

DEAN SHINTAFFER, long-absent member of the club, finally was held accountable. He agreed to pay \$10 for the picture of his dog in the closet. Sergeant Foley was sure the fine had been for a different reason, but he was allowed off with that payment.



Dean Shintaffer is "welcomed" back.

RAY TRZYNKA was recognized for the efforts to go GREEN in the city and region.

All accountants were invited to stand, in celebration of the end of tax season. There weren't as many as Sergeant Foley had hoped, but she took advantage of fining BRIAN CARTWRIGHT who still has an IOU in the box. The IOU was originally for only \$2, but was increased to \$20. Our newest member, BRANDON HANSEN, also an accountant offered to cover it, but was quickly hushed by his sponsor with important advice, "Never offer anything until you hear the end of it." Good advice.

All Bankers were invited to stand and Pat provided information that there are 71 bank offices with capitol at \$2.6 billion. She thought they could give 10%, but IRWIN LECOCQ objected since his bank was #2, behind Horizon. Sergeant Foley indicated that it would cost each banker \$5, but the volume of boos from the crowd changed the fine to \$20.

The criteria for the awards are listed on pages 23-25 in the large roster book. These awards are NOT based upon popularity or popular vote, they are awards for LONG-TERM SERVICE; accordingly, the committee is careful not to select a member for an award because of very recent service only. Normally, the award should not be made to a current or very recent Club Officer, except when special circumstances (such as age, illness or relocation) dictate overlooking this caution. Again, the focus is based upon long-term service.

There will be a New Member Breakfast next Monday, April 30 at 7:00 AM at Boss Tweed Restaurant.

The Executive Committee, including President Tim, Jim Cunningham, Dave Blair, and Margaret Curtis, is accepting written nominations through April 30, 2007. The Committee will consider those nominations from the membership as they make the selection of the awardees. No Ballot shall be created or distributed. The awards will be presented at the annual "changing of the guard" meeting on June 25, 2007.

This year's District 5050 Conference will be held on May 31, 2007 at Harrison's Hot Springs. For those of you who are interested, reserve that date on your calendars.

Home Hosting of 3-5 Rotary couples from Turkey who will be here on a Friendship Exchange from Turkey is needed. The Sunrise Rotary Club is organizing it, but needs our help. They will be with the Canadian clubs from the beginning of their stay until Sunday, May 20th when the Chilliwack club will bring them to the Sumas border where we'll pick them up. Then, we will have them Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and on Wednesday morning they will go down to the Lake Stevens Rotary Club. Various clubs in that area will host them until the District Conference, which they will then attend.

Steve Paus is organizing this on behalf of Sunrise Rotary and we need your clubs to offer at least one host family per club for these couples. Steve will then coordinate an itinerary for the couples when they are in our area. We think that one group dinner will be fine, with the rest of the evenings spent with the host families.

Contact Sandee if you have an interest and she will give you the contact information.

PRESENTATIONS

Bob Trunek – Paul Harris Certificate and Recognition: President Tim awarded Bob a Paul Harris Fellowship with his congratulations. Bob had talked with the Board about finding ways to increase the number of fellowships earned by club members and demonstrated his commitment through leading by example.



Bob Trunek receiving his Paul Harris Fellowship

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES



Glen Nardi was welcomed as a “blue badge” member, having completed all the requirements for full membership.

Glen Nardi receiving his full membership “blue badge”

Brian Cartwright introduced Brandon Hansen as our newest member. Brandon was proposed for membership by Brian and Tommy Thompson and given the classification of Accounting Services. Brandon was given the charge of membership by past-president Joe Coons. Welcome Brandon.



New member Brandon Hansen flanked by sponsor Bryan Cartwright and Joe Coons.

ROBIN HALLIDAY paid \$5 after being happy to help her daughter plan her upcoming wedding that will be held during the “Burning Man Festival” in Nevada.

AL WILLIAMSON indicated that some marriages are made in heaven, but that thunder and lightning also come from heaven. He provided sixty-three one-dollar bills in celebration of his 63rd wedding anniversary with Mari. Congratulations.

ROGER BARNHART was trying to get his grandson excited about sailing by offering to take him to the skateboard park at Friday Harbor.

JON SITKIN was \$20 happy about a trip he had made to Virginia and Washington, D.C. with his son and father. He also wanted Robin to clarify what the Burning Man Festival was all about.

GARY GOLDFOGEL was \$10 happy to clarify that his son, Matt, was awarded a Washington Scholars Scholarship, but it did not cover all that the newspaper had suggested it covered. Matt is a great kid who will be attending Whitman next year.

PROGRAM



Speaker, Mike Impero

Mike Impero, Sr. of Impero Construction

Mike presented an interesting, fact-filled, and humorous history of the Lone Jack Mine and other gold mining activities in early Whatcom County. During their heyday, the mines produced a significant quantity of high-quality gold. We learned about several of the characters that participated in prospecting and mining for gold.

RAFFLE

Matt Hammatt has, according to President Tim, apparently lost his touch in the retail marketing business, so Craig Parkinson took home only \$40. Congratulations!

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

Earl Settlemyer proposed by Gary Nelson & Dennis Murphy to fill the classification “Capital Markets Banker”. He will be eligible for membership on May 14, 2007 unless Sandra Lindhout receives written objection prior to May 6, 2007 at 2200 Vining St., Bellingham, WA 98229.

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