



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Phil Gubbins introduced Bob Brunkow with ICOM Canada

Fred Kaiser brought Rob Camondona with Toad Mountain Coffee Co.

Guests of Speaker: Sophie Burkland and Ed Roddy with Key Bank, both participants of Washington Business Week.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Richard Hughes
Honolulu Sunset Rotary Club

Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened the first meeting of 2007 by commenting on the new and the old. Recent new members include Scott Renne, Robin Selditz, and Calene LeBeau. We've added a new Sergeant at Arms, Pat Foley, to join Cleary Cone. As for the old, the number and quality of our long-term members are an excellent way to take a measure of this club. Examples of busy and successful leaders in our community and our club that have been members for over 30 years include Gragg Miller, Bob Miller, Chuck Farrell, Dean Shintaffer, Al Marsh, Al Williamson, John Aubert, Jim Caldwell, John Griggs, Jack Westford, D.C. Morse, Bob Morse, Ken Jernberg, John Holztheimer, and Fred Ossewarde. Those who have been members for over 40 years include Bob Diehl, Curt Cortelyou, Jack Mulhern, Jack Payne, Herb Ershig, Chuck Beard, Brian Griffin, Bob Martin, and Bob Reid. We even have members of over 50 years; Hal Arnason, Bob Schnoor, Bob Gibb, and Vince Davis. The record holder is David Morse, a member for 64 years, whom everyone has missed at recent meetings. President Tim expressed the wishes of all who know David that he may recover his strength sufficiently to once again attend our meetings. Further, we have a total of 51 members that have been in this club for over 25 years. They have not only faithfully attended our meetings, but have contributed their time, talents, and resources living up to our motto of "Service Above Self," while also being leaders in our community.

Don Anderson accompanied our singing of America the Beautiful. Dennis Murphy asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Kay Moquin, wife of Andrew Moquin and Robert Kaiser, father of Fred and Nick Kaiser, and then delivered the invocation. Craig Parkinson introduced visiting Rotarians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tim read a thank you note from the Northwood Hall staff for our annual tips that were presented in December.

He announced that the Classification and Membership Committee will be holding a meeting after today's meeting, with Paul Grey chairing.

There will be no meeting on January 15 due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

President Tim reported on the December Board meeting stating that our committees are active and thriving. Tommy Thompson reported on the health of the Foundation, which is doing well with a \$38,400 balance in the Designated Club Account which is funded by member dues contributions. The following actions were also taken:

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 22
Pat Foley
African Adventures

January 29
Art Choat
Bellingham International Airport

February 5
New Member Talks

February 12
Sherry Nelson
Sierra Industries

February 19
President's Day – No Meeting

February 26
Chuckanut Parks District

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Gregor Hodgson, January 10th
Kay Sardo, January 17th
Mike Plenkovich, January 19th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Morse, January 9th
Ruth Archer, January 11th
Susan Trimmingham, January 11th
Ruth Gibb, January 17th
Moiree Landgren, January 19th
Penny Bradley, January 20th
Gene Larson, January 20th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Doug Cole, January 19th
11 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Newly appointed Sergeant at Arms, Pat Foley, made her debut in what we have come to expect from this diminutive, but delightful newer member. She acknowledged that it will take her some time to become as ruthless with fines as Greg Grant was, but she'll work on it.

She singled out Bob Nicholl for her first fine, telling him that if he wants to weasel out from some of the work of the club, he'll have to pay-which he did.

Pete Kremen, once again, did not escape a fine, having admitted at his table earlier that he was responsible for global warming.

Jim Visbeek lost his mullet sometime over the holidays, but won a couple of bets in the process and donated the proceeds, \$300, to the YWCA project. Pat asked all who were glad to see the mullet gone to hold up their hands, whereupon she fined them all a buck.

- \$1,200 was approved as a contribution to Business Week, the youth organization that we have supported for a number of years.
- A letter of resignation from Greg Grant was accepted with deep regret.
- Leave of Absence requests were granted to Kevin Williamson (12 months due to work commitments), Allen Pemberton (12 months due to family and business demands), and Mark Larson (extended leave of absence for 6 months).
- It was noted with appreciation that Horizon Bank has agreed to donate a credit card machine and reduce transaction charges for fundraising contributions.
- A letter from the WWU Foundation for our support of the Bellingham Rotary Club Scholarship was noted.
- Dale Rings reported that the Board approved two grants on behalf of our International Committee's recommendations.

—The first was for a maximum of \$1,500 for the removal of vinyl graphics from a WTA wheelchair van and the design and application of new graphics. The van is being donated to the rehabilitation in Punta Arenas that we have supported in the past through our wheelchair donations. This is a cooperative venture that includes the Lion's Club of Punta Arenas, the City of Bellingham, and the Sister City Program. Once the graphics have been removed the new design will be applied to both sides and the rear of the van and will recognize all involved in the donation. A lower price for the graphics work has been negotiated, so any funds left over may be applied to the purchase of a commercial refrigerator for the Los Ninos Del Capitan Day Care Center in Cabo San Lucas. They currently are utilizing two residential units, which precludes them from buying food in more economical quantities.

—The second request was for \$2,000 to apply to a matching grant generated by a Rotary club in Thailand. This is for the purchase of school books for primary school age children in Thailand. A club in Taiwan has also contributed \$1,000. The beauty of the matching grant program is that these initial donations will be leveraged to over \$22,000.

President Tim made a final request for all those who have not yet made a donation or a pledge for our YWCA fundraising project to please consider doing so. The goal is to have 100% of our members participate at some level. He reiterated that the amount given should be the best you can do, but should not become a burden. The project is, however, an opportunity to do something together that is big and will have a lasting impact on the community. John Macpherson and Gregor Hodgson reported that we have had an outstanding response to date, with 135 members having donated or pledged, and 40 yet to respond. 95 donations have been received, which represents over half of our financial goal.

PRESENTATIONS

Chuck Snyder reported on the results of our recent Table Talks program about our club's size and membership. He summarized the following outcomes:

- About half the members feel the club size is too small and the other half feel it's too large. Averaged out, the current size is about right.



DC Morse and Calene LeBeau present a wheelchair to Don Wight of the Bellingham Central Lions. The chair will be loaned to families for 6 months at a time to help with their children's needs.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

- For those who think the club should be larger, 150-200 members would be a good size.
- The quality of new members should be a far greater consideration than the quantity.
- Characteristics of new members should be those committed to community service and the 4-Way Test, who are willing to donate time and money, which have high ethical standards, and are leaders at some level in their professions or vocations.
- The current professional and vocational mix of members was deemed appropriate.
- More networking about Rotary and our club in particular should be taking place in the community to attract new, quality members.

Clery Cone reported on our December bell ringing activity in support of the Salvation Army. We do not yet have the financial results of our efforts, but these will be reported when they are available. Clery acknowledged all those participating, including his own special awards for a no show, those who invited family members (including one dog), the best dressed and those with the most raucous conduct. Names have been withheld from this report on advice of counsel.

PROGRAM



Business Week Presenters

Margaret Curtis introduced our program on Business Week. Steve Hyer is the Executive Director of the Foundation for Private Enterprise Education that conducts the Business Week sessions each summer. The programs are presented at four Washington Universities; Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Gonzaga University in Spokane, Central Washington University in Ellensburg, and Western Washington University in Bellingham. 275-300 students per week take part in the programs.

The program was created in 1976 to prepare high school students to become better employees, employers, and citizens and has served over 45,000 students since its inception. The students form 10-member teams that serve as businesses, making all the decisions necessary for the operation of a business. The teams are competitive during the week, which creates a stimulating learning environment that improves teamwork skills and work ethics.

Sophie Burkland is a sophomore at WWU, but attended Business Week in 2003 and came back for an advanced session in 2004. Sophie's father "strongly encouraged" her to attend the first session, which she was not inclined to do, but once there said it became a life-changing experience. The experience taught her that she could be a leader and could get things done. When she returned to school in the fall, she formed a club, which still exists today and was a major accomplishment for her.

Ed Roddy, a private banker with Key Bank, has been a 12-year volunteer with Business Week. He described the experience as exhausting, but energizing. He is always amazed at the changes that can occur in these students in just one week.

Our Rotary club, along with about 50 other Rotary clubs, provides financial support to Business Week. Along with the Redmond Rotary Club, the RCOB has supported Business Week every year from 1981 to present. As a result, the 4-Way Test is incorporated into the curriculum.

President Tim thanked the presenters for their interesting and informative program.

The raffle was won by Dale Rings. The meeting was then adjourned with the reminder that we will not be meeting next week.

Drew Schmidt was fined for recent publicity that happened to include the fact that he only works part time. The full fine was collected, however, as his plea to pay only half, as a part-timer, fell on deaf ears.

Ray Trzynka was nailed for two newspaper articles, one about the recent response to the storm, which was not particularly congratulatory, and a second one announcing a 1% increase in PSE charges. Pat thought that was double dipping, which resulted in a single fine.

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