



THE ROTARY CLUB *of* BELLINGHAM

BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLER

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GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

John Cooper
introduced Steve Winterfeld
of Washington CEO Magazine

Jon Sitkin
brought Glen Nardi,
publisher of
The Bellingham Herald

VISITING ROTARIANS

Patti Imhof
Bellingham Bay

Scott Wallace
Marlene Sexton
Bob Bowman
Gary Snyder
Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary

OPENING REMARKS

On this beautiful first day of spring, Don Anderson played a stirring rendition of America the Beautiful. Must have been the sunny day! Mike Plenkovich delivered the invocation and Bruce MacCormack introduced visiting Rotarians.

BUSINESS NOTES

Peg Larson reported on the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". It was another wonderful event with Rotarians enjoying one another's company at six locations.

Bob Morse reported on the worldwide status of the Rotary Polio Plus program. Only four countries are still considered at risk and the hope is that over the next three to four years Polio will be completed eliminated.

Wayne Langei reported that we have some excellent RYLA candidates, but there is room for a few more.

Tim Farris asked everyone to complete the 2006-2007 Committee sign-up form. Please indicate your preference and return the forms as soon as possible.

The 2006 Rotary District Conference will be May 19-21 at Whistler, BC., and held jointly with Districts 5040 and 5050.

The District Assembly is scheduled for April 8th from 8AM to 2PM in Surrey, BC. This is a great training opportunity for incoming and/or present Board members and committee chairs.

Jeff Jenkins discussed the Ambassadorial Scholarship. We have the opportunity to sponsor candidates. Candidates should be through their second year of college, well into their field of study and show some financial need.

New Member Breakfast Club will meet Monday, March 27th at 7:00 at Boss Tweed's Restaurant. This is an excellent way to get a make-up.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 27
Eric Smith, Smith Garden
April 3
Ken Hoover, WWU Professor
"Retired: Poverty &
the Politics of Economics"
April 10
Harold Heiner: "Story"
April 17
New Generations Committee:
"Youth Mentoring"
April 24
New Member Talks

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Susan Edgar, March 20th
Drew Schmidt, March 20th
Bruce Smith, March 21st
Matt Hammatt, March 24th
Paul Landgren, March 24th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Kris Grinstad, March 20th
Michael Airoidi, March 24th
Kelly Booker, March 25th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy Bitting, March 23rd
8 Years
Robert Trunek, March 25th
4 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Dwayne Rhodes - Happy bucks for the walls going up on the Camp Black Mountain Showers.

Dale Kinsley - \$20 for the community support of the recent school levies.

Laury Evans - \$28 for recently catching a 28 pound fish that almost got away when a seal tried to take it as they were pulling it on the dock.

It is time to update your pictures and information. Some members have been contacted and others who may want to update theirs, please seek out Del Vandekerck at any of the upcoming meetings this month and he will gladly take one or if you have one on file, just email it to Sandee at rcob@comcast.net. Also if any of your information has changed, please also get that to Sandee.

Steve Schoenfeld recently contacted the leadership of the Rotary Club of Bellingham and expressed his continuing concern regarding the developments that led to his resignation from the club. The Board of Directors issues this statement to address Steve's concerns. The RCOB officers acknowledge Steve's principled positions concerning election of new members, direct communication of conflicts with fellow board members, and required integrity in applying club criteria for nominations and awards. The RCOB officers regret any hurtful statements or actions toward Steve that were inconsistent with the four-way test and thank him for his service to the club.

James Cunningham, President
Rotary Club of Bellingham

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: COMMUNITY SERVICE



Jami Suedel of Squalicum High School was recognized for her efforts over the last four and one-half years in the Police Explorer program. She indicated her desire to complete a degree in psychology and return, hopefully to the Bellingham Police Department.



Jillian Wood of Sehome High School was recognized for her work with the food bank and anti-bullying/violence prevention efforts through a harassment performance troupe. She founded this troupe with others to educate Sehome students and community members in methods of prevention.



Katie Greenawalt of Bellingham High School has worked with at-risk kids, some with parents in jail. During her years at BHS, she continued to work with kids through the Counselor in Training program at The Firs and assisting small groups of middle school girls as a mentor.

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PROGRAM

Our own Gerald Pumphrey presented a program using Thomas Friedman's "The World is Flat" as a starting point to show how Bellingham Technical College is focusing to meet the challenges outlined by Friedman.

In his book, Friedman demonstrates how the U.S. is falling behind the rest of the world in education. Gerald stated, "the Bellingham Technical College is in a Global World". Friedman also identifies four groups of "untouchables". Untouchables are those groups of people and skills that can't be outsourced or out-shored.

The four Untouchables are:

1. Workers who are special, e.g. Bill Gates
2. Workers who are highly specialized
3. Workers who are anchored e.g. Chefs, nurses, electricians
4. Workers that are really adaptable

To this end, BTC continues to strive to make this the focus of their programs - making the worker more adaptable.

They are focused on team learning where multiple disciplines are pulled together in problem solving. The result is students are forced to look outside their own area of specialty, thereby developing a broader experience.

In addition, BTC has increased the scope and size of courses by adding more transfer courses in English, math, and social, life and physical sciences to better prepare students for continuing education.

BTC has also worked to design and construct facilities that are designed to be flexible to the evolving future needs. This has been done using a design standard of 50 years.

BTC has also been hiring instructors with more advanced degrees and credentials to improve the depth and scope of the learning experience for students.

Finally, BTC is partnering with both local and global organizations and countries to create opportunities for teaching and learning.

Mauri Ingram - \$25 for Karen Morse's induction into NW Women's Hall of Fame.

Bruce MacCormack - \$45 for his 45th wedding anniversary.

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