



**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**

**Joe Coons** introduced  
Dave Yell

**Fahri Ugurlu** brought his  
daughter, Melissa

**Elizabeth Grant** introduced  
Tim Cornwell with Stewart Title

**Yvonne Bianchi** brought her  
husband, Doug, with Bianchi Group

**Fred Kaiser** introduced  
Shannon Palmer with Wells Fargo

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

**Pete Kremen**  
Whatcom North Rotary Club

**Andy Billingsley**  
Sunrise Rotary Club

**OPENING REMARKS  
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Past-president JC Hickman began today's meeting by stepping into the considerably sized shoes of President Dave Blair. JC brought with him a finely crafted timepiece (battery operated Westclox, wasn't it?) to keep the meeting going in a timely fashion. Don Anderson lead us in song, Rod Elin in the invocation, and Jim Vos announced visiting Rotarians.

JC's appearance at the podium elicited a string of prefatory descriptions of his role, ranging from President Wannabe to Your High Eminence, Your Lordship, and finally ...Exhausted Rooster. He took it all in stride, opening that his only wish was to be "Past President".



President for Life JC Hickman

The Executive Committee comprised of Dave Blair, Margaret Curtis, Jim Visbeek, Steve Hoekstra and Tim Farris is accepting written nominations through April 30, 2008 for the following awards:

- Will J. Griswold Club Service Award
- David C. Morse, Sr. Community Service Award
- Michael K. Mischaikow International Service Award
- Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award

These awards are not based upon popularity or popular vote; they are awards for long-term service. The large roster, page 23-24, outlines all of the award criteria and recipients of previous awards.

Jeff Jenkins handed out some big bucks to the winners participating in the Final Four College Basketball Tournament.

**BUSINESS NOTES**

President Dave would like to promote membership attendance at District events, such as the District Assembly April 12th in Surrey, B. C. from 8:00am-2:00pm and the District Conference in Everett May 15-18, 2008. The club will pay for the registration for anyone who wants to attend the Assembly

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**April 14:** Dale Rings –  
New Member Talks

**April 21:** Pamela Kiesner –  
How to build a new Library

**April 28:** James Johnson, WWU –  
Making Electricity out of Cow Manure in  
Whatcom County

**May 5:** Ray Trzynka –  
Renewable Energy Alternatives  
& Options in Whatcom County

**May 12:** Rob McKenna – New crimes  
and threats to Whatcom County

**May 19:** Clive Rainy – National  
President: Habitat for Humanity

**May 26:** HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY

**June 2:** Student Awards & Scholarships

**June 9:** Jeff Jewel – Bellingham Now  
and Then, Whatcom Museum Archives

**June 16:** Rotary Cruise

**June 23:** Mauri Ingram –  
Campaign for the ARTS

**June 30:** Changing of the Guard –  
Installation of Officers & Awards

**ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS**

**John Griggs**, April 9th

**Rogan Jones**, April 9th

**Andrew Moquin**, April 9th

**Peter Gaasland**, April 11th

**Bob Morse**, April 11th

**PARTNER BIRTHDAYS**

**Alice Hansen**, April 7

**JoAnne Knittel**, April 7th

**Andrea Elin**, April 13th

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Mauri Ingram**, April 12th  
9 Years

**THIS ISSUE:**

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## HAPPY BUCKS

Dale Rings gave happy bucks in recognition of also having been in artillery (along with Rex Dudley and Bob Diehl) and for Kansas being in the Final Four.

Tommy Thomson gave happy bucks because of his granddaughter being honored by Tacoma's Rotary Club for academic achievements.

Joe Morse gave \$45 for 45 happy years of marriage to Karen. When asked if Karen wished to match the donation, she replied that she had written Joe's check.

Pete Kremen gave money in recognition of the Whatcom County Courthouse being the second courthouse in the country to be LEED-certified, and also in recognition of guest Tim Cornwell.

Ben Kuiken donated for Kansas' status in the Final Four.

Paul Hanson gave money so he could refer to Acting President J.C. as "Honorable Exhausted Rooster."

Susie Thomson-Sines gave in recognition of her niece's honor in Tacoma.

(we are charged a minimum amount by the District) and will pay a pro-rate percent of the registration fee up to \$1,000 for members who register for 1 day participation for the District Conference Saturday events or the complete Conference.

## NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Rex Dudley was proposed by Chuck Snyder and Doug Cole to fill the classification "Community Services-Big Brothers Big Sisters". Chuck Snyder introduced him.

Rex was born in Washington D.C., and as a boy he traveled from Virginia, to Japan, to Colorado to Germany where he graduated from high school. He attended college in Colorado on an ROTC scholarship. He was commissioned into the Field Artillery and served in that branch for four years. He transferred into intelligence and worked in various staff and command assignments for the rest of his military career. Rex's last assignment was on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon where he worked as the Deputy Commander on the Iraqi Task Force. Rex retired from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1999.



Rex Dudley receives new Membership

He was the Whatcom District Executive for the Boy Scouts from 2000 -2002 and worked at Bellingham Technical College from 2002 -2007. Rex has been very active volunteering for various organizations that focus on the youth in our community. Rex accepted the position of Chief Executive Officer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Washington in October of 2007. Rex is married to Jo Anne Dudley and they have two children, Jenna and Owen. They reside in Lynden.

Past President Bob Diehl gave Rex his "charge," stressing the numerous youth-related causes that our Rotary Club has supported over the years, locally, nationally and internationally.

## FINES & RECOGNITION

Sargent-at-Arms Drew Schmidt said that Irwin LeCocq told him that it was only proper to wear your pin on the right side. All members with a pin on their left put a buck on the table. Drew fined Karen Morse for a front-page spread in the Bellingham Herald. He also allowed Nancy Steiger to pay for the privilege of having Don Haggren and Ralph Rinne (two St. Joseph Foundation Board members) featured in Whatcom Magazine. Glenn Nardi was fined for his photo in the Herald, along with a group of seventh-graders that participated in a Herald-sponsored essay contest. Finally, Bob Boule was fined for Fox News featuring the Smuggler's Inn on its national broadcast.

Brian Griffin announced that DVDs from the Rotary ski trip were available for a donation of \$1.

## PROGRAM:

## OLD MEMBER TALK

Brian Griffin announced the program “Old Member Talks” which allowed members to learn more about some of our club’s senior members, and was thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

Vince Davis talked about his life, and how he ended up in Bellingham. A Bellingham dentist, Dr. Barlow, who was a founding member of our Rotary Club, wrote a letter of recommendation



Our Esteemed Veteran Rotarians

for Vince, and asked that Vince relocate to Bellingham when he finished school because there were no orthodontists here. Vince and Dr. Barlow shook on it. When Vince finished school, Bellingham had an orthodontist, and Vince didn’t think there would be enough business for two, so he went to Portland. Later, when no orthodontist was practicing in Whatcom, Skagit or Island County, Dr. Barlow asked Vince to come to Bellingham, reminding him that they had shook on it. Vince and his family moved to Bellingham and he set up practice. Dr. Barlow took Vince to his first Rotary Club meeting, and was asked by Dr. Barlow how he liked it. Vince replied that it was “full of old men.” Vince joined the club and has been a member ever since. Vince now has Dr. Barlow’s old, oak rolltop desk in his home.

Al Williamson talked about how a Southern California beach bum became a Bellingham resident. He reminded the club of Yogi Berra’s saying “if you come to a fork in the road, take it.” In the 1950s, Al was a young chemical engineer for General Petroleum. One of his jobs was to evaluate the effectiveness of using computers in refineries. His work suggested that they would be useful, and it was suggested that they perform a plant test to verify the findings. The Ferndale refinery was suggested, and Al was transferred there was a technology manager. Al was then transferred to New York, where he worked for Mobil. After four years, he was asked by a superior what his career objectives were, and he responded “to be the Ferndale plant manager.” Soon after, that very opportunity arose, and he moved here. He has been married for sixty-four years.

Ken Jernberg practiced pediatrics in Bellingham for a number of years. As a pediatrician, he knew lots of children and their mothers. Rotary gave Ken an opportunity to socialize with the fathers and grandfathers of his patients. Ken talked about some of the early projects our club spearheaded, including Boulevard Park, the swimming pool and Higbee House. Ken also said that Rotary’s work against polio is close to his heart. As a medical student, Ken joined Harborview in Seattle, and he said it was the hardest work he ever did. Ken had the opportunity to return to Seattle, from Minnesota, to train in pediatrics. When Ken told his father that Ken planned to move his family to Bellingham, his dad asked him why, stating that Bellingham was “full of old people.” He was told by another pediatrician in town that the “lookers” live in Edgemoor and the “do-ers” live on Lake Whatcom. In 1959, Ken moved his family to Lake Whatcom where he has lived ever since. Ken enjoys sailing, hiking and skiing, and told us it had been a privilege to be trusted with the medical care of us and our children.

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Stephanie Bowers donated in recognition of WWU’s women’s rugby team, who hosted a rugby tournament and came in second. Stephanie’s daughter plays for the UC-Santa Cruz team, which cam in first.

Rob Westford gave money for his recent trip to Hawaii, and in recognition of members’ interest in RYLA.

Ron Jepson donated for a three-week trip to Buenos Aires.

Paul Grey gave happy bucks for the technology alliance group’s local efforts.

Andrew Evans donated for his wife’s new store in Barkley Village, and asked how many male members knew how to knit. Gary Goldfogel was the only one to admit it, stating that it helps when “closing up bodies.”

Nancy Steiger gave in recognition of Madrona joining forces with St. Joe’s.

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**Marty Haines**

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Bob Gibb was born and raised in Bellingham. He followed his father and brother to Washington State University, where, in 1943, he met his future wife on a blind date. He and his wife have seven children (all WSU graduates), which allowed them to fund 55 years of higher education. Because of the number of children they had, people often think Bob and his wife are Catholic or Mormon, but Bob told the club they're just "sexy agnostics." Bob attended medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, and then had an internship at Yale. After Yale, Bob worked at a naval hospital in Seattle where he experienced firsthand the realities of war. Bob's training at the Mayo Clinic was interrupted by the Korean War, and he spent a year in Korea. He then spent a year in Japan, joined by his wife and their three kids, overseeing a large medical lab. Bob and his family moved back to Bellingham in 1954, where worked as a pathologist for a four-county area, and also ran a blood bank.

## RAFFLE

The Honorable Chuck Snyder won the raffle in absentia.



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