



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Earl Settlemyer
guest of **Yvonne Bianchi**

Zach Rowe
guest of **Jim Visbeck**

VISITING ROTARIANS

Pete Kremen
Scott Wallace
Whatcom North

Stowe Talbot
Jim Wells
Mimie Forlin
Bellingham Bay

OPENING REMARKS

Don Anderson's piano music accompanied the group in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner".

Al Archer offered the invocation, and Jim Vos announced the visiting Rotarians.

BUSINESS NOTES

Matt Hammatt announced that contributions and tickets are beginning to come in for the Food Bank Fundraising Drive Raffle. He reminded the group that there are three ways to participate: buy tickets, sell tickets, or provide a financial contribution. An update on the progress toward the goal will be given next Monday. Drawing for the Raffle winners will take place at the May 22nd meeting. If there are questions, contact Kevin Williamson or Matt.

President Jim requested nominations and suggestions for the Rotary Club of Bellingham Major Awards:

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

For award criteria, contact Steve Hoekstra.

A reminder that the 2006 Rotary District Conference will be May 19-21 at Whistler, BC., many good sessions and speakers.

There will be a Past Presidents' meeting May 2, 2006, at 12:00 noon at the Harborside Bistro – Bellwether. Please let Steve Hoekstra know your availability if you have not already responded to Sandee.

Jim also commented on the photo in the Herald on Friday, April 21, 2006 featuring Jan Marchbanks and D.C. Morse in Punta Arenas, Chile. He thanked Jan and D.C. for making this journey and for helping to promote the great work of Rotary in the wheelchair program.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- May 1**
Roland Trenouth:
"Peace Health El Salvador Mission"
May 8
Doug Cole: "Q Class Sloop"
May 15
AEA: Gregor Hodgson:
"American Competiveness"
May 22 - TBD
May 29
Memorial Day - **No Meeting**

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Craig Parkinson - April 28th
Howard Mitchell - April 29th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Jeanette Morse - April 27th
Phyllis Self - April 30th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Brad Burdick - April 27th
8 Years
Fred Sexton - April 29th
10 Years
Julie Foster - April 30th
5 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Gragg Miller carried out the business of Sergeant-at-Arms with the assistance of Cleary Cone.

An Easter Day story featuring Tim Farris resulted in a contribution of \$20.

The recent scouting fundraising luncheon was featured in an ad, showing about half of the persons who donated were **Rotarians**.

Matt Hammett's new housing development in Barkley Village netted the club \$20.

Bob Diehl provided \$10 to have no questions asked about his head.

Brian Griffith spoke of his trip to Panama and 16 foot crocodiles, donating an undisclosed amount.

Harold Heiner contributed a dollar with a "sweet dreams" continuation of his presentation of a few weeks ago.

Tim Farris spoke of the InterFaith Coalition auction on Saturday night and above public mindedness of Dr. Roger Barnhart during the early 1980s, which helped raise \$32,000 for this group.

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The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2006.

The week's 50/50 raffle winner was Bruce Litherland.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

PROGRAM

Herb Ershig introduced the New Member Talks.

John Aaron Morse Booker (Aaron), classification Computer Networking, has always felt a "sense of place" in Bellingham. He attended the University of California at Davis and joined Morse Steel, then became the Southeastern Alaska hardware salesman for Morse Hardware Company.

In the mid nineties, he built a few websites and then decided to change careers and started working at Alpha Tech Computers, ending up managing the business.

During a sabbatical year, he drove across the country, spent three months in Costa Rica and then was ready to get back to work, starting his own business, Hardlines Company.

He and his wife, Kelly, have a son, Augustus, 11 months old, who shows signs of technical expertise with cell phones, cables and such. A large extended family in Bellingham, including those in Rotary, add much to life here.

Aaron's business survived a rough beginning and has grown, working remotely when necessary, taking on webcasting which involves some international traveling, and adding up to work that is interesting, challenging, and always changing. The only constant is change.

Dwayne Rogge, classification Boy Scouts, was born in Japan but grew up in Sand Point, Idaho where he hiked and enjoyed the outdoors. He moved to Coeur d'Alene before joining the Navy for two years. After learning the lessons of life on a ship, he attended the University of Idaho, studying math, physics and computer science.

After working on laser spectroscopy, he looked for a job in a building with windows, (a school), but then had the opportunity to move to Everett and work for the Boy Scouts, relocating to Seattle and then to Bellingham.

Dwayne and his wife Julie have two and a half year old twins, Michael and Christopher. A story of the boys' differing tastes in food -pizza and cookies - gave a glimpse of home life.

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Other activities are woodworking, sailing and any possible work for Boy Scouts. He is grateful for the people who are concerned about kids and leaving a legacy for them.

Although he does not get to go camping (there are volunteers that get to do the fun stuff), he enjoys training the adults and doing the necessary paperwork and fundraising to keep the program strong.

Peter Theisen, classification United Way, attended his first Rotary meeting in upstate New York after graduating from Evergreen State College. He actually rode his bike from Seattle, stopping in small cities and towns to learn what makes communities strong and healthy. He noticed the importance of place, civic pride, and family. He also saw the value of active, diverse, and engaged citizens.

Peter looked for a similar community and came back to Bellingham where the issues 20 years ago included downtown development and the parking on Railroad Avenue.

Working as President of United Way of Whatcom County, Peter reported that the group's goal for this year is \$1.7 million for local non-profits.

He expressed thanks for the support and many ways that Rotary has contributed over the years, and is looking forward to being an active part of an organization that is both local and international.

Jim Visbeek spoke of the new member talks when he and **Harold Heiner** joined the club together in 1982 (it was a Monday), and of the years of pursuing his educational path. **Jim** earned a Masters Degree from Trinity Western last week and proudly presented \$50 to the club.

Bob Gibb spoke of a recent trip to Pullman with his granddaughter, who is editor of the Ferndale High School paper. Together they had the experience of meeting Tom Brokaw in person.

Karen Morse provided \$10 as a result of the coming Bellingham Business Forum and spoke of the \$100,000 raised by the Seattle Business Forum.

Cleary Cone spoke highly of the Mikado performance at the Mt. Baker Theater and pointed out that several Rotarians are involved in this venture while appreciatively donating \$10.

Kay Sardo reminded the group of "Dine Out" on May 2 and the benefits of the Maple Alley Inn.

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