



THE ROTARY CLUB *of* BELLINGHAM

BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLER

July 10, 2006

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Ben Kuiken

introduced Debra Reynolds with Blue Skies for Children

Barry Hanson

introduced Andrey Baslik, General Director of Zashita-Nakhodka; Natalia Florya, Deputy General Director of Zashita-Nakhodka; Maria Moshkina, Translator; Wendy Keneipp with The Unity Group; Stowe Talbot, Owner of Bellingham Cold Storage

Tom Mercadante

introduced Susan McBee from St. Louis, Mo.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Jim Cameron

Big Pine & Lower Keys Florida

Stowe Talbot & Mimi Ferlin

Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Pete Kremen & Adoline Brown

Whatcom North Rotary Club

Mike Lewis

Mt. Baker Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

New President Tim Farris opened his first official meeting honoring Past President Dewey Desler by announcing that this was the 4,075th meeting of the Rotary Club of Bellingham. We joined in the Star Spangled Banner accompanied by Don Anderson on the piano.

Curt Cortelyou honored the memory of former Rotarian and Paul Harris Recipient Bill Heidner who gave tirelessly of his time and will be sorely missed [see memoriam below].

John Cooper gave the invocation offering a moment of silence in honor of Bill Heidner and then reminded us that in our diversity lies our strength. He encouraged us to lead by our actions and words. Dennis Curtis introduced visiting Rotarians.

President Tim gave a special welcome to our guests from Russia who are visiting here as part of the Bellingham Sister Program.

IN MEMORY – BILL HEIDNER



In Memoriam – Bill Heidner

Bill Heidner, a 49-year Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow, passed away on Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at the age of 95, following several years of living at the Mt. Baker Health Care Center. Bill was a member of the Pasadena Rotary Club from 1957-1990 and, following his move to Bellingham, became a member of the Rotary Club of Bellingham in 1990. He was loaned the classification Fire Administration.

Born and raised in South Dakota until age 13, Bill moved with his family to Pasadena where he lived until he moved to Bellingham. Bill began his career in the Pasadena Fire Department in 1936 and retired from the Department after 36 years of service. Bill was recognized by the Pasadena Rotary Club with a Paul Harris Award for starting and continuing a July 4th 3-ring circus and fireworks show held in the Rose Bowl each year, an activity which reduced the number of children using and being injured by individual fireworks.

In California, Bill was an active member of the Masonic Order and in Bellingham, he and his wife were active members of the First Congregational Church.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Mary Kay, in 2000. Nevertheless, in tribute to his wonderful marriage to a special woman, Bill continued to give happy bucks each year to recognize their wedding anniversary and the number of years since their wedding date.

Bill was a very classy person. He was always very kind and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 17th

Doug Cole "So What is a Q Boat, Anyway? The Enduring Story of Cotton Blossom II"

July 24th

Rotary District Governor, Rod Thomson

July 31st

Paul Schissler – Kulshan Community Land Trust

August 7th

Anna Hall-Evans, Comm. Relations Director of Bellingham Bay Foundation – Waterfront Park Alternative

August 14th

Carolyn Casey, Communications Mgr. Port of Bellingham –

Waterfront Marina Alt.

August 21st

Karen Ssebanakitta – Whatcom End of Life Council – 5 Wishes Waiting to Hear Back

August 28th

Table Talks

September 4th

No Meeting – Labor Day

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Rob Westford, July 11th

Terry Teraoka, July 12th

Scott Heisinger, July 13th

Brad Burdick, July 14th

Doug Cole, July 14th

Don Drake, July 14th

Mike Hughes, July 15th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Dennis Foley, July 11th

Joe Sines, July 12th

Joann Ossewarde, July 14th

Sandi Halgren, July 16th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jon Sitkin, July 14th

9 Years

Craig Parkinson, July 16th

5 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Cleary Cone announced that he and Greg Grant would be continuing to levy fines in order to collect funds to send our President-Elect to the annual Rotary International Convention which Tim and his wife, Leslie, recently attended. Cleary informed us that fines would not be so heavy this year because next year's convention will be held in Tacoma, Washington. Having said that,

-Everyone under the age of 93 years was fined \$1.00 and

-All of those who do not own Jaguars were fined \$1.00 as well.

Hmm, this could be an expensive year.

BUSINESS NOTES

Ben Kuiken announced that the football pool would start again this year for the bargain entry rate of \$40 per person. Members, be prepared to be accosted by committee members encouraging your participation and seeking your \$40 before and after Rotary in upcoming weeks.

For members who have not yet picked up a new roster, rosters are available from Sandee.

President Tim announced the District 5050 GolFun Tournament on August 11, 2006 at the Homestead Farms Golf Resort. If you are interested in participating, contact Sandee or Tim.

Mark Simpson announced that the current Greeter Committee schedule is available from Sandee. Committee members are asked to check the schedule for assigned dates and responsibilities.

There will be a regular Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Hagen Building. All members, particularly new members who need to finish their requirements, are invited to attend.

District Governor Rod Thomson and his wife, Cathy, will be visiting, and they, along with our very own Assistant District Governor Bob Morse, will be our guest speakers on July 24. President Tim offered that he considered this a formal inspection of the Rotary Club of Bellingham and he implored Harold Heiner not to tell stories about rocks and requested that Pat Foley not discuss burning bras in the 60's. He also mentioned that Matt Hammatt might try his effort at looking older so as to fit in with the rest of the membership.

It was also announced that Wilf Wilkinson, Rotary International President-Elect, is in Abbotsford today. That must have been a memorable experience in light of the fact that Abbotsford garbage collection services have been on strike.

Tim briefly reported on his trip to Copenhagen, Denmark where he met Rotarians from all over the world. He found the global breadth of Rotary impressive and was inspired by Rotary philanthropic work throughout the world.

The third annual summer picnic for the Rotary Club of Bellingham will be held at President Tim's home on Saturday, July 29 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Salmon and burgers will be served and those attending are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. Everyone is welcome; including spouses and children. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Brian Griffin announced that he and Bob Morse, by virtue of their long and distinguished tenure, have been appointed to the History Committee. They will provide us historical anecdotes on contributions made by RCOB to our community. The first such presentation will be – "How Boulevard Park Really Got Built."

Dan Cheney read a letter from Rotaplast thanking us for a \$1,000 contribution to aid in reconstructive surgery for cleft lips and palates of Peruvian and Bolivian children. To date, 7,500 children have been treated.

PRESENTATIONS

President Tim, on behalf of RCOB Foundation, presented a check in the sum of \$1,000 to Debra Reynolds to help support Blue Skies for Children. Last year Blue Skies for Children provided 2,280 children with school supplies, clothing and backpacks.



Blue Skies for Children Receives Donation



Birthday Boy, David Morse, Sr.

Club members and guests rose to honor the 93rd birthday of David C. Morse, Sr. by singing a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday. David reported that 64 of those years have been as a member of RCOB. President Tim presented David with a delicious chocolate cake and Cleary Cone cheerfully collected David's \$93 check. To further honor the day, apparently by divine intervention, David's grandson, Daver, won the \$44 weekly raffle.

PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced Barry Antos, Senior Vice President of Pioneer Human Services, as our guest speaker. Pioneer Human Services is one of the largest self-supporting non-profit organizations employing those in society whose history of alcohol or drug abuse or previous criminal record find employment difficult.



Speaker, Barry Antos

Pioneer Human Services was founded in 1963 by an attorney whose alcoholism caused him to embezzle trust funds from his client. While in prison, he formulated an idea whereby former drug abusers, alcoholics, and those with criminal records could be provided a second chance to become productive members of our society. He offered no handouts, but, instead, required each person to pay \$25/week for rent, required attendance at daily AA meetings and required those persons involved to hold a job.

A DVD was shown, which included several testimonials of those who pulled themselves up by their bootstraps and with the help of Pioneer Human Services lifted themselves up, held jobs, and became drug and alcohol-free. The training, treatment and education provided by Pioneer Human Services gives those who want it "a chance for change."

Since 97% of those in prison are re-circulated into our society, Pioneer Human Services provides a second chance for successful re-entry for which they and all of us can be thankful.

The presentation was thought-provoking and uplifting. It is another example of how just one organization can make a significant and positive impact on our community.

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