



**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**

**Scott Renne** introduced Scott Caldwell with Waddell & Reed

**Mike Bradburn** brought Lynn Kirlin

**John Sitkin** introduced Wendy Keneipp with Room 2 Think

**Karen Morse** brought Cheryl Crazy Bull, President of Northwest Indian College

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

**Sonya Samuelson**  
Aberdeen Rotary Club

**Shannon Terrell**  
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

**Pete Kremen**  
Whatcom North Rotary Club

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Margaret Curtis opened her inaugural meeting, Rotary Club of Bellingham's 4,162nd meeting, with great spirit. "Music Man" Don Anderson played the Star Spangled Banner. Kevin Allen gave a trend-setting combo invocation and happy bucks for a blessed trip to Jerusalem with his wife, where his lost wallet was returned by a cab driver, and he narrowly avoided being killed near the Caesar Hotel. We all gave thanks for the armed forces and law enforcement officers both at home and around the world.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Margaret made several announcements. First, the Whatcom County North Rotary is sponsoring a bike ride fundraiser for the Dick Metcalf Teen Center; materials are available to sign up. Dale Rings and Mauri Ingram held a meeting of the Rotary Information and Orientation Committee after the meeting; if you missed it, please be in touch with the co-chairs. Tattler sponsors are needed! Twelve Rotarians have already agreed to sponsor the Tattler; please call or email Dale Rings or Margaret Curtis if you would like to be a sponsor. Regarding appointments to serve on committees, President Margaret reminded us, tongue-in-cheek, that all 200 Rotary members can't ring bells on one December afternoon. We should all check the 25 committees and look for our multiple assignments for the year.

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING REPORT – JULY 10, 2008**

**Polio Plus Initiatives**

Our Club and Polioplus: Each Rotary Club has been asked to give a minimum of \$1,000 per year for the next three years to match the Gates Foundation \$100 million Challenge Grant. Margaret proposed to give District Governor Larry Stinson, \$3,000 of existing Club Charitable Funds to satisfy our Club's commitment. The Board felt this was an excellent project and approved \$2,000 per year to be paid in one lump sum of \$6,000. It will be presented to him on the occasion of his October 6, 2008 formal visit to our Club, but we will let him know sooner than that. The funds will be paid out of the "Fines and Happy Buck" account with Key Bank.

Our Community and PolioPlus: Margaret would like to work with the Public Relations committee to use Bellingham's Channel 10 and some concurrent print or website media to publicize what Rotary is, what Polio Plus is about, and the synergy for polio eradication

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

July 21: TBD

July 28: Dale Henley – Haggen 75th Anniversary

August 4: Bob Sampson – Bellingham Mountain Rescue

August 11: Brian Griffin – Senior Rotarians

August 18: Dan Beard – Going Green in Washington, D.C.

**ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS**

Brad Burdick, July 14th

Doug Cole, July 14th

Mike Hughes, July 15th

Ken Jernberg, July 19th

Al Marsh, July 20th

**PARTNER BIRTHDAYS**

Joann Ossewarde, July 14th

Sandi Halgren, July 16th

Karen Haggen, July 17th

Nancy Barnhart, July 20th

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

Jon Sitkin, July 14th  
11 Years

Jeff Haggen, July 20th  
10 Years

Craig Parkinson, July 16th  
7 Years

Terry Robertson, July 19th  
4 Years

Drew Schmidt, July 19th  
4 Years

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## HAPPY BUCKS

Tom Eckert was happy about three days of fishing and shared his amazement that he could hook a salmon, reel it in, only to have a seal eat it off the line.

Dale Rings corrected the record from last week when he mistakenly introduced his wife, Penny Rings, as Penny Wilson of Wilson Engineering; it gives new meaning to being married to your work.

Barry Hansen gave \$100 happy bucks for taking his son to the salmon derby, having him in charge of the downrigger, and together catching a 26 pound salmon.

Joan Airoldi, co-proposer of new member Pam Kiesner, is thrilled that Pam is a new Rotarian.

Yvonne Bianchi noted that she and Rob Westford had competed in the Clear Lake triathlon. She was \$2 happy to finish, to not finish last, and to have survived!

Immediate Past President Dave Blair was \$5 pleased to have the freedom to sit at the table of his choice at the back of the room.

that Rotary, the Gates Foundation, the Centers for Disease Control, Unicef, and the World Health Organization are newly re-committed to this year. The newest information on success should be very compelling to the general public and the PR is available.

National Immunization Days (NIDs): Margaret will get more information about whether and how Rotarians from our Club might volunteer to go abroad for a National Immunization Day. Some members might like to experience the hands-on helping.

### August Board meeting cancelled.

It was determined due to vacations, the August 14th Board of Directors meeting is cancelled.

A **letter of resignation** was received from **Terry Robertson** because of a move to Stanwood. This request was approved by the Board with regret.

A **Leave of Absence** request from **Jamie Vos** was approved until 6/30/09 due to business commitments.

Letters of appreciation:

- Nick Stackhouse, Phil Millard scholarship recipient
- Kalyn Taketa, Sehome Outstanding Student
- Scott Wilson RYLA recipient
- Ann Hoag, Outstanding Student
- Whatcom Symphony letter of appreciation for \$1000 donation

## PRESENTATION

Marilyn Mastor introduced new member Pamela Kiesner, and Past President Dennis Murphy gave the charge of membership. Pamela became the Director of the Bellingham Public Library in 2004, coming here from the Brown County Library in Green Bay, Wisconsin. She has been active with the Whatcom Literary Council since 2005. Pam was born and raised in Minneapolis, earned her BA from Albion College and her MS from the University of Michigan. She is married to Kenn, a retired elementary/middle school teacher; they have two children, Hilary and Max.



Marilyn Mastor and new member, Pam Kiesner

Past President Dennis gave a stern admonition to follow the rules: pay your dues and attend the meetings. He emphasized the 4-way test but noted the cheat sheet hanging on the wall. And he suggested that the best ways to participate in the club and meet people are: to sit at different tables, to engage in committees, and to become involved in the many projects happening throughout the year.

## FINES & RECOGNITION

Sgt-at-Arms Matt Hammatt had a full list of Rotarians to call upon, although President Margaret suggested that the fines could be more robust.

He started out in recognition of President Margaret, Musician Don, and his own residence in the south hill, and invited all who lived in that great neighborhood to put \$2 each on the table.

Matt then noted that while watching CNN he was startled to see a TV commercial for the Harborside Bistro. Fahri Ugurlu said that the commercial was so expensive he was too broke to pay a fine this week.

Bob Sytsma was called upon to be \$5 happy for expanding his office by more than 1800 square feet. Matt matched his \$5 because now he can move out of the conference room and into his own "real" office.

## HAPPY BUCKS

All Rotarians who showed up last week when there was no meeting scheduled (including Bob Nicholl and Fahri Ugurlu) were fined \$5 each.

Mike Bradburn showed up today with his guest, unlike a few weeks ago when he “forgot.” In addition to the personal apology he offered up \$5, since he had a good excuse: he started a new business, Crystal Creek Logistics, which caters to online retailers.

John Sitkin was voted “super-lawyer” and was \$10 pleased about it.

Al Pemberton and Robin Halliday were each fined \$10 for their photos in the Whatcom Magazine for the TAG event.

Sgt-at-Arms Hammatt, in an effort to be an equal-opportunity finer, asked everyone with a power boat who has been on the water in the last week to pay a happy fine of \$5; all those who were out on someone else’s boat had to pay a happier fine of \$10.

Pat Foley tattled on Brendon Hansen, saying that she had been invited to the shooting range by Moss Adams. Brendon confessed that it was true, gave \$10, and promised that while accountants with guns might not be such a good idea, it “would not be a Dick Cheney event.”

Dennis Curtis declined to comment for the Herald when asked about a shooting at the Bellis Fair Mall. Dennis’ defense was that the victim had shown up, with gunshot wounds, at the hospital and said the “alleged shooting” took place at the mall -- Dennis thought, clearly there was no evidence.

For one buck, Counselor Tim Farris asked how it could be an “alleged shooting” when clearly, there were gunshot wounds.

Quick-witted Mauri Ingram happily gave \$5 that none of the Club CPAs were suspects in the shooting.

## PROGRAM

Dale Rings introduced the new member talks by making a pitch for recommending new members. Who invited you first? Bring people to a meeting and Rotary will sell itself.

The talks given by the three new members were inspiring, with all of them flavoring their stories with humor, nostalgia, and a unique poetic flow.



Cindy Enger, Austin Huang, Tom Eckert

New member Cindy Enger, proposed by Steve Adelstein and Andrew Evans: Cindy Enger did not grow up consciously thinking that she would one day become a rabbi. But she did have a few hints. At 11 years old, she stayed home from services with the chicken pox but nonetheless dressed up and gave a sermon to the dogs and the furniture. She always went to a Jewish summer camp, Sunday School, and was involved with Hillel during college. And after college at Princeton and law school at NYU, Cindy attended national Jewish learning institutes, participated in Chicago-area Reform Movement leadership development programs, and eventually started rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, first in Jerusalem, and then in Cincinnati. After her ordination in 2001, Cindy was the first person to direct the Jewish Program of an interreligious program in Seattle. In 2003 she came to Bellingham as the rabbi and spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel, growing the congregation and now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Cindy enjoys hiking, and the natural beauty and the sense of community in her home town.

New member Tom Eckert, proposed by Earl Settlemeyer, Yvonne Bianchi, and Dave Blair: Tom Eckert quickly provided his bio: born and raised on a farm outside Ellensburg; BA from WSU, Master’s degree in Counseling from Central, and a doctorate from Seattle University; 14 years at Nicolet College in Wisconsin, most as Vice President; married to Robin; three kids in their 20s, and a first

Chuck Snyder was \$5 pleased to be a part of this club and a colleague of Mark Knittel of Data Doctors, who bailed out Chuck’s campaign computers in a crunch.

Robin Halliday was happy to celebrate the in-town edition of her daughter’s wedding with friends and family who couldn’t make it to Burning Man last year for the actual wedding ceremony.

Bob Boule was \$10 pleased for a full house at his B&B recently including 20 women in the over 60 soccer tournament and 11 teenagers in a Blaine festival.

Irwin LeCocq gave \$61 for a lovely marriage and the most important components of friendship and children....and by the way, he sold his boat!

Steve Adelstein was \$10 happy for a great trip by plane, train and automobile to Scandinavia with Fahri and Robin Ugurlu.

This Tattler brought to you by:

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Mike Diehl**

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grandchild on its way. What he likes to learn about others is their passions and their satisfactions, so he shared with the club a peek at his own. Tom's own poetic words belie one of his first loves - that of reading good novels and watching good movies: the depth of the characters and their stories in print or on film. He loves farming and growing his own food, cooking and eating really really good food. He appreciates tropical beaches and the late fall cold beaches of his native Washington and nearby Oregon. He likes the change of seasons, the mountains of his youth and the kind of fishing where he can do it all himself rather than watch the guide. And most of all, Tom feels there is no greater calling than helping his children find the passions in their own lives.

New member Austin Huang proposed by Margaret Curtis and Ron Jepson: Austin Huang is from China. His second language was Russian, and his third language was German which he learned for university study. When he wanted to go abroad to "broaden my eye" he realized he needed English, and so he learned his fourth language. Austin explained to the club that in 1978 only one in 100 Chinese students passed an exam to get enrolled in college, and he was one of them. To take the engineering program and learn all about the equipment, he needed the German language. He came to the US to study and decided on the University of Wisconsin rather than Stanford because a friend went there and would be available to pick him up from the airport -- looking back Austin finds some of his decision points fairly humorous. In 1997 Austin published a paper which brought him selection into the Who's Who in Science and Engineering; a few years later he was elected into the American Society of Civil Engineers. Although he is a member of the Whatcom County Planning Association and other professional groups, he and his wife Nina are also involved in a number of community organizations. He is most proud of his affiliation with the NW Chinese Culture Association and its Chinese New Year music concert. He has recently written a cello concerto and will gladly send you the link if you'd like to listen to it. Austin is highly interested in connecting with Rotarians and helping the community.



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