



# THE ROTARY CLUB *of* BELLINGHAM

BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

# TATTLER

July 24, 2006

## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

### Nancy Bitting

introduced Roben Selditz  
Northwest Administrator for  
Group Health Cooperative

### Gerald Pumphrey

brought Leah Macaleer  
with Junior Achievement

### Tom Grinstead

introduced Goef Morgan  
with Whatcom &  
Community Network

## VISITING ROTARIANS

### Tyler Gibb

Longview Noon Rotary

### Adoline Brown, Pete Kremen

Whatcom North Rotary Club

## OPENING REMARKS

President Tim called the 4077th RCOB meeting to order expressing thanks for our 200 year plus common boundary with our Canadians neighbors, especially welcoming District Governor Rod Thomson and his wife, Cathy, who hail from Abbotsford, British Columbia. Tim was much too polite to mention that Abbotsford was in the midst of a garbage strike in this hot weather (use your imagination) but Rod did.

Immediately thereafter, we joined in singing "O, Canada" (RCOB's best rendition ever) and The Star-Spangled Banner accompanied by the very talented Don Anderson at the piano.

The invocation was given by David Sholin who gave thanks for the fellowship that we share with our Canadian neighbors and for the sensitivity that we, as Rotarians, show to those who are less fortunate. Glen Nardi introduced visiting Rotarians.

## BUSINESS NOTES

We were reminded again that the District 5050 GolFun Tournament will be held on August 11, 2006 at the Homestead Farms Golf Resort. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandee or Tim.

It was announced that the Major Projects Committee is in the process of looking for a major project to be sponsored by RCOB for this Rotary-year. Members are encouraged to give their ideas to Ray Trzynka or Steve Adelstein for committee consideration.

Peg Larson announced the third annual summer picnic to be held at President Tim's home on Saturday, July 29th from 3:00 to 6:00 to be hosted by Tim and his wife, Leslie. Salmon and burgers will be served and those attending are asked to sign up to bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome including spouses and children. For directions to these culinary delights, maps were on the tables or if you didn't receive one and need directions, you can contact Peg Larson directly.

Ben Kuiken reminded us again to bring \$40 next week for the annual football pool for which 25% of the proceeds goes to charity. Cash and checks are accepted but no IOU's. 70% of the spaces are sold out so if you haven't done so, you'd better hurry or lose the opportunity to win a European vacation and brand new car (oh, I'm just kidding).

President Tim announced on behalf of Bob Diehl that the next ski trip will held on January 31 through February 1, 2007 at Park City, Utah. Bob organizes fabulous ski trips (just ask anyone who has been on one). If you are interested, contact Bob Diehl.

New Member Breakfast will be held Monday, July 31st at 7:00 at Boss Tweed. This is an excellent opportunity to make-up.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### 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

TBD

### September 4th

No Meeting – Labor Day

### September 11th

Peter Gray & Tim Shepherd –  
Teen Cultural Exchange with Russia  
through Biographies

### September 18th

Club Anniversary –  
History Committee and  
Seattle Gilbert and Sullivan Society  
September 25 –

Dennis Madsen, former CEO of REI,  
Coop principles in a capitalistic society

### October 2 –

Matt Rose – Inside Travel in Beijing

## ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Dale Kinsley, July 24th

Paul Hanson, July 29th

## PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Marcia Culver, July 25th

Aleen Cone, July 29th

Marya Griffin, July 29th

Maryanna Farrell, July 30th

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# HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Cleary Cone was in spectacular form in good-naturedly assessing fines. A picture of Rick Wright in a dorky hat and in front of flowers at the Depot Market Grand Opening warranted the comment that he looked like the flower girl in My Fair Lady. He was assessed \$10.



Rick Wright at Depot Market Opening Ceremonies.

Mauri Ingram got off with no fine but a heaping tablespoon of harassment when Cleary quoted her comments in The Bellingham Business Journal to the effect that she had "an androgynous look" apparently aiding her in transcending the glass ceiling. He also quoted Mauri who said that men also tell her "you look hot today" but Mauri denied making such comments. In lieu of fine, however, she said that she would be happy to make a donation. Cleary was fined \$11 for calling Mauri a hottie. Nice going, Cleary.

Bob Nicholl was fined \$20 for riding in a 1930's 2-seater open cockpit airplane piloted by a 77-year-old who did a few loops. Bob said he was glad to have survived the adventure.

Margaret Curtis did not previously mention that her daughter graduated from Dartmouth University with Honors and now this having been discovered, she disclosed that her daughter had also achieved the 99.7 percentile on her MCAT (Medical College Admission Test). Congratulations, Margaret! In honor of her daughter, Margaret donated \$100.

## PRESENTATIONS



Tom Grinstead & Geoffrey Morgan,  
Director of Whatcom Family & Community Network

President Tim presented to Geof Morgan, Director of Whatcom Family and Community Network, and RCOB sponsor Tom Grinstead the sum of \$700 from RCOB through the Service Fund Committee. Whatcom Family and Community Network was founded in 1990 by local physician Ken Gass to support those in our community who are less fortunate.



Leah Macaleer, Area Director for Junior Achievement  
& Gerald Pumphrey

President Tim also presented to Leah Macaleer on behalf of Junior Achievement and RCOB sponsor Gerald Pumphrey an RCOB donation through the Service Fund Committee in the amount of \$1,000. Junior Achievement which was founded in 1919 promotes business and free enterprise education to students.

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### PROGRAM

President Tim introduced Rotary District 5050 Governor Rod Thompson who has served with distinction in Rotary for many years. Rod is also the publisher of The Abbotsford Times. All rose to welcome him.

Governor Thomson acknowledged that we clearly had a lot of fun and then wading into the fray noted that as a newspaper publisher, newspaper reporters usually report verbatim what should not have been said. (Hm, Mauri, I think the ball is in your court now.)



District Governor Rod Thomson

Noting the longevity of RCOB and the fact that we have heard from countless district governors over the years, he said he felt like Elizabeth Taylor's 7th husband – He knew what was expected of him but didn't know how to make it interesting. That drew a pretty good laugh from the Viagra generation.

He also acknowledged former RCOB District Governors Curt Cortelyou and Jim Caldwell. He acknowledged our commitment to our community and to the district and offered his thanks in working with Assistant Governor Bob Morse.

The Rotary International motto for the second century is "Lead the Way." Governor Thomson said that we as Rotarians are leaders in our businesses, our families and our clubs. We mobilize people, we take charge, and we make things happen not only in our communities but in the world.

In doing so, Rotary must be more flexible than it has been in the past. We now have Rotary e-clubs for meetings online for those who are unable to attend meetings in person and we have Rotaries offering family memberships where both husbands and wives can attend. He said that Rotary is a gift, the gift of gratitude for community leadership. Worldwide membership counts for 1.2 million members, all of whom are leaders and must be led by example. We have touched lives throughout the world by providing health care (the near elimination of polio), providing water treatment and purification, wheelchairs, book mobiles and countless programs all in an effort to make our own communities and the world community safer and healthier.

In helping to provide leadership opportunities, District 5050 is providing a Rotary Academy for online opportunities at learning and youth leadership for students grades 10 through 12 to develop leadership skills.

Governor Thomson's presentation was to the point, thoughtful and inspired us to be all that we can be (sorry, that's another ad). He motivated us to lead by example and through our own works and our donations make our communities and our world a better place to live.

Mike Bradburn won the \$64,000 raffle, give-or-take a little.

D.C. Morse who allegedly achieved first, second and third place in the Langara, British Columbia Fishing Derby denied even catching a prize-winning fish and pled untrue to the allegation that he fought with a piece of kelp for over 30 minutes. He was fined \$10.

President Tim pointed out that Rotarians should think twice about lawyer jokes for fear of huge fines either assessed by Tim himself, a renowned lawyer, or by Sergeant-at-Arms Cleary Cone, an internationally famous lawyer. Cleary mentioned that the governor of California thought that lawyer jokes should be considered a hate crime.

Paul Hanson proudly gave \$50 to announce the birth of his grandson.

Gerald Pumphrey gave a few happy bucks because his daughter is now paying for her own car insurance.

David Sholin also gave happy bucks in honor of his son who graduated from high school with honors and in celebration of his 25th wedding anniversary.

Bob Gibb, who apparently has the largest swimming pool in town, gave \$37 happy bucks for a family celebration in which 37 of his family were in his pool on Saturday – all at the same time. They were there in celebration of his selling his boat, a boat wake (get it?).

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