



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Terry Robertson
introduced Steve Moore
with Moore & Co.

Tony Pechthalt
brought Eric Nelson
with Edward Jones

Susie Thomson-Sines
introduced Robin Selditz,
Northwest Administrator
for Group Health

Joe Coons
brought Scott Rennee
with Blue Sea Systems

VISITING ROTARIANS

Bill Lewis
Indian Wells, California

Stephanie Sadler
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS



President Tim presides

Greeter Pat Foley was at the entrance with hand outstretched and a warm greeting for all. President Tim called the meeting to order with statistics worthy of our own Past President Dewey Desler: 61 of the 63 Rotarians asked to serve as committee chairs or co-chairs agreed without hesitation. The two who declined did so for serious health reasons. President Tim related his pride in our club and its dedicated membership. Don Anderson returned to the keyboard with his rendition of "America the Beautiful". David Sholin offered the invocation conveying thanks for our many blessings. Ralph Rinne announced visiting Rotarians.

BUSINESS NOTES

The Community Projects committee chaired by Steve Adelstein met following the regular meeting. The International Committee will meet this week as well.

The next new member breakfast will be held Monday, August 28th at 7:00 am at Boss Tweed. New Member Breakfasts are a great make-up opportunity as well as an excellent opportunity to meet our newest members.

Fred Kaiser noted an alternate new member form designed by Teri Treat. The goal is the same: identify prospective members to enrich the ranks of the club. Fred reported the initial response has been good.

Next week, in lieu of a program, we will be holding our first series of "Table Talks". Our topic will be fundraising and how to fund the club's many good works. The Table Talks Committee is chaired by Chuck Snyder, and will oversee the discussions. Preparation is as follows:

1. Next week's topic is to get your input on what members want to do in terms of how much money and time they want to contribute to our projects.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- August 28th**
Table Talks
- 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 Travels in Beijing

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

- Dick White**, August 21st
- Ken Culver**, August 22nd
- Bob Benner**, August 23rd
- Susie Thomson-Sines**, August 23rd
- Cathy Buckley**, August 26th
- Bob Martin**, August 26th
- Julie Foster**, August 27th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

- Sylvia Haggen**, August 23rd
- Marlene Payne**, August 24th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Tim Farris**, August 25th
8 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Cleary Cone kicked things off with a quote from President Tim, "Quit horsing around and make some money!" With that, he noted that an unidentified member of the club has undertaken a new building project in the burgeoning Irongate area. Cleary conveyed his hope that the unidentified Rotarian would step forward with an appropriate celebratory contribution... a pregnant pause that included long glances at compatriot Greg Grant concluded with Greg taking evasive action. Cleary prodded President Tim for a fine recommendation. President Tim must be practicing the art of throwing his voice because when he responded it sounded as if it came from Cleary. Is there no end to President Tim's talents?! The upshot is Greg threw \$25 in the kitty in honor of his 9,300 square foot building-to-be.

Greg Grant chimed in with another \$5 to express his heightened enjoyment at last week's meeting of Del Vandekerck's rendition of the Star Spangled Banner on his trumpet: not only was it well executed, but it drowned out Jack Mulhern's singing!

Joe Coons' distinctive footwear drew a bit of attention. Joe owned up to dumping his motor scooter and agreed to contribute \$20 if this was the last he heard on the subject. President Tim added \$10 to seal the deal.

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2. You will be asked to anonymously complete a short form asking you how much you would be willing to contribute to Rotary in terms of money and time. Again, this is an anonymous form.
3. There will be a table wide discussion on fundraising. At each table will be a list of written questions presented to members for discussion at your table.
4. Each table will select a facilitator to read the list of questions and take notes of the responses. The notes will not identify the member unless the member asks to be identified.
5. Committee and Board members will circulate around the room to answer any questions or help.
6. The information and your ideas from these Table Talks will be reported to the Board and reported back to you.

The Board decided to initiate Table Talks as a way to engage the membership in conversations related to club activities and operations. The information and ideas generated will be reported to the Board and then back to the membership at a future meeting.

Chuck Beard's update: 2 lingering squares remain for the football pool.

President Tim welcomed Jim Cunningham back from six glorious weeks aboard his boat, even though Jim was nowhere to be seen.

PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced Karen Ssebankitta from the Whatcom End of Life Council to speak to the Club about living wills. Karen has been with Peace Health since 1987. She is currently the Director of Oncology, Hospice and Senior and Community Services.

Karen opened with a disturbing fact: at some point each of us will expire. Worse yet, she does not expect any improvement in that statistic. Ironically, we are more likely to discuss and plan trips than we are to discuss our wishes for our final days.

Karen pointed out that these important conversations may avoid: crisis decision-making, heartache and conflict. The concept of informed consent has been around for over 100 years, and includes understanding the nature of treatment, benefits, risks and alternatives with respect to one's health care. The Patient Self-Determination Act outlines the right to informed consent even if one is no longer able to speak for oneself.

Fifty percent of Americans are likely to be capable of making these important decisions in the final stages of our lives. Yet only twenty-five percent of Americans have written down their wishes about these issues. Doing so benefits your family. Karen offered a prepared check to add to the Happy Bucks pot if at least one person completed the durable power of attorney forms she placed on the tables by the end of the meeting.



Today's speaker

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A completed health care directive will help avoid conflicts among your children and adult siblings should you be unable to direct your own health care. The legal and health care system were designed based on the assumption that we all want life prolonged as long as possible, regardless of our state of being or quality of life.

Three options make it easy for your chosen proxy and any successors to know how and when they're responsible. Karen recommends adding authorization for health care insurance. This allows your proxy to make application for health insurance on your behalf. Neither of these authorizations extends beyond health care decisions unless you expressly indicate such on the form. No notary is required in the state of Washington. However, notarizing the power of attorney will increase its "portability" to other states.

Karen also provided the handout she uses in her "Five Wishes" workshop. It includes a questionnaire about personal medical preferences, one for you and one for your proxy. If your proxy's answers differ from yours, it's an opportunity to have further discussion. It's also a useful tool to determine whether your proxy is up to the task.

If there is someone in your family who might be problematic (i.e. they see things differently than you do with regard to end of life issues), it's wise to specifically include that person in your power of attorney.

The health care directive is limited to terminal illness and permanent loss of consciousness. (Karen pointed out the double negative in item C of the directive.) The directive is limited but useful in these situations. Members were encouraged to review both handouts and complete them. They will allow you to define your natural end of life.

Karen is on her third living will. These documents can change based on your wishes as they evolve. Karen related a story her brother shared with her: a 90 year-old man was being voluntarily towed on a frozen lake while seated on a lawn chair fastened to skis. He fell through the ice and drowned. Karen thought, "What a horrible fate." Her brother's view? "What a great way to go!" Her point: what seems a tragedy to you may be a "great way to go" to someone else. Many thanks to Karen for an engaging and informative presentation.

Despite a valiant sales effort and some creative arithmetic, Matt Hammatt was put on notice: plan to forfeit \$10 next week. Not only did Rob Westford outsell his competition with a \$74 dollar pot (versus Matt's \$49), but he took home this week's \$49!

Greg noted that Edward Jones was ranked #1 in Smart Money and asked Tony Pechthalt how happy he is as a result. Tony was \$20 happy for the ranking and for recently hosting the Western Washington University Foundation.

Jim Visbeek was back on the hot seat, despite last week's Happy Bucks to celebrate his daughter's engagement. Greg fined Jim \$5 because he'd already gone to the trouble of cutting out the photo.

David Sholin was \$25 happy for his 25th anniversary.

Chuck Beard was \$20 happy that his grandfather had founded Union Printing Co. in 1900.

All Southsiders were fined \$1 each for being in the press again, but this time for felinicides.

Returning fishermen Laury Evans, Barry Hanson, David Blair, Gary Nelson, Ken Marzocco, Gary Goldfogel and Rick Hagggen all contributed \$20.

Dean Shintaffer was hit up for \$20 to share the spoils of the beverage business during a long, hot summer.

Marilyn Mastor garnered a \$10 fine for the unintentional interruption (and two rings) of her cell phone.

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Roland Trenouth (a.k.a. Capt. Codfish) was recognized for catching a rare type of codfish and fined \$10. Roland noted that D.C. Morse was appropriately jealous when the fish was caught.

Brian and Marya Griffin celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and Brian was \$50 happy.

Frequent visiting Rotarian Pete Kremen enjoyed a family dinner recently (including a 96 year old cousin and a 92 year old uncle - that's a lot of terms as county executive) at the Harborside Bistro. Pete was \$20 happy for the best meal he's ever had.

Kay Sardo was \$5 happy for the start of the school supply drive.

Chuck and Johanna Snyder celebrated their 31st anniversary. Johanna was chagrined to learn that she's only worth \$1 per year.

Dave Blair gave \$37 for 37 wonderful years married to Cheryl.

Peggy Zoro was \$20 happy for Tony Pechthalt and Greg Grant for hosting and cooking for the WWU President's Club. Peggy also encouraged Greg to remind Karen Morse and Stephanie Bowers that they are happy as well.

Joan Airoidi was more than pleased to announce an anonymous \$1 million gift to the Ferndale Library.

Tom Mercadante offered \$5 to invite five Club members to join the board of the Ferndale Food Bank.

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