



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Joe Coons
brought Scott Renne
with Blue Sea Systems

Mike Bradburn
introduced Mark Knittle
with Data Doc's

VISITING ROTARIANS

Diane Carothers
Encino Tarzana Rotary Club

**Stephanie Sadler,
Shannon Terrell
& Mimi Ferlin**
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Pete Kremen & Adoline Brown
Whatcom North Rotary Club

Liz Balas
Sunrise Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim Farris opened this meeting. Music was by Don Anderson - The Star Spangled Banner.

Joe Coons gave the invocation, reading a favorite poem of the beautiful Audrey Hepburn. It was later pointed out that Joe forgot to bless the food, for which he was fined and at which point Joe commented "Holy Mackerel!"

Vic Tate introduced Visiting Rotarians, Roland Trenouth was our greeter and Aaron Booker sold the raffle tickets.

BUSINESS NOTES

President Tim reminded us there is no meeting next week because of the Labor Day Holiday.

The District received a plea for help from twenty Rotary Clubs of Lebanon. It seeks help rebuilding their country. If anyone is interested, please contact Tim and he will provide you with contact information.

Boss Tweed was a busy place this morning. The New Members Breakfast had ten members. As they were leaving, the Environmental Committee members were filing in.

There was a short International Committee meeting immediately after Monday's meeting. If you were unable to attend, please contact the Committee Chair for more information.

President Tim took a moment to discuss the subject of committees, and the fact that what makes the Rotary Club of Bellingham hum is the great work of its committees. It is only August but most of our committees are actively working on their agendas and/or are meeting to add to the life and work of our club.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 4th
No Meeting – Labor Day

September 11th
Peter Gray & Tim Shepherd –
Teen Cultural Exchange with Russia
through Biographies

September 18th
Millie Johnson –
Bees and Land Mines

September 25th
Dennis Madsen, former CEO of REI,
Coop principles in a capitalistic society

October 2nd
Matt Rose – Inside Travels in Beijing

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Jim Cunningham, September 5th
Herb Ershig, September 8th
Dwayne Rogge, September 8th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Marilynn Johnson, August 29th
Lynn Trzynka, August 30th
Janet Visbeek, August 30th
Tracy Diehl, September 1st
Beatrice Aubert, September 3rd
George Bitting, September 4th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

J. C. Hickman, September 1st
19 Years
Jim Visbeek, September 1st
11 Years
Bob McDermott, September 9th
4 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Sergeant-at-Arms Greg Grant was in fine form this week (so much for the kinder, gentler regime).

Tom Livesay dropped \$10 for the Rodin exhibit & Bob McDermott made the mistake of being a sculptor so he had to contribute \$5.

Dennis Curtis \$10 for the news article about the beggar at the mall.

Jack Westford chipped in \$10 after a lively discussion about the crematorium/BBQ van that he pulls around behind his vehicle

Dale Kinsley paid \$5 for the successful wind turbine that a Bellingham High student built. The turbine is generating electricity at the harbor as we speak.

At this point, President Tim admitted that he was in a triathlon in Vancouver, BC and got totally lost. He was supposed to run 5 miles, but probably did 10 by the time he figured out where he was - way to go Tim!

Susan Zoller \$15 for a successful triathlon.

Bob Boule \$20 for raising \$180K for the Blaine Waterfront

Bob Morris threw in \$1 to point out that Joe Coons had only bought his guest salad for lunch, and would not let him eat the main course - shame on you, Joe.

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1. Major Projects has held a number of meetings.
2. Membership has met and, as you have seen with the forms on the table, is working on recruitment.
3. New Generations, with Rob Westford and Barry Hansen, are working on mentoring projects.
4. Public Relations has met.
5. New Members and International Committee met this morning.
6. Social and Fellowship has hosted one event with more to come.
7. Club History has made the first of some six presentations.
8. Table Talks have their first project on the program today.

Finally, there are those committees that make up the infrastructure of our meetings, which just work like clockwork and are too often unrecognized....

1. Reception/Greeters,
2. Tattler,
3. Photographs,
4. Invocations,
5. Music,

Last, and of course not least, comes the hard work of our Sergeants at Arms. I just want to thank all of you for your energy.

On September 14, we will have our regular meeting of the Board of Directors. We do not normally give such early notice but Tim's hope is to put on the agenda a discussion of fundraising, which will include the feedback you provide in your Table Talks discussion today. If you find the discussions at your table today of interest and you want to continue the conversation at the Board meeting, we would love to hear from you.

And finally, Jim Cunningham was welcomed back after six weeks on the boat.

Chuck Beard announced that the football pool was sold out, and sheets are being distributed.

"We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing.
Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action."
—Frank Tibolt

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PROGRAM



Chuck Snyder instructs the Club

Our Program today consisted of the first of a series of Table Talks, with the discussion topic being “Fund Raising”. The results of these talks were forwarded to our President, and they will be discussed at the next board meeting.

On a side note, one unidentified table member pointed out that volunteering for Bravo is like childbirth - you need 3 years in between to forget the pain!

There will be no meeting next week, September 4th - Labor Day Holiday.



Kevin and Del participate in Table Talk



Rotarians ponder fundraising

Paul Langdon contributed \$10 so Pete Kremen could tell him what he ordered when he went to Fahri's restaurant that was the “most delicious meal he has ever had”. Pete responded “flat iron steak - don't be fooled by the lower price”.

Jim Cunningham \$10 for a great summer

Joe Coons lack of blessing the food cost him \$10

Fred Ossewarde's successful fishing trip cost he \$20

Mike Abendhoff paid \$20 because the Trans Alaska Pipeline is the 8th wonder of the world. Be sure to ask him about the “pig in the pipeline” and the gift from our Sergeant-at-Arms.

Brian Griffin was quoted in the paper as saying that “Rotary could handle the aroused women”. That cost him \$5.

Rick Haggen \$20 for his son Mark's 1st wedding.

Peg Larson \$20 for a great kayaking trip.

Dennis Curtis \$10 for his 4th wedding anniversary and his son's safe return from summer disaster relief in New Orleans.

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