



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Del Vandekerck introduced Dan Whittle with Patent Leverage LLC

Marilyn Mastor brought Donna Felton with Evergreen Health Care Center

Arian Norman introduced Bruce Shepard, WWU President

Peter Theisen brought Rich Emerson with United Way

VISITING ROTARIANS

Phyllis Todd
Hillyard Spokane Rotary Club

Homer Todd
Spokane 21 Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Margaret welcomed us and Don Anderson lead us on piano in the singing of America the Beautiful.

Ken Jernberg provided the invocation praising food, in keeping with the nature of our program today. We said thanks not only for the food we were eating but for the complex and wonderful human body that has the ability to convert that food into energy, as well as for the food chain that provides the food we consume.

BUSINESS NOTES

President Margaret reminded us of the opportunities to host Student Exchange students. Those members interested are encouraged to contact Margaret.

The Blood Drive will be held next Monday with seven spots still available that day for donation.

The Rotary Food Bank project is a lead story on the Rotary International Web site, with recognition for the project coming in from around the world.

Bob Gibb encouraged all members to contribute to the Rotary International Foundation. Our semi-annual dues include a voluntary charitable donation of \$50 to the RI Foundation. He reminded us that contribution equates to about \$2 per meeting and supports RI in their efforts for peace, fellowship, scholarships and polio eradication.

There will be a New Member Breakfast meeting next Monday, September 29th at 7:00 AM at the Harborside Bistro. All members are welcome.

PRESENTATIONS

President Margaret presented a New Member Certificate to Brandon Hansen who has completed all of his requirements. President Margaret asked Barry Hanson to stand and cautioned all members to note their differences, including the spelling of their last names, a confusion of which will result in fines.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 29: Puget Sound Blood Bank and Blood Drive

October 6: District Governor – Larry Stinson

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

John Raasch, September 24th

Curt Cortelyou, September 25th

Terry Busch, September 28th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Robin Eckert, September 27th

Mary Hickman, September 28th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ted Mischaikov, September 23rd
6 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS

Cleary Cone - \$10 to share a remembrance of Larry Johanson. When Cleary complained of seagull problems at Sandy Point, Larry recommended his strategy, noting that seagulls are smart and communicate well. His strategy – shoot one.

Mike Diehl - \$10 for a fun family trip to San Diego.

Herb Ershig - \$100 for the birth of their first grandson.

David Blair - \$39 + 1 for his 39th wedding anniversary, plus interest as he was out of town when the anniversary occurred.

Cindy Enger - \$20 for a wonderful kickoff celebration at the Museum last weekend for the 100th Anniversary of Congregation Beth Israel.

Gary Nelson - \$42 for his 42nd wedding anniversary.

Brian Griffin – on behalf of Bob McDermott who was in Tacoma at the Foundry overseeing the finishing of his bronze sculpture of Larrabee, paid for by the Fairhaven Green Foundation.

Al Pemberton - \$40 for his 40th wedding anniversary cruise to Alaska.

Phil Gubbins - \$45 for his 45th wedding anniversary

FINES & RECOGNITION

Sergeant-at-Arms Dick Tucker levied a \$2 fine to all who were not wearing their Rotary pins.

He also asked all bankers, stock/insurance brokers to stand and asked everyone not standing to contribute \$2 each because of the current economic crisis.

Last, he asked those who had caught a crab this past season to contribute \$2, unless they have a photo of same (to encourage us to photo crabs as we do our fish catches).

President Margaret recognized Ann Jones-Richardson as a leader (not braggart) for her contribution to the club's major project, being the first.

Dave Bradley – in recognition of the accomplishment Brad Burdick made in riding 160 miles, with a 10,000 foot elevation change, this past weekend.

Mauri Ingram won this week's raffle.

PROGRAM

In keeping with shows like “Made in America” and “How it's Made”, Program Chair Kathy Hughes has lined up some new programs to help us understand “How it's Made in Whatcom County”. This first program took us inside Hempler's, a wholesale meat manufacturing company in Whatcom County. Owner Dick Hempler shared with us the long standing history of the company and some of the particulars of the business. He showed photos of his employees, especially key being his Quality Control Manager, who has the authority to shut everything down at any time for quality failures. He also showed photos of the manufacturing processes and specialized machinery used to produce and package their products.



Dick Hempler

HAPPY BUCKS

Some interesting statistics that Dick shared with us regarding Hemplers:

- they produce 1,000,000 pounds of sausage per year
- 900,000 hams per year
- 1,000,000 pounds of bacon per year
- Have a \$2,000,000 payroll per year
- Although the US raises 120,000,000 pigs per year (and China 470,000,000), they purchase most of their pigs from Ireland and Denmark because they are leaner
- The average pig has two bellies, each weighing on average 6.5 pounds

His biggest challenge today is finding good workers.

Bob Morse - \$2 for packing cartons that aided his recent move, provided by **Marty Haines** and **Brian Griffin**. Anyone in need of packing cartons please contact Bob and he will gladly deliver them. "Pay it forward"

Mauri Ingram - \$20 for the opening of the Lummi Youth Academy, for the Fairhaven Green Foundation, and for **Irwin** selling his boat.

Ann Jones-Richardson - \$2 for picking blueberries with family at Mt. Baker in spite of the horrible weather.

Margaret Curtis (on behalf of **Stephanie Bowers**) - \$20 for a wonderful event honoring new WWU President **Bruce Shepard** and wife **Cyndie** at the home of the **Ron Jepson**. Tango lessons were encouraged.

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