



THE ROTARY CLUB of BELLINGHAM

BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLER

October 2, 2006

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Joe Coons introduced Scott Renne with Blue Sea Systems

Rogan Jones brought Calene LeBeau with Whatcom Community Foundation

VISITING ROTARIANS

Matt Rose & Shannon Terrell
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary Club

Lynda Goodrich, Sunrise Rotary Club

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 9: **Paul Pittman**, Whatcom County Water Resources Division – Nooksack River

October 16: **Nick Kaiser**, Saturna Capital – Islamic Investing Tenets

October 23: **John Janicki**, Janicki Industries – Innovations in Composite Manufacturing

October 30: **TBD**

November 6: **Steve Staves**, Mayor's Bellingham Budget Advisory Committee Community Outreach

November 13: **Holiday – Veteran's Day**

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Bud Peth, October 2nd

Dale Rings, October 3rd

Stephanie Bowers, October 4th

Bob Boulé, October 7th

David Morse, Jr., October 7th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Curtis, October 7th

Dan Halliday, October 7th

Mari Williamson, October 7th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Al Pemberton, October 4th ... 2 Years

Dale Rings, October 4th ... 2 Years

Steve Hoekstra, October 6th ... 11 Years

John Moles, October 8th ... 5 Years

THIS ISSUE:

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OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened today's meeting with the following comment:

Last week I think I was admonished by Assistant District Governor Morse for claiming our club is the best Rotary Club in Bellingham. I think he thought it would set back the relationships with other clubs to claim we are the best. It made me wonder if I should apologize.

Over the weekend, I looked at the websites if some of the non-profit organizations in our town. I looked to see who was serving on their Boards of Directors. Here is a partial list:

1. *Members of this club serve on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce.*

2. *Our members are found on the Boards of the YWCA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the Museum.*

3. *Two of the five Housing Authority Commissioners are members of our club.*

4. *The Economic Development Council has three of our members.*

5. *Bellingham Dollars for Scholars has five members of our club on their board.*

6. *The Board of Directors of the Whatcom Community Foundation and Board of Directors of the YMCA have no less than five of our members on each of their Boards.*

7. *The Festival of Music has six members of our club who are sponsors.*

8. *If you go to the United Way, an organization that has raised millions of dollars for those in need in our community, you will find that:*

a. *The past and present Executive Directors are members of this Club,*

b. *Current and former campaign chairs Erick Lane and John Macpherson are members of this club,*

c. *And no less than five members of our club serve on their board.*

Serving as leaders of other organizations is just an example of the generous contribution our members give of their time. There is a list that compiles the community service by the members of this club. Virtually everyone in this club has a history of giving their time to the community and those in need. Everywhere you go it seems there is a member of this club volunteering.

Can the other Rotary Club match this? In their dreams!

Should I apologize to the other Rotary Clubs? My response to that question is this: "Assistant District Governor Morse, guests, members and especially visiting Rotarians - Welcome to the Best Rotary Club in Whatcom County."

The membership joined in singing America the Beautiful accompanied by Don Anderson on the piano. Dennis Murphy gave the invocation. John Cooper announced and welcomed visiting Rotarians.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Following up on the Blood Drive offer of a meeting make-up when you donate a pint, Greg Grant noted that he knows folks who do makeup's by celebrating with a pint.

Meanwhile Tim wanted to know where Greg had been recently. Apparently Greg visited the Napa Valley wine country but it was unclear exactly how long he was there. Greg agreed that it was a pretty good trip, which included some golf at Spanish Bay. President Tim wanted to know what Greg shot. "Not as good as John Macpherson," whose average is around 75 or 80. Greg finally settled on paying \$100 for shooting 100.

Peggy Zorro was fined for her Channel 5 TV "Condo Queen" appearance. Nice Show - \$15.

Sergeant-at-arms Greg stated Harold Heiner's retirement is apparently going to be devastating to WCC saying, "You can even buy a bumper sticker that says Go Heiner or is that Go! Heiner?" \$5 fine for Harold.

All Club members who own dogs were asked to stand. Apparently there is owner/dog look-alike contest and all dog owners were fined \$1 for looking like their dogs.

Cathy Buckley was congratulated on a great article in the paper and told she should decide what to fine herself.

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Greg asked Yvonne Cartwright to stand because of her company's name change announcement - sorry, wrong name!! Yvonne Bianchi stood to acknowledge a "less-is-more" approach to the change from Cartwright Creative Group to CCg. According to Yvonne, the name may be shrinking but the business is growing. Yvonne tried to pay a lesser fine of \$2.50 - but wound up with a greater fine of \$5.

Charlie Self spent some time at St. Joseph's Hospital recently. He was happy with the results of his stay and put \$7 in the pot for the 7 pints of blood he received.

Congratulations and thank you to Pat Foley who donated "nice, old lights" which raised \$500 through the Rotary eBay site.

Tom Grinstad reminded Pat to stand up and earned a quick response from Pat, "I am standing up," which earned Tom a fine of \$5.

Our resident Genius Sculptor Bob McDermott paid \$10 for an article about his life-size bronze piece of a waiting grandmother, mother and child facing out to sea on the boardwalk in Blaine. The piece will be installed on October 14th.

Greg fined Tony Pechthalt \$10 for the picture of his very nice house and the numerous Edward Jones pens that are showing up. Gary Nelson added \$10 for selling Tony the house.

Dave Blair gave \$50 for the recent Wall Street Journal article naming Dunham Cellars Syrah as the best in the US. Unfortunately, Dave announced, that year's award winning wine is sold out. Not to be thwarted, Dave gave another \$50 to announce that the 2004 Syrah will be released in 2 months and it is even better than the one praised in the Wall Street Journal. Congratulations, Dave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Classification and Membership and Membership Identification and Retention committees met following the meeting.

Fundraising for Rotary-year 2006-07 - The Board has been talking about how we raise funds, including a variety of methods to raise funds. Fundraising can be something as simple as a straightforward check-writing campaign to something as time consuming as BRAVO. Over the past few years, we have used a variety of methods. However, if we try to get this year's fundraising completed by December or early January - to get us back on the normal Rotary schedule - we will not have time to plan a time-consuming event like an auction. So, this year we are going to use a simple method.

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs John Macpherson and Gregor Hodgson and President Tim met last week. John and Gregor are gearing up for a successful campaign for this Rotary year. After the campaign is over, Club leaders hope to identify a fundraising event or method that will serve us over the coming years. If members have thoughts or ideas regarding future fundraising activities, please share those with President Tim, John, and/or Gregor.

History Committee Presentation - Next week J.C. Hickman will make the 2nd History Committee presentation with a report on J.J. Donovan. J.C. promises there will be a fine if you don't come. He also shared his discovery that there is no longer a card catalogue at the library. Welcome to the electronic world, J.C.!!

Raffle Tickets - Many thanks to Matt Hammatt and Rob Westford for their raffle competition which made it fun for all of us to buy those tickets. And, thanks to Club members for playing along.

Table Talk Report - Chuck Snyder reported that the notes taken at the individual tables during the Table Talks on August 28, and the written comment cards, showed the following consistent themes:

1. The membership is satisfied with annual fund raising in the \$100,000 - \$150,000 range as a general proposition.
2. Giving above the current annual assessment of \$200.00 should be flexible enough to allow for the varying financial abilities of the members. There should be an expectation to give more than just the annual assessment but it should be possible for each member to give what they comfortably can.
3. The nature of major projects should drive the amount of monies raised, rather than just raising a set amount and then looking for a place to spend it.
4. Fund raising that is project-driven will be better received and supported.
5. The annual assessment should be indexed upward incrementally to keep up with inflation.
6. There should be hands-on projects to allow those of more modest means to participate in the club's community giving.
7. The vast majority of club members say they want to both give money and time toward projects.
8. Partnering is a good idea on major projects. The clear preference was for joining with other Rotary clubs as a first choice, then reaching out to other agencies in the community. Those agencies should be chosen for their relevance to the project being undertaken.

Blood Bank Committee Report - Co-chairs Tom Livesay and Joan Airoidi "co-stood" at the podium. Tom reported that their committee - also known as the "blood from turnips committee" - is doing quite well thanks to members who have already given a gallon and a-half of blood this year. Members who have donated blood were asked to stand and be recognized. Special recognition was given to Tom Grinstad who has donated 15 gallons over the past years. Tom Livesay also reminded members that they get a meeting make-up for each pint given, hoping this might be an incentive for donation numbers to go up.

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Joan announced that Tom Livesay is himself a 20-gallon donor. She also announced that we have already exceeded last year's donations and informed the Club of the committee's goals for this Rotary-year: Goal #1 - donation of a minimum of 88 pints of blood, Goal #2 - add 18.5 more donors, and Goal #3 - be the committee that never meets - three quite laudable goals.

Chuck Beard announced football pool winners Bob Morse, Dan Cheney, Jack Westford, and Matt Hammatt.

PRESENTATION

President Tim presented a cake and Happy Birthday wishes to Curt Cortelyou. Curt joined Rotary May 1, 1965. During his 41 years of Rotary service, Curt was Club President and District Governor; he is also a Paul Harris Fellow. The most important statistic, and reason for this acknowledgement and celebration, is that Curt just turned 93 years of age. President Tim thanked Curt for his long service to the Club and Rotary. The membership rose and sang "Happy Birthday." Congratulations, Curt; we look forward to celebrating your 94th next year.



Curt Cortelyou celebrates his 93rd birthday.

PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced Matt Rose a Bellingham native who served as an officer in the United States Navy and Naval Reserves, was a United Airlines Pilot and earned a Masters of Public administration at Harvard. He became a Management Consultant for Harvard Medical International and now serves as Chief Operating Officer at Northwest Radiologist in Bellingham. He is also a Management Consultant and Executive Coach for Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston - Project Hope in China, and serves on the Board of the local Red Cross and as a Member of Bellingham Bay Rotary.



Matt Rose

As a Bellingham Bay Rotary Member, Matt was "highly insulted" at President Tim's insistence that the Rotary Club of Bellingham is the best in Whatcom County but nevertheless gave us a whirlwind and engaging tour of his visit to China in May in a presentation titled - Insider Travels in Beijing.

Matt's trip was 1/3 personal and 2/3 business with a focus on China's health service issues involving Project Hope. Through his observations, we got an intriguing glimpse of vibrant, growing cities moving very rapidly from "3rd world" to "1st world" status. Though having a car is still a significant event in China, there are lots of highways being built, many more new drivers and more accidents but virtually no emergency medical services. Production of an array of items is way up. Companies offer popular trips to the Great Wall as incentives to attract new employees. China recycles almost everything importing about \$41 billion of raw materials from the US while exports to the USA now equal about \$244 billion annually. While some Chinese are still unsure of the bewildering pace of progress, Matt's impression is of a country that wants to change and is not looking back.

This week's raffle winner was Jim Visbeck.

President Tim noted that Dan Cheney was looking quite tan. Dan acknowledged he went south to sunny Tucson for the Husky game. Dan found the weather oppressive but gave \$5 for the Husky win and another \$5 for Ohio State's first 5 wins.

Patricia Decker gave \$15 (\$12 on account because she forgot her wallet) to promote the Whatcom Chorale/Whatcom Chorale Sinfonia Performance on October 8 at the First Congregational Church

DC Morse gave \$21 for 21 happy married years which amount was doubled at Tim's suggestion by Jan Marchbanks who, not so coincidentally, has also had 21 years of happy marriage.

Pat Foley gave \$20 to salute the work of her electrical swat team that got a major project up and running 8 hours ahead of schedule.

Meanwhile Cleary Cone, trying a new fund-raising technique, asked, "Does anyone have 2 \$10's?" Tom Mercadante stood, reached for his wallet and gave 2 \$10's to Cleary. Cleary said, "Thank you, Tom" and brought the house down.

Gary Nelson gave \$40 for to celebrate 40 years of marriage.

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FOOTBALL POOL

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4	Ben Kuiken	Steve Adelstein	Cooper Treat	Sharon Rohrbacher	Jon Sitkin	Mike Plenkovich	Ken Marzocco	Matt Hammatt	Daver Morse	Paul Hanson
6	Sandee & Dick	Al Williamson	John Aubert	Bob Nicholl	Dan Cheney	Sylvia Haggan	Laury Evans	David Morse Sr.	JC Hickman	Barry Hanson
7	Tim Farris	Joe Coons	Fred "O"	Tim Fisher	Roland Trenouth	Jan Marchbanks	Pat Foley	Irwin LeCocq	Anne Caldwell	Dick Johnson
8	Bob Boulé	Jim Vos	Ron Jepson	Cleary Cone	Jeff Jenkins	Kay Sardo	Pete Kremen	Pete Foti	Glen Nardi	Dana Kuiken
5	Don Haggan	Mary Pat Beard	Wayne Langei	Gary Nelson	Bob Morse	Fred Kaiser	Don Anderson	Ed Lowery	Al & Fred Inc.	Virginia Barry 739-5050
3	Greg Grant	Margaret Curtis	Dick Tucker	Larry Halgren	Fred "O"	Ann Hanson	Paul Landgren	Gregor Hodgson	Gragg Miller	Dean Shintaffer
9	Tony Pechthalt	Rick Wright	Fahri Ugurlu	Jack Mulhern	Dewey Dessler	Drew Schmidt	Kathy Hughes	Bob Gibb	Rick Haggan	Tony Pechthalt
2	Jeff McClure	Bud Peth	Erick Laine	Mary Robinson	Jack Westford	Jim Caldwell	Tom Grinstead	Fred Sexton	Rogan Jones	Chuck Snyder
0	David Blair	Mike Bradburn	Jim Wilson	Susie Thomson-Sines	Al Marsh	Roger Barnhart	Fahri Ugurlu	Larry Ziels	Chuck Beard	Teri Treat
1	Ann Jones	John Holtheimer		Jim Visbeek	Kathy Haggan	Rod Elin	Peggy Zoro	Al Marsh Peggy Zoro	Ralph Rinne	Millard Fund

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