



THE ROTARY CLUB *of* BELLINGHAM
BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

TATTLE



Opening

Past President Larry Halgren presided in the absence of **President Jim** who appears to be missing for no good reason (something about fish). Apparently, President Jim took his own good advice and is enjoying the last of our blessed good weather.

Dwight Ferguson (visiting Rotarian) apparently felt that no good deed or trip should go unpunished, took advantage of President Jim's absence to deliver the "Peace Arch". Acting President Larry accepted the "Peace Arch" on President Jim's behalf. Dwight reminded everyone that the "Peace Arch" tradition started in 1988 as a means of encouraging cross boarder contact between the Canadian and American Rotary clubs. Dwight suggested that we return the arch to Hope, CA, with as many members as possible before the end of the week so that we could be relieved of this treasure and qualify for a District award.

Kay Sardo gave the invocation and regaled us with her single-handed efforts to provide people the opportunity to commit random (intentional) acts of kindness. If you have occasion to travel with Kay,

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please look to see if she has her wallet and lap top with her, both of which recently had occasion to take different return flights.

CELEBRATIONS

Don Anderson (retired ophthalmologist) recounted that he went to his first Rotary meeting in February of 1958 as a high school senior in Jackson Mississippi and was hooked. Don officially became a Rotarian 31 years ago, and during his membership has participated in many projects. The one which recently stands out was the construction of a foot bridge across Squalicum Creek, completed approximately 5-6 years ago.



Don feels the bridge construction is one more example of Rotarians' can do attitude.

Jon Sitkin (Law- Land Use) attempted to explain why we need lawyers to use land.



Jon's expertise is in helping clients thru the rigorous process of permitting their land, be it business or government. His firm will help insure that all is in compliance with shore line, water through put, environmental law, law of gravity etc. Jon, when not helping clients, enjoys serving as a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner host with his wife, and the club ski trips, where he tries to keep up with **Bob Diehl**, a very difficult task.

Announcements:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A regular Board of Directors meeting will be held this Thursday, October 8th at 4:30 at the Dorothy Haggen Building.

Mills Electric

Barry Hanson

Unity Group

Dave Morse

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ROTARY CLUB OF BELLINGHAM BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, October 12th from 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM (closed 12:00-1:00 PM) in the Northwood Hall Parking Lot. To schedule an appointment contact **Joan Airoidi** at jdairoidi@hotmail.com or 393-1054. Your 1 blood donation can benefit up to 3 patients in community hospitals. The blood drive is open to family and friends. Joan would like to get at least 30 donors and space is available.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Friday, October 23, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. Sign-ups will be on the table each week. The Social Committee will assign guests to each host. The host does not know who is coming to his/her home. The guests do not know who else is attending either. Sign-ups will be on the table each week. Contact **Peg Larson**.

Business Notes

Bruce Clawson (Banking-Community) and **Dominique Zervas** (law-real estate) reminded everyone that we have a fund raising goal of \$100,000 for the Pickford Film Center and the emphasis is on having 100% participation. Bruce modeled the popcorn container and we need to fill it up, so please get your contribution and/or pledge in soon.

Football pool winners were **Mike Plenkovich** and **Jack Mulhern** for the first two quarters. **Ed Lowery** and **Irwin Lecocq** won the last two quarters.

Happy Bucks/ Fines/Recognition

Rick Haggen (Supermarkets) is 100\$ happy for Haggen Super Markets' new CEO Jim Donald.

Robin Halliday (Technology) was happy for eating lunch with Stedman Graham (Oprah's honey) at a recent meeting in Atlanta, and who predicted that Chicago was a "shoe in" for the Olympics. Not...

THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: **Dale Rings**

Reporter: **Jim Blackburn**

Photographer: **Robin Halliday**

Sgt. at Arms: **Tom Grinstad**

Invocation: **Kay Sardo**

Introduction of
Visitors: **Ben Kuiken**

Greeter(s): **Earl Settlemyer & Pam Kiesner**

Raffle Tickets:
Charlie Self

Bruce Shepard (Education-University President) appeared in the paper for the start of WWU, which this cost him 5\$.

Cleary Cone (Law-General) was caught at the last meeting commenting that **Don Anderson's** piano playing had really improved since **Elizabeth Grant** had become a member. He had to pony up 5\$.

Roger Barnhart (Medicine-Otolaryngology) could not remember who he had joined RCOB with 30 yrs. Ago. It was **Past President Larry Halgren**, who fined him 10\$.

Program

**Speaker, Eric Leonhardt, Director, Vehicle Research Institute
"Creating a Car for a Sustainable Future: Environmentally
Friendly Viking Vehicles"**



Steven Adelstein (Law- Commercial) introduced our speaker, Eric Leonhardt, Director, Vehicle Research Institute Department of Engineering Technology, Western Washington University. Eric came to Western from the Electronic Data Systems and General Motors Powertrain Division. Eric joined WWU's effort to build a 100 MPG car in the program started in 1975 by Michael Seal and has produced 45 cars to-date. He emphasized that there are a number of challenges facing the transportation industry throughout the world; sustainable fuel, harmful emissions and economic cost.

At present, 99% of transportation is powered by petroleum in some form. For the United States, 16% of this petroleum comes from the Middle East. Continued use of petroleum is an unsustainable option both in availability and environmental byproducts. Electric vehicles carry their own environmental surcharge and are not economically viable at this time. One alternative proposed at WWU is Bio-Gas;

Music: **Don Anderson**

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60% methane, 40% Carbon Dioxide and 0.3% Hydrogen Sulphide. Bio-gas is a byproduct of ruminant animals (cows, pigs sheep etc.) which, as it turns out Whatcom county is blessed with, having about 80,000 dairy cattle.

Whatcom county is in the top 1% of counties by density of ruminant animals, which, as a result, produces a large quantity of bovine excrement. The sheer volume of excrement produced is leading to environmental impacts as bad or worse than the effects of car CO2 emissions. The off gassing of methane has a 253% greater effect on global warming than CO2. Contamination of water runoff is also leading to shell fish loss off our coast and harm to our water supply.

Eric is proposing to solve both transportation and cow poop problems with the construction of anaerobic digesters.

Anaerobic digesters are large concrete boxes, which provide for the continuous bacterial breakdown of biological waste. The end product of an anaerobic digester is bio-gas, an environmentally friendly slurry and fibrous material similar to peat moss. The bio-gas can be converted into kilowatts, the slurry can be used for fertilizing fields and the fibrous material can replace the need for peat moss. The project is in its infancy, but if all 80k cows in Whatcom county contributed, enough bio-gas would be produced to power 147,000 cars at roughly 77 cents a gallon.

Guests of Rotarians

Dominique Zervas brought Alice Clark and Bruce Braimes were visitors from the Pickford Film Center.

Paul Hanson introduced his wife, Ann and Bev Johanson, wife of our beloved Larry.

Bruce Shepard brought Catherine Riordan from Michigan and now at WWU.

Teri Treat introduced Chris Donaldson in business marketing and Sue Bussinger with Haggen Market Catering.

Margaret Curtis brought Kris Hamilton.

Jack Mulhern introduced Michelle Luke who is running for County Council, District 3.

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Visiting Rotarians

Pete Kremen

Whatcom North Rotary Club

Dwight Ferguson

Peace Arch/White Rock Rotary Club

Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bob Boule, October 7th

D. C. Morse, October 7th

Bob Brunkow, October 11th

Dennis Curtis, October 11th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

John Leach, October 6th

Kathy Curtis, October 7th

Dan Halliday, October 7th

Mari Williamson, October 7th

Janice Ziels, October 10th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Hoekstra, October 6th 14 Years

Dan Whittle, October 6th 1 Year

Bruce Clawson, October 8th 2 Years
Cindy Enger, October 8th 2 Years
John Moles, October 8th 8 Years
Scott Renne, October 9th 3 Years
Jim Vos, October 9th 14 Years
Andrew Evans, October 11th 5 Years

Upcoming Programs

10/12 Julia Bozza: Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center
10/19 New Member Talk
10/26 Jeff Goltz - UTC
11/2 Chip Jenkins - North Cascaded: The National Park in
your backyard
11/9 Alice Clark - Pickford Film Center - programming

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