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 BELLINGHAM'S FIRST ROTARY CLUB

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*October
 12th, 2009*

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Bellingham Rotary donates nearly \$156,000 to Hospice House

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Editor's Note: In case you missed it, our club had the lead headline and story in the Bellingham Herald on Tuesday, October 13th, which can be accessed at:

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Opening

President Jim was back behind the podium to call the meeting to order including his customary recitation of which historic meeting we are attending!

CELEBRATE ROTARY CLASSIFICATIONS

Today we had the opportunity to recognize **Bob Sytsma**, a member of the accounting fraternity from Lynden. He leads a 25 person practice that has enjoyed substantial growth over the recent past, providing the usual full range of accounting services to their clients

Announcements

SERVICE FUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Kathy Hughes, Chairman of the Service Fund Committee is encouraging members to submit requests for smaller donations. The committee will start to disperse funds in three segments throughout the Rotary year. Service Fund Guidelines & Policies are printed on page 52-53 of the large roster and proposals should be turned into Kathy or someone on the committee. Please **turn in your request by October 23rd** for the first segment which will be dispersed in November.

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.

Business Notes / Announcements

OCTOBER 8, 2009 BOARD MEETING NOTES:

Steve Hoekstra reported on the basic controls we have in place for financial accountability based on the recent embezzlement in a Seattle Rotary Club. Those

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controls include dual check signing and the review of unopened statements monthly.

The Nominating Committee: It is time for the nominating committee to start their selection and the Board selected 2 members to be on the committee.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, the Immediate Past President and two members of the Club in good standing appointed by the Board of Directors at the 1st Board meeting in October. The Immediate Past President shall serve as Chairman. It shall fulfill its duties in accord with Article VII of these By-Laws.

Three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting (which is the second Monday of December), a Nominating Committee shall present to the membership a slate of nominees for President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Treasurer and two Directors. Thereafter, but not later than one week prior to the Annual Meeting, nominations may be presented by the members, either from the floor or by written petition.

International Service Presentation: Tonja Myers and Zachery Jones with The Bellingham Bay Rotary Club presented a project that they would like to get other Whatcom County Rotary Clubs in our area to participate in. Our International Service Committee will review the request and report back to the Board.

Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner will be held on October 23. Please sign up or contact **Peg Larson** or **Bruce MacCormack**.

Rotation Day is coming up on November 30th. If you are willing to host please sign up or talk with **Marty Haines**.

Bob Boule reminded the members that many have accumulated unused Rotary International Paul Harris points.



These points may be used to name a Paul Harris Fellow, or assigned to the Club to use for Paul Harris recognition purposes, or you may continue to build your point total. There will be a special emphasis coming up to recognize those members of the Club that are Paul Harris members.

New Business:

Laury Evans requested a Leave of Absence and it was approved for 1 year.

Management

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THIS WEEK'S TEAM:

Editor: Dale Rings

Reporter: Dennis Murphy

Photographer: Robin

New Membership Proposals: The following proposals were approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors:

They will be eligible for membership November 2, 2009 unless written objection is received on or before October 26, 2009 sent to **Sandra Lindhout, 2200 Vining St., Bellingham, Wa. 98229**

1. Kris Hamilton proposed by **Margaret Curtis** and **Craig Parkinson** to fill the classification "Engineer-Structural"
2. Thomas M. Beaumont proposed by **Jim Visbeek** and **Bob Sytsma** to fill the classification "Camp Director"

Presentations

There was recognition of the Pickford with comments led by **Bruce Clawson** preceding a short video of Mayor Pike extolling the educational benefits of documentary films presented at the theatre. Members are encouraged to complete pledge forms.

New Member **John Pedlow**, presented by **Joe Coons** and **Bruce MacCormack**, was inducted into the Club. John has spent most of his career in technology related business in California, Illinois, and Washington. He has a substantial avocational interest in sailing, managing the 1995 operations for the America's Cup and more recently Etchells sailing competitions, including the World Championships in San Diego last year. He enjoys fishing and skiing. He is married to Joyce and has 5 children. John is active as well in community service.



Past-President **Joe Coons** gave the membership charge to John, and included a wonderful précis of Club history and engagement. Some of the points he makes are worthy of the attention of us all, a few of which are repeated below:

The club was founded September 17, 1917; we are in our 93rd year, and our member **Chuck Beard** today is a successor to one of the founders, also named Charles Beard. Other multi-generation Rotarians in our Club include the **Diehl's, Bob, D.C.**

Halliday

Sgt. at Arms:
Dennis Murphy

Invocation:
Dennis Murphy

Introduction of Visitors:
Dennis Murphy

Greeter(s):
Phil Griggs

Raffle Tickets:
Dan Whittle

Music:
Don Anderson

and **Daver Morse, Brian Griffin, Don and Rick Haggen, Dick Johnson, Rogan Jones, Bob and Gragg Miller, Roger Sahlin, Teri Treat, the Vos's, and the Westford's.** Service is a tradition in these long-term Rotary families...and I might have left out one or two!

We have extended Rotary by sponsoring the Whatcom North and Bellingham Bay clubs here in Whatcom County and The Nakhodka Russia club in our sister city. We have supplied five RI district governors including Curt Cortelyou.

This Club has led the city in creating parks like Boulevard Park and the Fairhaven Village Green; sports facilities like the Soccer field complex out in the County and the Arne Hanna swimming complex; expanding and improving facilities at a multitude of boys', girls', men's and women's community facilities like the Y's, scouts, campfire girls, etc.; and in the last couple of years, helping to build the Hospice House and the new Food Bank, and helping to expand the Lighthouse Mission. This year, we're helping the arts, raising funds for the Pickford's new building. For the Salvation Army, we run the annual bell-ringing event, always raising more than any other club, and some years back, putting a new roof on the camp dining hall.

It is nice to be reminded of our heritage!

Happy Bucks/Fines/ Recognition

While there were no Happy Bucks per se, nor was there time for the Sergeant At Arms, **President Jim** used the prerogatives of the Chair to "sell" **Don Anderson** a bag of peanuts, to importune **Stephanie Bowers** and **Peggy Zorro** to contribute for a fishing adventure, to harangue Past-President **Larry Halgren** over his performance as President Pro Tem, specifically having allowed the Peace Arch Trophy to again be visited upon the Club.

Program

Speaker: Julia Bozzo, Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center

AV:
**Aaron
Booker**

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**Steve
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Treasurer

**Margare
t Curtis**
Immediate
Past
President



Past-President **Jim Cunningham** introduced Julia Bozzo (left) from the Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center, a nonprofit, accredited riding program that provides therapeutic horseback riding to people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities. In a large measure the horses fall into the category of helper animals that, along with a substantial number of involved volunteers, use riding to help participants gain balance and control, develop self confidence and awareness, and new competencies. Julia was accompanied by a senior student in the Human Services Program at Western Washington University who attested to the benefits accruing to the volunteers.

The organization's web site may be reached at http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102758436022&s=3&e=001dtyIoxOCnqK0K9vqeY3VxkrPH4cN3ommSUyQIK2c3cp7ARG_OdM4MnOKEia0dhcOaDSLlz15Uryz2eoGLuVVXI30mXQt2Oj1ChETnokdHIE= that also includes a link to a wonderfully warm story in the Bellingham Herald about one of the beneficiaries of the program.

Guests of Rotarians

Jim Visbeek introduced **Don Schrack**

Bob Nicholl brought his son, **Derek**

Margaret Curtis introduced **Kris Hamilton**

Jim Cunningham introduced **Kendra Moerline** who is a **WWU Senior** and **Volunteer** with **Northwest Therapeutic Riding Center**

Bruce Clawson brought **Jeff Braimes** with **The Pickford**

Visiting Rotarians

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Grey**

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meets
Monday -
12:00
Noon
Northwood
Hall



Member Birthdays/Club Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Paul Grey, October 13th
Mike Diehl, October 14th
Joe Morse, October 16th
Del Vandekerck, October 17th

Partner Birthdays

Brenda Hanson, October 12th
Diane Trunek, October 12th
Travis Jordan, October 16th
Joan McDermott, October 18th

Club Anniversaries

Rod Elin, October 17th 15 Years
Roland Trenouth, October 17th 4 Years

Upcoming Programs

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
11/16 Kathi Hiyane-Brown - Egyptian Students at Whatcom

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