



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Parents of Students of the Month:

Pasi and Bobbi Virta,
parents of Markus Virta,
Sehome High School

Rich Donnelly,
parent of Peter Donnelly,
Bellingham High School

Heidi Ohana, mother, and
Nance Matthews, stepmother,
of Andrew Ohana,
Squalicum High School

Rogan Jones
brought Jay Bornstein
of Bornstein Seafoods

Rob Westford
introduced Sue Ellen Heflin
from Whatcom Volunteer Center

Margaret Curtis introduced
Monem Salam, guest of our
speaker Nick Kaiser

VISITING ROTARIANS

Steve Rhea
Tacoma Rotary Club

Carol Thomas
Skagit/Mt. Vernon Rotary Club

Larry Farr
Mt. Vernon (noon) Rotary Club

Pete Kremen & Adoline Brown
Whatcom North Rotary Club

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OPENING REMARKS

For the four thousand and eighty-eighth time, the Rotary Club of Bellingham met on Monday, October 16, 2006. In his welcome, President Tim informed the members, *“Today, we mark our own beginning of the school year by honoring our first students of the month. Talented, dedicated and committed, we welcome them – we honor them. They and their fellow students offer us the promise that tomorrow will be better than today.”*

Don Anderson, our esteemed piano player, was back at the keyboard for the Star Spangled Banner, and the “Rotary Chorale” was given the week off by our President, although he promised “they will return!”

The invocation was given by Kevin Allen, who told us that Past District Governor Vic Hollister passed away. Vic was DG in the 1993-94 Rotary-year; services are scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cedar Valley Mennonite Church in Mission, B.C. (Executive Secretary Sandee Lindhout has the address and directions.) Kevin remembered Vic in his prayer, and reminded us that in a world with conflicts, atomic threats, and earthquakes, the hopes of mankind lay in Peace and Service.

Dennis Murphy introduced visiting Rotarians; Pat Foley assiduously sold raffle tickets prior to the meeting.

BUSINESS NOTES

Board Meeting – The regular Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 4:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Hagggen Building in Barkley Village. The Board is planning to review and approve the major project and fundraising plan for this Rotary year. In addition, the Board will appoint two members to serve on the Nominating Committee as called for in the By-Laws. Members who wish to propose a member’s name for appointment to the Nominating Committee should contact any Board member. (All members are welcome to attend Board meetings!)

Rotary Leadership and Development Academy – The *Rotary Leadership and Development Academy* will begin on October 24 in Surrey, B.C. The course is designed for those Members who wish to prepare for further Rotary service on the local, District, and/or International level; the cost is \$75 per person. Only one meeting will be held (on October 24), additional studies will be by correspondence. Contact Sandee for details.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 23
John Janicki – Janicki Industries.
Innovations in Composite
Manufacturing

October 30
TBD

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Joe Morse, October 16th
Del Vandekerck, October 17th
Kevin Williamson, October 17th
Jim Wilson, October 20th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Susan Laine, October 18th
Joan McDermott, October 18th
Debbie Adelstein, October 19th
Sharie Burdick, October 22nd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rod Elin, October 17th
12 Years

Roland Trenouth, October 17th
1 Year



HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

With the student introductions and announcements, President Tim apologized that there was no time for the usual Happy Bucks, but he promised "more time next time" ...

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner – Peg Larson reminded us of the upcoming *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* event scheduled for Friday, November 10, 6:00 PM. Sign up lists will continue to be on the tables for the next few weeks. Sign-up and attend...it's fun!

Football Social – Jon Sitkin reminded us of the social gathering to watch the football game between the Seahawks and Oakland Raiders scheduled for Monday, November 6. As happened last year, Members are invited to enjoy the comfort and hospitality of the Bellingham Golf and Country Club for the televised game – Cost: \$20/person, no-host bar. The game begins at 5:30; put it on your schedule and sign-up by October 30.

Rotary Annual Ski Trip – Bob Diehl briefly reported on the ski trip scheduled for January 30 - February 3, 2007 in Park City, Utah. There is still room for one or two more participants; call Bob for more information and/or to snatch up the remaining space...

Make A Difference Day – Saturday, October 28 – Sue Ellen Heflin, Whatcom Volunteer Center, discussed the Saturday, October 28, "Make a Difference Day" activities. On this day, Rotarians will be given the opportunity to gather for breakfast at Bellingham High School at 8:00 a.m., then go on to the Boys and Girls Club (or, if numbers permit, to other projects) to do some "hands on" work helping out this great agency, completing their assignments by 1:00 p.m. She expects over 1,000 folks from Bellingham to be involved on that date making a difference to lots of charities and the community, and suggested it would be a great family activity as it's a chance to teach younger folks about the satisfactions of "giving back"...Thank you for coming, Sue Ellen! We'll see you there...

PRESENTATIONS

The first set of inspiring Students of the Month for the 2006-07 school-year were introduced to the Club. Peggy Zoro represented the Scholarship and Awards Committee in making the introductions. The students this month are honored for their work in the schools' Theatre Arts programs. Each student was introduced and then given an opportunity to speak. According to Peggy, all three students are outstanding scholars.



October Students of the Month:
Markus Virta (left), Peter Donnelly (center), Andrew Ohana (right)

Quoting Shakespeare's "All the world's a stage" speech from *As You Like It*, Peggy first introduced Markus Virta, a senior from Bellingham High School. Markus, president of the Thespian Club, is also active in the Joy Jesters from the First Congregational Church, a clown ministry troupe that has received awards for its community service. He is also part of a group at Sehome that raises awareness regarding bullying and harassment issues through improvisational performances. He's a hockey player with the Whatcom Warriors who won the State Championship last year, and is active in the school's concert and chamber choirs. He looks forward to studying theatre and business as he continues his education. Markus told us about theatre as an exciting and life-changing experience, thanking the Club for the recognition.

Next we were introduced to Andrew Ohana from Squalicum High School. Enrolled mainly in honors and AP classes, Andrew scored perfect 800's in his SAT II tests for Math and Physics (the SAT II is a harder SAT version required for entry into some private schools.) He's a member of the Drama Club and stage manager for all school productions, a post he's held since he was a sophomore, an unusual honor. In addressing us, Andrew spoke about having come to a school of nearly 900 students after being in a small school of 18 students. It was work in theatre, encouraged particularly by his stepmother (Andrew called her his "Bonus Mom") and his drama adviser at school, that got him involved and comfortable in this new and challenging environment.

Our third student honoree was Peter Donnelly. Also in Honors and AP classes, Peter has lettered in drama for the past three years and has been in school productions each year of high school. He is co-president of the Drama Club, tenor section leader in the Concert Choir, and a cast member in the upcoming production of West Side Story. He's in the Choir programs – Showstoppers and Concert Choir. He's a volunteer at the Upfront Theatre and sings at various events with the Showstoppers. Peter also told us of the difference theatre had made in his life, and as did his fellow students, thanked us and his adult leaders and family for their encouragement.

Once again, these young adults humbled us with their remarkable achievements! Thanks to Peggy and the Committee for bringing them to us...they got a standing ovation and "BRAVO" for their accomplishments!

PROGRAM

Our speaker, former RCOB Member Nick Kaiser, was warmly welcomed by members of the Club.

Nick, who runs Saturna Capital, talked about his highly successful Amana group of funds which are designed to meet the requirements of the tenets of Islam. In his talk, Nick discussed the requirements of the Koran and the teachings of Mohammed in investment decisions, and the faith's requirements not only that investments be in legitimate and non-criminal areas but also that Islam prohibits gaining from interest payments or receipts, thus prohibiting, for instance, investment in bonds, money market funds, or banking institutions. In addition, Islam requires its followers to be charitable, donating ten percent of investment proceeds and two and one-half percent of any inactive capital to needy activities. In spite of these rather onerous restrictions, Saturna's Amana Funds are extraordinarily successful, getting the famous Morningstar Ratings of "Five Stars" and "Four Stars" for their performance. (As Program Chair Margaret Curtis pointed out in her introduction, Saturna Capital is recognized as a national leader in mutual fund management having won many awards.)

It was a most interesting talk and kept the attention of all our members and guests, even though Nick invited anyone who wished to "doze off," as he admittedly had occasionally done when he was a Club member...



Speaker Nick Kaiser

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	9	Tony Pechthalt	Rick Wright	Fahri Ugurlu	Jack Mulhern	Dewey Dessler	Drew Schmidt	Kathy Hughes	Bob Gibb	Rick Haggan	Tony Pechthalt
	6	Jeff McClure	Bud Peth	Erick Laine	Mary Robinson	Jack Westford	Jim Caldwell	Tom Grinstad	Fred Sexton	Rogan Jones	Chuck Snyder
	7	David Blair	Mike Bradburn	Jim Wilson	Susie Thomson-Sines	Al Marsh	Roger Barnhart	Fahri Ugurlu	Larry Ziels	Chuck Beard	Teri Treat
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