



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Phil Gubbins brought
Bob Brunkow with ICOM Canada

VISITING ROTARIANS

Jack Meyers, Speaker
Stanwood Rotary Club

Bill Kirby
Carsen City, NV Rotary Club

Stephanie Sadler
Bellingham Bay Rotary

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim welcomed the Club membership to the Veterans Day celebration with this reflection:

“Dan Cheney once suggested that I read a book by the WWII historian Peter Ambrose - a “Band of Brothers.” I read it. I then read every book Mr. Ambrose wrote. I learned. Like the movie, Saving Private Ryan, the people who answered the call were teachers, factory workers and others who left their families and private lives because they believed in something larger than themselves. Good people, like the members of this club who are veterans, took time out of their lives to serve, with idealism, and through sacrifice.

On Veterans Day, we do not honor war. I hope we never do. On Veteran’s Day we honor those who chose to serve and protect others. And I hope we always will. When I read the history books, I learned about those who served: about their idealism and their sacrifice. I am free; you are free because of what they did. This is the day we honor those who served.”

Don Anderson played a fitting tribute to our veterans, the Star Spangled Banner.

Rod Elin continued our recognition of Veterans Day through the invocation by giving thanks for our freedom. We give tribute to all our vets who have served in the past and who are currently serving at home and abroad.

Chuck Farrell gave the Club an historical perspective on the establishment and expansion of the Veterans Day celebration. Armistice Day was enacted by Congress in 1938, in recognition of WWI. In 1954 the day of recognition became Veterans Day, in honor of WWII and the Korean War. In 1968 the federal holiday was declared, and in 2001 we expanded to a week of Veterans Awareness. Chuck asked all veterans in the room to stand and be recognized for their service. He then asked us all to remember how lonely the holidays can be for our future vets now serving our country. Members could consider sending care packages or supporting USO.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 20
Mike Naylor, Wizards of Western

November 27
Dale Rings –
Academy for Life Long Learning

December 4
Rotary Table Talks

December 11
Sean Hogan – RYLA Presentation

December 18
Holiday Program –
Sehome HS Chamber Choir

December 25
Christmas Day – No Meeting

January 1
New Years Day – No Meeting

January 15
Martin Luther King Day – No Meeting

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Peg Larson, November 14th
Dean Shintaffer, November 16th
Greg Grant, November 19th
Sandee Lindhout, November 19th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Murphy, November 13th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Cathy Buckley, November 13th
Tom Livesay, November 13th
Karen Morse, November 15th
Paul Grey, November 19th

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Greg Grant fined Brad Burdick \$20 for his cell phone ringing during last week's meeting. Brad then auctioned off a pair of Anne Murray tickets, and Greg Grant purchased those for \$100.

Greg thought he'd died and gone somewhere rewarding with the Herald's article on salaries at Western Washington University. Only Stephanie Bowers was present to pick on. She was happy to be #7 but Greg thought that meant she had to do the Avis "try harder" deal.

Peggy Zoro gave \$5 just for being here.

Dick Johnson confirmed that Johnson Florist has new owners and he gave \$10 for not caring very much.

Fahri Ugurlu was fined \$5 for wearing a Scooter button rather than a Greeter button. He gave an extra \$20 for the sale of Coppa and the renovation beforehand.

Mike Abendhoff spoke out too soon.... with BP profits down a bit his fine would have been bypassed; however, Mike's "it's been a tough year" comment got him fined \$5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John MacPherson announced a Fund Raising Committee meeting after the meeting today (11/13). Today is the kickoff for the \$100,000 Campaign for the YWCA. Select club colleagues, the "askers," will be making contact with members this week and after Thanksgiving. Pledge forms are available now for this fund drive. John, Gregor Hodgson and the committee hope to wrap up the pledges and commitments well before the end of the calendar year.

President Tim reported on the great success of the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner program. Dinner hosts and guests alike all enjoyed the informal connections outside of the regular Rotary meetings. This is an event not to miss, whenever it is scheduled!

Membership: Fred Kaiser and Teri Treat and the Membership Committee are working on recruitment of quality members. The real recruitment efforts come from each member of the Club. If you have someone in mind, please contact Fred, Teri or Tim who will be happy to help with the process.

Bell-ringing sign up: Cleary Cone made a pitch for new members to ring the bells this holiday season. A show of hands brought home the point that most of the senior members of the club have participated throughout the years. This is a good opportunity to do some community service and to spend quality time matched up with another Rotary volunteer.

President Tim asked all Rotary members who participated in Make a Difference Day to stand and be recognized for their time and efforts.

Bob Trunek announced the Rotary Foundation Dinner scheduled for November 17th at the Skagit County Casino. Cocktails start at 6:00 with dinner following at 7:00. Cost to attend is \$55 per person.

BOARD BRIEFS

At the Regular Board Meeting held Thursday November 9, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Bellingham acted on the following items:

1. Treasurer, Steve Hoekstra, reported that we have a balance of \$2,315.79 in the eBay account which is not designated. The board unanimously approved a one time donation of \$2,000 be directed to the Bellingham Technical College Foundation for scholarships in increments of four scholarships of \$500.00 each to be distributed at the discretion of the BTC Foundation. We would like the donation to be called The Rotary Club of Bellingham Scholarship and have the recipient speak to the club on the donation's impact to them after they complete their training.

It was also moved and seconded to continue encouraging donations and when we acquire another \$1,000 balance in the future we will distribute the funds equally to BTC and Whatcom Community College for Scholarships. This will be placed in the Policy Manual.

2. A young new member's perspective of being a member of the Rotary Club of Bellingham was discussed. It is difficult to budget time for profession, family and being an active productive member of the club. Attendance was discussed and members are encouraged to attend, but the Board is aware of conflicts. Sandee gives a make-up if anyone attends board meetings, new breakfast meetings, or donates blood. Committee chairmen are asked to notify her about meetings and who attended, as she will also give attendees make-ups.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

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3. Letters of Appreciation were received from:

a. Dick Johnson for the donation in memory of Marilyn to the RCOB Foundation.

4. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held December 14, 2006.

New Member Breakfast: There will be a New Member Breakfast Monday, November 27, 2006 at Boss Tweed's at 7:00 A. M. This is an excellent opportunity for a make-up.

PRESENTATION

Brian Griffith and Kathy Hughes each made comments about the Campaign for the YWCA. Brian, ever the historian, provided us with the perspective that the Larrabee Family gave the building for the YWCA, and it was the YWCA Ego Action Group which started Boulevard Park. He gave credit to the YW for its 100 years of service to our community. And although he originally supported a different project, he made the motion to accept the YWCA project for the RCOB fundraising focus. Kathy urged Club members to give generously to empower women suffering from adverse conditions to get back on their feet. She feels this project also gives Club members an opportunity for hands-on service, always a great way to get close to a project and join fellow Rotarians in the details. Please give from your heart.

Football Pool: Jeff Jenkins announced the winners of the UW vs. Stanford game: Drew Schmidt, Jeff himself, and Kay Sardo for the second two quarters.

PROGRAM: Jack Meyers - Thoughts on Veteran's Day



Speaker Jack Meyers

Jack Meyers has been a Rotarian for more than a decade, including 5+ years in Juneau Alaska, and now that he has retired to Camano, he is a member of the Stanwood Club. Born in a Naval Hospital, he was only three years old when he lost his dad who was on a ship torpedoed by Germany in WWII. He attended Pacific Lutheran University and in 1962 was commissioned as an ensign. He ended up serving for 30 years. Family members, including a brother and two uncles, also served in the military, and a special honor for Jack was delivering the oath of office to his nephew.

Jack recalled exactly where he was when the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was passed by Congress escalating the war. He told tales of the 1967 24-hour ceasefire in Vietnam, when, on duty patrolling in the destroyer USS Alfred A. Cunningham, he helplessly watched native boats in nearly gridlock fashion moving up and down river re-supplying the Vietcong. He provided details about the unmanned helicopter designed to carry two torpedoes, which his crew practiced launching and monitoring until they picked a heavily armed area for its next run and it got shot down.

Our speaker gave tribute to the Vietnamese people as he lived and worked among them for quite some time. One of the highlights during that time involved service projects, building and improving living conditions for a small village. Jack wrapped up his comments with a salute and remembrance to all veterans.

RAFFLE was won by Tim Fisher

Jon Sitkin gave \$20 and his thanks to the 15 members who came to the Monday Night Football program last week.

Al Williamson spoke on behalf of all the vets and gave a \$20 thank you for the G.I. Bill.

Dwayne Rogge gave \$3 for each of three articles in the Herald for the Boy Scouts.

Del Vandekerck was \$2 pleased to have 2 people call him with eBay possibilities, and another \$3 happy for his Whatcom Symphony concert.

Ed Lowery contributed to the Phil Mallard Scholarship fund and celebrated the birth of his 5th grandchild.

Roger Barnhart gave special thanks for the speaker, Jack Meyer.

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FOOTBALL POOL

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

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