



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Dale Rings brought Marty Haines retiree with Unity Group

Phil Gubbins brought Bob Brunkow with ICOM Canada

VISITING ROTARIANS

Richard Hughes
Honolulu - Sunrise Rotary

Matt Rose
Bellingham Bay Rotary

Patty Quanz and Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim brought the meeting to order with a vision of twinkling diamonds in the night sky, and our Rotary Club of Bellingham projects sparkling like the constellation they are to the community. Our Club's ability to make such a difference in the community is a collective one. Individual philanthropic deeds have the greatest impact when pooled together to make a powerful legacy, shining bright for generations to come.

Don Anderson played America the Beautiful, and the Club voices filled the hall with patriotism.

Paul Grey followed with an invocation reminding us to be thankful for our many freedoms, one of which is to make choices about the future of our community and our government; Paul encouraged us all to cast our votes on or before Tuesday.

Scott Renne announced visiting Rotarians.

BUSINESS NOTES

President Tim announced that the *Nominating Committee* would be meeting Monday (11/6) night; members are Jim Cunningham, Dave Blair, Barry Hansen, Susan Zoller, and Tim Ferris. The committee emphasized that they value member input and asked a final time for suggestions.

President Tim announced for Jon Sitkin that the *Football Game* is Monday night at the Bellingham Country Club.

Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner: President Tim flattered the club members with descriptions that included "talented, bright, and interesting" and then he added, "good looking!" He challenged the 15 best-looking members to sign up to spend some time with other talented, interesting and very good looking people. It is this Friday 11/10 at 6:00 P.M. Everyone who has participated in this event gives Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner rave reviews. Let's have some fun!

Now, what you have all been waiting for, the opportunity to attend a *Rotary District Assembly* in virtual reality. An Oregon Rotary Club has created a website to share ideas about what works and doesn't work in Rotary clubs. The web address is: <http://www.r24-7.org/articlelive/> *continued on page 2*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 13
Jack Meyers, Captain USN (retired):
"Thoughts for Veterans' Day"

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

Maureen Enegren, November 8th
Michael Abendhoff, November 9th
John Moles, November 9th
Patricia Decker, November 12th
Gary Goldfogel, November 12th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Glenette Bestwick, November 12th
Jackie Hager, November 12th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Curtis, November 6th
6 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

After a jab at Bob Diehl for his naked swimming lesson confession, Greg Grant got on to some serious recognition....

Dale Kinsley's retirement is not news, but evidently, his salary, published recently, was worth an extra note. Dale told us that "many people made my time in the public schools a success..." and in their honor he gave \$100. President Tim called for a standing ovation, gladly given, in appreciation of Dale.

Pete Kremen and Dewey Desler provided \$2 each for the time they'll be spending, spending county funds on many projects.

Bob Sytsma was fined \$20 for his postcard marketing piece involving Bob and his partners playing chess. Business strategy, anyone?

Laury Evans paid one dollar per year for the 20 years of Horizon Bank on the Exchange. Laury spent Halloween in New York City and in honor of this anniversary, rang the bell and closed the market for the day. Horizon board members and stockholders were all asked to contribute \$5, as well.

Rob Westford appreciated the 13 Rotarians and guests who spent 36 hours at the Boys and Girls Club projects recently. His \$36 were in honor of: in addition to Rob and his girlfriend, Jim Cunningham, Dale Rings, Joe and Judy Coons, Sue Zoller, Barry Hansen and his son Brandon, Margaret Curtis, Bob Morse, and Dale and Cheryl Kinsley all pitched in. Thanks, team!

Larry Ziels was \$20 happy for his recent trip to Honduras.

Julie Foster, prepared to be \$25 happy for the YWCA project, was so inspired by all the great words about the Y that she doubled it to \$50, and asked for more stories from everyone.

There will be a RCOB board meeting this Thursday at the Dorothy Haggen Building. New members are especially encouraged to attend and tick off one more requirement for permanent club membership.

Sign-up sheets for bell-ringing were on the table; Cleary noted that you only need to sign up once, and that the early signers are not guaranteed first choice of location or time. (How does that guarantee work, Cleary?)

Del Vandekerck thanked Pat Foley for her donation of lighting for sale on EBay. Have extra "stuff" in your warehouse or home garage? Del will sell it.

Bob Trunek announced that the Rotary Foundation dinner will be held November 17, 2006, 6:00 at the Skagit Valley Casino. Interested members may sign up on the rotary district website.

Gregor Hodgson announced that he and John McPherson would hold a fund-raising meeting after today's business meeting.

Ben Kuiken attempted to distribute the football pool winnings to Fahri Ugurlu and Daver Morse, but they were not there to accept their funds.

PRESENTATION

Bob Diehl and Paul Landgren commented on the YWCA Project. Self-proclaimed YM advocate Bob reminisced about his childhood swimming lessons (sans swimsuit; that would be memorable!) and the tradition of family visits spearheaded by his grandmother's involvement in the YWCA. Paul had no personal history with the YWCA but has always been impressed with their success rate of helping women in crisis. Both Bob and Paul appreciated the breadth of programs, the focus on mission and goals, and the Club's wonderful opportunity to make a difference. Our project to spruce up the ballroom and the kitchen will not only result in an improved facility, but will also increase rental revenues by 25% — a great return on investment. President Tim pulled out two phrases for us to keep in mind: "You can't say 'no' to the Y!" and "supporting the Y is like voting for your mother!" Please be as generous as you can during this fall's campaign for the YWCA.

PROGRAM



City Budget Advisory Committee Program

Program Chair Margaret Curtis introduced speakers Steve Staves and Matt Rose, members of the Mayor's Bellingham Budget Advisory Committee. Steve is no stranger to our club, since his daughters Kelly and Jenny have been honored with Rotary awards. Matt began by thanking fellow Rotarians Rogan Jones and Dewey Desler for their help with research and performance management information.

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Contrary to the speaker's acknowledgement that the rainy weather, the dimmed lights and the subject matter might be a cure for any insomniacs in the room, the audience was attentive.

The Committee was formed in 2004 when, repeating a multi-year pattern, the City was forecasting another 7-figure budget shortfall. Its charge included examining the financial systems, and being the eyes and ears of the community. Committee research showed that while the forecasts were usually showing a potential shortfall, the reality was that revenue and expenditures usually came out in sync. That led the group to examine and adjust forecast assumptions, and to have them reflect the past 5 years of trend data.

With a revised budget projection, the urge to spend up to forecast had to be curbed while continuing to cut expenses. For example, national data trends showed that public employees' share of health care premiums is greater elsewhere, and thus we could reallocate some of those costs to employees. Other changes enacted included putting the technology expenses into the capital budget, initiating efficiency measures, potential privatization for specific non-core areas like the aquatic center and the cemetery, and gathering public comment through outreach efforts.

In 2006, the City is projecting a surplus and has the new process of deciding how to use it. The reserve fund will be expanded. The forecasting model will be revisited and tweaked for even better projections. A new area for the committee is promoting economic vitality, and to that end, the group is recommending new hires and incentives for job creation in the community. Most audience questions and comments concerned the economic development concepts and being sure, this group and the EDC are in contact.

RAFFLE was won by Tom Grinstad.

Patricia Decker gave \$18 as a hold-the-date for November 18th plug for the Whatcom Chorale and Symphony concert at Western's Performing Arts Center. The concert theme is freedom and the program will include Beethoven's 9th plus music in honor of South Africa's struggles.

A trio of \$20 happy bucks were given by Karen Morse, Dennis Murphy and Stephanie Bowers to celebrate many great activities at Western: the Really Big Weekend and community open house, the College of Business award given to WWU alum and Rotarian Laury Evans, the CBE teaching scholarship festivities, the ever-successful Bellingham Business Forum, the Linus Pauling award and symposium, and the Athletics' wins in football and volleyball. Whew!

Ron Jepson's \$20 celebrated the WWU men's soccer team; his son Chris is midfielder on the team and was recently named Conference Freshman of the Year.

Joe Coons suggested we all have some Horizon stock in our portfolio and with \$15; he thanked Judy for her help with the Boys and Girls Club project.

Roger Barnhart confessed that he was signed up to help the Boys and Girls Club but forgot. This reporter thinks the Boys and Girls Club should be the recipient of his forgetful bucks.....

Genius is the ability to put into effect what is on your mind. —F. Scott Fitzgerald

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FOOTBALL POOL

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

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