



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Phil Gubbins introduced Bob Brunkow with ICOM Canada

Chuck Snyder brought Marty Haines (retired) with Unity Group

Margaret Curtis introduced Penny Rings

VISITING ROTARIANS

Christiana Flessner
Executive Director
Wheelchair Foundation, Canada
Semiahmoo (White Rock) Rotary

Nancy Harkison
Whatcom North Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim Farris was away on a much-needed vacation, so Jan Marchbanks opened this meeting. Music was by David Sholin, Del Vandekerck and Brad Burdick – America The Beautiful, O Canada and a selection of festive yuletide offerings.



Holiday spirit ala Del, Brad, & David

Sergeant-at-Arms was Cleary Cone, who agreed to keep it short, due to our program today.

Invocation was by Kay Sardo, with a special seasonal blessing and holiday wishes for our troops, who work so hard to keep us safe. Ralph Rinne introduced visiting Rotarians, Pat Foley was greeter (and 8-armed paper hanger), and Craig Parkinson sold the raffle tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Elections were held for our 2007 – 2008 Rotary year. The count is official:

- President – Dave Blair
- President-Elect – Margaret Curtis
- Vice President & Program Chair – Jim Visbeek
- Treasurer – Steve Hoekstra
- Director Steve Adelstein
- Director John MacPherson

The December 14th Board meeting has been changed to December 21st at 4:30 at the Dorothy Hagggen Building.

We will be asking you to be very generous next week, December 18th, to show appreciation to our wait staff during the holiday season.

Bell Ringing: Cleary Cone reminded us all that this Saturday, Dec 16th we will be helping the Salvation Army in this most worthy cause. Rotary members can drop their personal checks off at any of the collection points, or bring it with you to next week's meeting and give to Sandee.

YWCA project comments: Patricia Decker reminded us of a few numbers that are significant to the "Y". This is their 100th anniversary, and it's been 20 years since any work has been done to either the ballroom or the kitchen. Patricia also pointed out that this building provides meeting space for many small groups that can't find space elsewhere.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 18
Holiday Program –
Sehome HS Chamber Choir
December 25
Christmas Day – No Meeting

January 1
New Years Day – No Meeting

January 8
Washington Business Week
Steve Hyer

January 15
Martin Luther King Day – No Meeting

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

- Chuck Beard** - December 11th
- Jamie Vos** - December 11th
- Rod Elin** - December 14th
- Bruce MacCormack** - December 16th
- Wayne Langei** - December 17th
- Teri Treat** - December 17th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

- Leslie Lowery** - December 12th
- Marcia Joines** - December 13th
- Dawn Sexton** - December 13th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Jeff Hagggen** - December 11th
6 Years
- Paul Landgren** - December 11th
11 Years
- Andrew Moquin** - December 13th
13 Years
- Daver Morse III** - December 15th
3 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Sergeant-at-Arms Cleary Cone kept it brief, due to the program.

First, he noted that the thermometer graph for the YWCA fundraising had the W upside down (very funny). Gregor Hodgson confessed to the typo, and was fined \$10.

Next, we learned that Dale Rings thought that Cleary was jealous of Brian Griffin's hair. That cost Dale \$10.

YWCA Fundraising: John MacPherson provided a thermometer graph showing we were at 40% participation level so far (and we are hoping for 100% participation eventually). 66 people have demonstrated their support, and of that, 15% of the cash has been received. Just a reminder, you can pay by cash, check, credit card, installments, stock transfers, pretty much anything but John says not with dead turtles – is that discrimination?

YWCA Fundraising: Tommy Thompson prefaced his remarks with “I’m not giving tax advice, but...”. He pointed out that for 2006 and 2007 you can withdraw from your IRA and contribute it to a 501(c)3 charity, as a tax-free distribution. And as an additional bonus, if you’re 70 or older, that withdrawal will also count as part of your required minimum distribution. And it is still a tax deduction too. But do check with your tax adviser first.

NEW MEMBER PRESENTATION



Roben Selditz

Roben Selditz was proposed by Nancy Bitting and Erick Laine to fill the classification “Insurance-Health”. She was introduced by Erick Laine, who first noted that Roben arrived in Bellingham in the spring of 2005, and her role is to coordinate the health care plan for 50,000 group health members in Whatcom County. Originally from New England, our bout of white treachery has barely daunted her. She has been married for 29 years, lives in Sudden Valley and truly enjoys living in our College town.



Calene LeBeau

Calene LeBeau was proposed by Mauri Ingram and Bob Morse to fill the classification “Community Foundation”. Mauri Ingram introduced Calene, who is the President of the Whatcom Community Foundation. Although she is originally from Vancouver, BC and more recently from Houston, she had visited Whatcom County many times over the years, and is more than pleased to now call this home. Past President Bob Morse gave the Charge of Membership by first reminding us of the many significant projects Rotary has undertaken in the past few years, and then reminding us of our motto “service above self”. His advice to both new members: attend all the meetings, meet all of the Rotarians, participate in our community, participate in fundraising, and be an active member.

FOOTBALL POOL – SUN BOWL (12/29)

MISSOURI

	8	0	5	4	6	2	1	9	3	7
5	Ben Kuiken	Steve Adelstein	Cooper Treat	Sharon Rohrbacher	Jon Sitkin	Mike Plenkovich	Ken Marzocco	Matt Hammatt	Daver Morse	Paul Hanson
9	Sandee & Dick	Al Williamson	John Aubert	Bob Nicholl	Dan Cheney	Sylvia Haggren	Laury Evans	David Morse Sr.	JC Hickman	Barry Hanson
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WHEELCHAIR PRESENTATION

Christiana Flessner, Executive Director of the Wheelchair Foundation, came to thank us for the wheelchairs that we donated to Punta Arenas, Chile. She mentioned that for every wheelchair that is given out, it changes the lives of ten people! Her organization is most grateful that not only did our club participate in donating an initial 280 wheelchairs, but when called upon, we stepped up to the plate and funded a second container of 280 wheelchairs. If the math is correct, our club has had a significant impact on 5,600 people in Chile.

PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis presented our speaker for today's program, Rotarian Dale Rings, who came to talk to us about the Academy For Lifelong Learning.

Dale has both a Bachelor's in Business Administration and a Masters in Public Administration. Since 1968 he has worked in many different areas of health care facilities and administration. From 1996 until his retirement in 2003, Dale was director of International Health Consulting for the Mayo Foundation and at different times, Dale was both the European and the Middle Eastern Regional Coordinator for Mayo. With this kind of experience, he really does know something about everything!

Dale's passion since retiring has been in the area of Elder Education Learning in Retirement. This idea first gained recognition in 1997 and by 1998 there was enough local support to get the program underway.

A.L.L. is an independent organization, although it is affiliated with WWU, and offers 18 - 20 courses each semester. The curriculum is widely diversified and includes law, medicine, history, public affairs, science, geography, literature and arts. Classes vary from 2 hours to six weeks, and class size can be from 12 to 60 and over. Half of the instructors are WWU faculty or emeritus, but 2 of our own Rotarians have served as faculty: Gary Goldfogel and Bruce Smith.

In addition to classes, the offerings include excursions, educational travel, and luncheons.

Membership in A.L.L. provides some benefits including reduced tuition for the program courses. To become a member costs \$65/person or \$110/couple. There are presently over 300 members. Note that you do not need to be retired to enroll in any of the programs. You just need to have an interest in life long learning. Further information can be found at

www.ExtendedEd.wvu.edu/ALL.

HAPPY BUCKS & RECOGNITION were postponed until next week — come prepared to shed some dough!

FOOTBALL POOL – ORANGE BOWL (1/2) WAKE FOREST

	5	3	0	2	6	4	8	7	1	9
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	9	3	5	0	8	7	6	2	4	1
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