



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Lots!

VISITING ROTARIANS

Too many to list!

OPENING REMARKS

President Margaret welcomed us all to a Rotary meeting well into the 4000 range but one which is unique in its format and therefore perhaps the first of its kind. The Rotary bell sounded at 7:30 P.M. sharp, but because of the din of the crowd in our temporary meeting space she had to try twice. Eventually everyone directed their attention to the podium, where there was no singing by the Rotarians and no invocation. There was, however, very nice music by the Julian McDonald Trio both before and after the meeting. Our usual Rotary Brass Ensemble is apparently taking this holiday off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND BUSINESS NOTES

The Major Projects Committee chair Pat Foley informed us that we had raised nearly \$110,000.00 this year for our project, to ringing applause. We are now all officially Orcas. Does that make us the newest Puget Sound pod? There was a 96% participation rate in this fund raising effort, and Pat also raised a lot of fun getting us there. Congratulations to Pat and her committee and a big round of applause for the membership.

President Margaret reminded us that there would be no regular meeting on either December 22 or December 29, the next meeting being January 5, 2009.

The Jim Visbeek wildlife or fishing trip (your reporter still doesn't know which) was claimed by Pam Kiesner.

We have been informed that Bob Schnoor passed away, Friday December 12th. Bob was 87 Years old and President of The Rotary Club of Bellingham in the Rotary year 1960-1961. He will be missed by all.

New Membership Proposal: The following membership proposal has been approved by the Classification Committee and also the Board of Directors. He will be eligible for membership January 5, 2009 unless written objection is received by Sandee Lindhout, 2200 Vining St., Bellingham, Wa. 98229 on or before December 29, 2008. Frank Merritt (Sandy) McIntire proposed by Charles Self and Robert Nicholl to fill the classification "Arts-Music".

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 22: No Meeting

December 29: No Meeting

January 5: Who's that talking? — Justin Ver Burg

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Bruce MacCormack, December 16th

Wayne Langei, December 17th

Teri Treat, December 17th

Cindy Enger, December 20th

Pat Foley, December 23rd

Michael Bradburn, December 24th

Bob Sytsma, December 25th

Loch Trimmingham, December 25th

Dick Johnson, December 31st

Joe Coons, January 1st

Al Archer, January 3rd

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Lindhout, December 26th

Joyce Busch, December 27th

Donna Arnason, December 28th

Bonnie Hines, January 4th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Daver Morse III, December 15th
5 Years

Kathi Hiyane-Brown, December 17th
1 Year

Nancy Steiger, December 17th
1 Year

Scott Walker, December 18th
13 Years

Aaron Booker, December 19th
3 Years

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None this week.

The meeting then took a short hiatus for last minute bids on the Sea of Cortez Cruise. The winner was Kathy Hughes, who seemed to be properly excited. With this, the meeting concluded with Ron and Shelley Jepson showing us all how to dance well and with verve. In keeping with the season, your reporter was on the lookout for the Christmas and holiday spirit and found these examples in lieu of happy bucks:

Jack Westford is still regretting his bet on the election, but his dishwashing skills are surely improving after all this time.

Cleary Cone was seen indulging in the spirit of the holidays (e.g. eat well and prosper), holding two plates of food at once, one of which was for wife Aileen. A nice gift.

Joe “Scrooge” Coons was said to be heard uttering “Bah, humbug” and upon this reporter’s approach he said “People spend too much money on Christmas” but the Spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Future must have gotten to him, as he added “They should give it all to charity instead.” Well said, Joe.

J.C. Hickman was seen wearing a Nutcracker tie. He didn’t do the ballet, but it looked good anyway.

Everyone else was too busy trying to get into the I-5-at-rush-hour roundabout food table. There is no truth to the rumors that those with the sharpest elbows got all the food.

Overall it was a festive and fun evening, and many thanks to the Social Committee for planning and organizing it and to all who attended for being there.

Happy Holidays To All!



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Salvation Army Bell Ringing Roster - Saturday December 20, 2008

*Revised 12/15	9am-11am	11am-1pm	1pm-3pm	3pm-5pm
K-mart, Sunset	M. Haines G. Nelson	D. Vandekerck L. Ziels	C. Self M. Curtis	S. Thomson-Sines D. Blair
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Coffee Crews	J. Marchbanks & C. Snyder		D. Schmidt & K. Hughes	

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2) The Kettles and bells will be delivered to each location by 9AM and may have been left inside the entrances prior to your arrival. They will be picked up at 5PM by the Salvation Army personnel.
3) Rotary Club of Bellingham aprons will be delivered to the first shift.
Last Shift: Please return the aprons to Sandee at the next meeting you attend

Alternates: K. Morse, J. Macpherson, S. Powers, J. Moles, M. Diehl, J. Griggs, A. Pemberton, R. Trenouth, R. Dudley, T. Fisher, F. Kaiser, T. Busch, F. Ugurlu, P. Kremen



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