



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Phil Gubbins introduced Bob Brunkow with ICOM Canada

Scott Walker brought his mother Jeanne Glasslock

Bob McDermott introduced his wife Joan

Joe Coons brought his wife Judy

Bob Gibb introduced his wife Ruth

Yvonne Bianchi brought her husband Doug

Jim Cunningham introduced Des McArdle and Carol Thomas representing Bellingham Technical College

Karen Morse introduced Michael O'Neal and Patricia Stowell, parents of Student of the Month from Sehome, Hannah O'Neal

Mike Oswald introduced Paul & Rhonda Pheifer, parents of Student of the Month from Squalicum, Jacob Pheifer

Irwin LeCocq introduced Peter Zimmerman, parent of Student of the Month from Bellingham, Emily Zimmerman

VISITING ROTARIANS

Carol Thomas
Skagit/Mt. Vernon Rotary Club

Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary Club

Ron Kelley
Mt. Baker Rotary Club

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OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened the meeting by drawing our attention to the holiday season as not only a time of faith, but of family and friends. Our club is blessed with the unique virtue that its members are kind, generous, and caring. We sang America the Beautiful, ably accompanied by our trumpet duo, Del Vandekerck and David Sholin. The invocation was by Kevin Allen, who delivered a Robert Louis Stevenson poem-based prayer. Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Scott Renne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Tim announced there will be a Board Meeting on December 21 at 4:30 at the Dorothy Haggen Building. He also noted that we will not be meeting for the next two Mondays due to how the holidays fall on the calendar this year. Our next meeting will be on January 8, 2007.



Sandee receives well-deserved praise

Sandee was presented with a gift from the Board and the Club for all the wonderful work she does to keep the Club running smoothly. President Tim commented that he's had a number of very good assistants in his law practice, but none can match Sandee's outstanding capabilities. We all appreciate everything she does for the Club.

President Tim then asked that we show our appreciation to the wait staff that serves us so well and faithfully throughout the year by offering a generous tip. The staff is composed of Susie, Cindy, Shannon, Erick, and Vonak.

Doug Cole announced that Big Brothers Big Sisters is looking for forty "School Buddies." They need forty men by the end of December who can give one hour a week to make a difference in a child's life. Members were asked to give serious consideration to volunteering in this very worthwhile effort.

Chuck Beard announced that score sheets for the bowl games would be in the lobby after the meeting.

Roland Trenouth made an announcement on behalf of Bob Moles of the Bellingham Bay Club, who heads up the volunteer effort for the Honduras Water Project. There are spaces available for additional volunteers for a working trip to Honduras from February 22 through March 4, 2007. Interested parties should contact Bob or Roland.

Gregor Hodgson provided a report on our YWCA project fund raising progress. To date, contributions and pledges have been received from 65% of the membership. The goal is to have 100% participation, which was reiterated by President Tim. As we will not be meeting for the next two weeks, it was urged that those who haven't responded to please do so before the end of the year. Please participate, and "do your best," as President Tim continues to emphasize.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

- Mark Larson - December 22nd
- Pat Foley - December 23rd
- Michael Bradburn - December 24th
- Joost Knops - December 24th
- Mark Lambert - December 22nd
- 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 - December 4th
- Angie Hughes - January 5th
- Johanna Snyder - January 6th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Scott Walker - December 18th
11 Years
- Aaron Booker - December 19th
1 Years
- John Cooper - December 20th
13 Years
- Don Anderson - January 1st
28 Years
- Gary Goldfogel - January 1st
18 Years
- Roger Sahlin - January 1st
36 Years
- Terry Teraoka - January 1st
14 Years
- Susan Zoller - January 5th
9 Years
- Mike Bradburn - January 6th
4 Years
- Tony Pechthalt - January 6th
4 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Happy Bucks / Recognition / Fines
will resume in January.

PRESENTATIONS



Jim Cunningham with Carol Thomas & Des McArdle

Past-President Jim Cunningham took the podium to recognize the valuable work done by Bellingham Technical College, which our Club helps to support with scholarship funds. He also noted that many Club members have contributed greatly to this institution. The BTC Foundation Board President is Bob Morse, soon to be followed in that role by Gary Nelson. Other Foundation members are Dave Blair, Mike Abendhoff, and John Macpherson. BTC Trustees include Yvonne Bianchi and Jim Cunningham. Don Anderson and Dale Rings are volunteer instructors in the English as a Second Language program. In addition, Harold Heiner is the President of Whatcom Community College and Steve Adelstein serves as a Trustee for WCC, further evidence of our Club member's support of education in our community. The Board has announced that future eBay funds will be split between BTC and WCC for student scholarship support.

Interim BTC President, Des McArdle, stressed that scholarships provide access and success to their students, noting that there is an increase in the low income population, that one in six people lack basic skills, and that many students are now coming to college late and unprepared. With tuition rates increasing faster than income growth, students have to increasingly support themselves. He stressed that the Rotary Club of Bellingham scholarships are very important to BTC and their students.

Carol Thomas, Executive Director of the BTC Foundation Board, recognized our Club as having funded a \$30,000 endowment that provides ongoing scholarships. She related several cases where scholarships such as ours have allowed a student to stay in school that would otherwise have had to drop out. This year, \$70,000 in scholarships was provided to one hundred students, which is double from last year.

President Tim then presented them a check for \$2,000 for additional scholarships. The source of these funds is our E-bay project.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Stephanie Bowers with Students of the Month

Stephanie Bower presented our students of the month, whose theme this month is visual arts. The table hosts for their children and parents were Irwin Lecocq, Karen Morse, and Mike Oswald.

Sehome High School's student is Hannah O'Neal. Her art media include graphite drawings, acrylic paintings and ceramics. She volunteers through the Opportunity Council painting murals in children's bedrooms and playrooms. She has also painted the walls of multiple homes owned by the Interfaith Coalition as well as the playroom in Lydia's Place. She realizes her art has the potential to heal and inspire those suffering from domestic abuse. Squalicum High School's student is Jacob Pfeifer. He has been honored with the school's Outstanding Character and Distinguished Scholastic awards. He has been active in track and cross country, lettering in both. Like many of our students, he is well-traveled and active in the community. His most rewarding community service has been with American Legion, Post #7, where he helps cook, set up, and clean up. He expressed great appreciation for this recognition, although art will not be part of his vocational pursuits, as he has a strong interest in fire fighting.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Bellingham High School's student is Emily Zimmerman. Emily has a two-page resume listing many, many honors, school and community-related activities, work experience, and travel. Highlights include orchestra, where she won the sweatshirt design award, a letter in varsity fastpitch, and her work with the Environmental Club. She was also a volunteer in Costa Rica working with sea turtles. She plans to be an au pair and is headed to Spain.

The students were all congratulated for their accomplishments and were presented a memento of the occasion.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Due to time limitations, Cleary didn't raise any money in fines, but chose instead to clean up some "leftovers" from the year. Before doing that, he admitted he continues to be overwhelmed by the talent and accomplishments of our students of the month, noting that, "my own mediocre performance in school was only overshadowed by my rotten attitude."

Those items needing to be "cleaned up" included:

- Recognition of Craig Parkinson's two talented daughters, one winning the first medal in Ferndale High School history in swimming and the other as an outstanding violinist.
- Noting the picture of Gary Goldfolgel's son, Matthew's, picture in the paper as a winning tennis player. He's a senior at Sehome.
- Recognition of Bob Gibb and his tireless work in promoting parks.
- Congratulations and thanks to Nancy Bitting for all she has done for the community through her leadership at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- A commendation to Ray Trzynka for all the contributions Puget Sound Energy has made to the community over the years.
- Drawing attention to the lack of sixty pounds that Fahri Ugurlu no longer has (which cost him \$60 last week). He's working out every morning and three evenings a week-that's a lot of self-discipline.

PROGRAM

The program got off to a bit of a late start, which made Margaret Curtis pretty nervous. The Sehome Chamber Chorale arrived, but without their director, who is also their accompanist. In the true spirit of "the show must go on," the formally attired chorale took the stage and presented their program-A CAPPELLA! In addition to Christmas favorites, they sang a Beatles standard, "Yesterday," "Danny Boy," and "Greensleeves". Their director never did show, so you can imagine how much the Chorale members have to hold over him for the rest of the school year. He prepared them well, however, as they presented a terrific program. They are a very talented group and received one of our rare standing ovations.



Sehome Chamber Chorale performance

RAFFLE

The raffle was won by Daver Morse, a nice \$45 addition to his Christmas present fund.

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