



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Jim Cunningham introduced Tom Eckert, new Bellingham Technical College President

Bob Boule brought Peter Self, new District Director of the Mount Baker Council, Boy Scouts of America

Marty Haines introduced Arlen Norman of WWU

Dennis Murphy brought Dave Brown & Betty Krejci of WWU

Chuck Beard introduced Dennis Williams

Dewey Desler introduced the guests of Student of the Month Mick Sondhi, his brother and sister-in-law Rick & Nipa Sondhi. He also had his teacher Lindsay MacDonald accompany him.

Del Vandekerck introduced his Student of the Month Christine Baldwin's parents Michael and Colleen Baldwin

Chuck Farrell introduced his Student of the Month Ann Hoag's parents Calyx and Barb Hoag

OPENING REMARKS

President Dave welcomed everyone complaining a bit about the weather we were offering him after his California trip.

We sang "America the Beautiful" accompanied by Don Anderson. Rod Elin gave an inspiring invocation. Dave welcomed visiting Rotarian Pete Kremen back.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Major Project Committee is now accepting proposals until Tuesday, April 8th. Members may submit such proposals to any Major Projects Committee member. The Committee will be looking at presentations on April 28th and May 5th.

PRESENTATIONS

New Member Induction

Elizabeth Grant was proposed by Jim Visbeek and Gragg Miller to fill the classification "Title Insurance." Jim Visbeek introduced former Rotarian Elizabeth Grant, who graduated from Louisiana State University and has been in the title business since 1984. In 1992 she worked with Charter Title (now Stewart Title) and is currently president of Stewart Title. She is a great person who has received many honors including Business Pulse Business Person of the Year in 2002 and was awarded the coveted title of Magnificent Manager in her own company. She loves travel, art, reading and painting, and is on the Board of Governors of Childcare World Wide.

The charge of membership was given quite expertly by J.C. Hickman who estimated the charge to be about \$1,500 and then followed up more seriously with a reminder for us all of what it means to be a member of Rotary Club of Bellingham.

Students of the Month in Science

Chuck Farrell introduced Ann Hoag, our multi-talented Science Student of the Month from Bellingham High School. Ann has a cumulative GPA of 4.0 in advanced placement and honors classes. She has earned college credit through Hillsdale College Summer Camp and its study abroad program in Italy. She has a number of 4-H awards, is a varsity soccer player, and plays violin in the school orchestra. She's a National Merit Semi Finalist and received the WSU Distinguished Regents Scholar Award where she will head to study chemistry with an agricultural emphasis.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 2
Ted Van Dyk – Heroes, Hacks and Fools: FDR to Present Politics

February 11
Doug Cole – Sailing in Southern Chile

February 18
NO MEETING – President's Day

February 25
Ruth Norman – Challenges Women Face in Third World Countries

March 3
Jude Grimm – America's Real Beauty Expert, Conscientious Consumerism

March 10
Jeff Fairchild – 8 Ways to Avoid Talking to an Employment Attorney

March 17
David Dicks – Coming impact of Pollution Control on Bellingham Business PS Partnership

March 24
Rick Wright, Patricia Decker – Economics & China

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Ben Kuiken, February 1st

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

Chris Tucker, January 29th
Stefanie Allen, January 30th
Lilian Marzocco, January 30th
Linda Mercadante, January 30th
Jackie White, February 1st
Andrea Evans, February 2nd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Yvonne Bianchi, January 29th, 12 Years
Al Archer, February 1st, 26 Years
Hal Arnason, February 1st, 56 Years
Herb Ershig, February 1st, 46 Years
Chuck Farrell, February 1st, 33 Years
Jan Marchbanks, February 1st, 19 Years
Bob Martin, February 1st, 49 Years
Kevin Williamson, February 2nd, 4 Years
Michael Abendhoff, February 3rd, 5 Years
Kevin Allen, February 3rd, 5 Years
Jamie Vos, February 3rd, 5 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS/ FINES/RECOGNITION

FINES & RECOGNITION

Sergeant at Arms Cleary Cone began by fining our brand new member Elizabeth Grant \$10 just to make her feel right at home.

Laury Evans claimed to be doing fine on non-perfect loans but Cleary wanted to know if he had an explanation for the chained-up non-perfect non-working pens in Horizon's lobby. No explanation, just \$10.

Neither Don nor Rick Haggen were available to thank for their recent significant gift to the community. But Cleary is still waiting for a response from Don about why Cleary's box lunch was missing a brownie. Meanwhile the Haggen pastries that Rick supplied for our bell ringers this year were thought to be a little too butt-padding. For a donation Cleary will be happy to settle on "light delicious snacks" the next time around.

All the Bobs and Roberts were asked to stand and invited to bid on "The Bob Book - The Ultimate OK Guy". After spirited bidding the auction was won by Bob Brunkow.

HAPPY BUCKS

Mike Diehl gave \$20 for the success of St. Paul's fundraiser and thanked Fahri for an impressive catering effort.

Dave Bradley fined himself \$10 for arriving too late to carry out his raffle sales duty.

Laury Evans gave \$10 of thanks to the Bellingham Police Department for their quick and effective response to the robbery at Horizon. The robber arrested and money returned!

Cathy Buckley gave \$10 for the butt-padding Haggen pastries that keep her in business.

President Dave gave \$40 - \$20 for the California sunshine he enjoyed last week and \$20 for Dunham Cellars 2004 award winning Syrah.

Dewey Desler presented Mick Sondhi, our Science Student of the Month from Sehome High School. Mick (Madhav) Sondhi is from Jalander, India. He moved to the United States in 2001 when he was in the 6th grade. He enrolled in Shuksan Middle School, speaking very little English. From the beginning, he worked with dedication, to learn English and succeed in school. His motivation wasn't just limited to academics. When he entered 9th grade, he reached out to learn anything and everything that he could about physics, astronomy and any other science that he could get his hands on. As a result of his focus and persistence, Mick has a 3.8 GPA. He is currently active in the Sehome High School Honor Society, the Chess Club and plays basketball in the City Rock League. This year he is building a robot for the Robotics Competition. This is a perfect activity for him, as his future plans include a career as an electronics engineer.

Del Vandekerck presented Christine Baldwin, a very accomplished Senior from Squalicum High School. Christine has a GPA of 4.0, earned in advanced placement classes with a focus on science. She was recognized for achievement in science by the American Association of University Women. She is also a member of Future Business Leaders of America, is on the Northwest Fastpitch League 1st Team, is accomplished in French, a member of the math club, and volunteers time caring for an autistic child. Christine will head to Cal Poly in California to study architecture.



Science Students of the Month

PROGRAM NOTES

Teri Treat introduced Chuck Beard, St Luke's Foundation Executive Director who is retiring after 25 years. Under his leadership the Foundation has had a major behind-the-scenes effect on the health of our community.

Chuck had technical difficulties with the visual portion of his presentation but gave us a very impressive picture of what the St. Luke's Foundation has done for the past 25 years. In 1983, St. Luke's Hospital was purchased and incorporated into HealthWest Multi- Hospital Network. Proceeds from the sale of the hospital funded the new, nonprofit, public St. Luke's Foundation, with a name honoring the tradition of health care the hospital had provided for nearly a century.

When the hospital closed in 1989, many of the original board members from St. Luke's Hospital continued



St. Luke's Foundation Representatives

to serve on the Foundation's board. Today, the independent St. Luke's Foundation is governed exclusively by local community leaders committed to continuing the original mission and tradition of leadership in health care for Whatcom County citizens. The Foundation has been proactive in improving Whatcom County healthcare through grants, scholarships and involvement in local healthcare issues. The Foundation has made more than 700 grants for a total of more than \$13 million and looks forward to the next 25 years of vital support.

Teri thanked Chuck and acknowledged members of Rotary for serving on the Foundation Board: Peggy Zoro, Jack Payne, Charlie Self, Ann Jones Richardson, and Bob Diehl and Mary Robinson who served for 25 years.

President Dave thanked Chuck and also Jo Coons and Jim Visbeek who finally solved the technical problems. President Dave passed on his "lack of technical skills" crown to Chuck.

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