



**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**

**Robin Halliday** introduced Governor Booth Gardner and Susan Pollack representing College Success Foundation.

**Phil Gubbins** brought Bob Brunkhow with ICOM Canada

**Julie Foster** introduced Sharon Coss, YWCA Board of Directors President

**John Cooper** brought Katherine Blomquist from Tempe, AZ and Kimberly Janes from the city of Chandler, AZ.

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

**Chuck Olson**  
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

**Scott Wallace**  
Whatcom North Rotary Club

**THIS ISSUE:**  
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**Barry Hanson**



**OPENING REMARKS**

After ringing the opening bell and after those in attendance stood, President Tim said:

*If you elect an attorney to this position, sooner or later he is going to want to give a speech. Today is that day; so I need you all to sit down as I am going to give a speech before we begin our meeting.*

*My speech is about vulnerable people in this community. And it is also about you. I recall a story someone told last summer about a man walking down the beach. Thousands of starfish had washed up on the beach. The man was picking up one starfish at a time and throwing it back in the ocean. Someone came up to the man and said, 'What are you doing? You can't possibly save them all.' The man picked up another one, looked at him and said, 'You're right, but I can save this one' and threw it into the ocean.*

*Our major project this year is to help the YWCA and the vulnerable women it serves in our community. Let me tell you the stories of just three of the hundreds of women the YWCA has helped. The first is about a fifty-year-old woman who worked for sixteen years at the same landscaping company. She was injured in a car accident which prevented her from working. She became homeless and ended up camping for the summer. She came to the YWCA to get indoors for the winter. There she received housing, used the programs at the YWCA to get job training, and now has a permanent job and is living in her own home.*

*The YWCA helped another woman who had been physically and emotionally abused. She spiraled down and was living in her car. She came to YWCA and was given shelter, received counseling and entered school. She now has a bachelor's degree and is employed full time.*

*The YWCA also helped an elderly woman, seventy years of age, with few possessions and living on Social Security. She moved across the country to Bellingham to live with a son-in-law, only to find that he was an alcoholic. When he became drunk he became abusive and she became frightened. She moved into the YWCA, got to know the area, made friends, and is now living on her own in a subsidized apartment and is enjoying life. And yes, this grandmother baked cookies for others on her floor at the Y.*

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**February 5**  
Susannah Malarkey  
Technology Alliance

**February 12**  
Sherry Nelson  
Sierra Industries

**February 19**  
President's Day – No Meeting

**February 26**  
Chuckanut Parks District

**ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS**

**Ray Crow**, January 29th

**Ben Kuiken**, February 1st

**PARTNER 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

**Chuck Foster**, February 4th

**Penny Rings**, February 4th

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Yvonne Bianchi**, January 29th  
11 Years

**Ray Crow**, January 31st  
2 Years

**Al Archer**, February 1st  
25 Years

**Hal Arnason**, February 1st  
55 Years

**Herb Ershig**, February 1st  
45 Years

**Chuck Farrell**, February 1st  
32 Years

**Jan Marchbanks**, February 1st  
18 Years

**Bob Martin**, February 1st  
48 Years

**Kevin Williamson**, February 2nd  
3 Years

**Mike Abendhoff**, February 3rd  
4 Years

**Kevin Allen**, February 3rd  
4 Years

**Jamie Vos**, February 3rd  
4 Years

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## HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Last week Vic Tate donated \$50 in honor of his marriage to Diane, a wedding which was performed by our own Judge Chuck Snyder. In addition, Vic generously gave a \$200 donation to the RCOB Foundation endowment in Chuck's name, which was inaccurately reported as a \$10 donation in last week's Tattler. We apologize for the inaccuracy and give our congratulations and wishes for many happy years to Vic and Diane and a sincere thank you for the generous \$200 gift to the RCOB Foundation endowment.

Sergeant at Arms Pat Foley noted that a recent article in the Bellingham Herald was headlined, "Baby Boomers Not Dying of Natural Causes." The article went on to say this is due to high risk lifestyles. She wondered how such a lifestyle might manifest itself in Bellingham and called on Bob Diehl because she thought buying a Ford naked, per Diehl Ford's recent ad campaign, might qualify. This cost him \$10, in addition to the \$10 he was fined the previous week on the same subject. Bob said that was okay as he hadn't yet paid the previous fine either.

Irwin LeCocq was named "Man of the Year" resulting in a \$5 fine, which he said he could afford.

President Tim noted that Dick Tucker and three fellow climbers climbed the highest peak in South America, which is in Argentina and rises 22,800 feet. There were no injuries and no sickness for which Dick was grateful.

*These are examples of the people the YWCA helps and examples of the people we help - real people with a serious need. This is what we do and we do it together as a club. When we measure our success it is not an individual success; it is one owned by and belonging to our club. In that way, it is selfless. From the smallest gift from a member who could least afford it to the largest gift, this is a gift from all of us to those in need. Together, we can accomplish things none of us could do on our own.*

*Since I took over this job, I've been talking about how wonderful you are and what a great organization this is. Once again, you have shown why. When we started the YWCA campaign, our quiet expectation was that we might be able to raise about \$80,000. That is a lot of money! We were also on a compressed calendar schedule, so there was little time for a BRAVO or much else for that matter. So we decided to simply ask you for your support - directly - to give as you can.*

*We watched as the pledges started coming in: \$20,000...\$30,000...\$50,000. Then we were delighted when we reached \$80,000. But you didn't stop. You passed \$100,000. And I am here to tell you that what you have done for the YWCA and the women it serves is absolutely incredible.*

*I'm not sure how long we have had a major project, but this club was chartered on September 17, 1917. Our club is about ninety years of age and in that time you have set a club record. Together, you raised over \$135,000! Absolutely amazing. You knocked the ball right out of the park! Now I want you to stand and give yourself a hearty round of applause for the women at the YWCA and for yourselves.*

Following President Tim's opening remarks, a special guest, former governor of the State of Washington Booth Gardner, was recognized and welcomed. Don Anderson accompanied us singing the Star Spangled Banner; the invocation was delivered by David Sholin; and Glen Nardi introduced visiting Rotarians.

## BUSINESS NOTES

President Tim offered special thanks to those involved in the very successful YWCA fundraising effort. Steve Adelstein and Ray Trzynka, Major Projects Committee co-chairs, and their committee members were recognized and thanked for all their hard work and wisdom. Fundraising Committee co-chairs Gregor Hodgson and John Macpherson were thanked for their skilled leadership and the generous contribution of their time. Likewise, their committee members were thanked for all their hard work. Jan Marchbanks was also recognized for her wise counsel and the time she spent supporting this special fundraising project.

Laury Evans, Dennis Joines, Steven Hoekstra, Rick Hagen, and Bob Diehl were recognized and thanked for Horizon Bank's very generous "lead gift" contribution of \$15,000. President Tim commented that such a gift speaks volumes about local business people setting examples of how to be a member of our community.

Club leaders were also recognized for their support of this project including: 100% of the Board of Directors participated in contributing to the campaign and past and future club presidents and spouses Jan Marchbanks and D.C. Morse, David and Cheryll Blair, and Margaret and Marc Curtis all made leadership gifts.

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President Tim then said, "But I am most proud of you. You know we come in different shapes and sizes. We have differing abilities to give. But perhaps one of the most impressive statistics of all is that we had approximately 93% of our active members support the campaign; how wonderful."

President Tim recognized Teri Treat, co-chair of the Membership Identification & Retention Committee, and stated Club emphasis for the next six months will be on recruitment and membership.

### PRESENTATIONS

Robin Halliday introduced her guests, former governor Booth Gardner and Susan Pollack, Director of Advocacy and Marketing for the College Success Foundation. Booth Gardner was the State Governor from 1985 to 1993 and also served as the ambassador of GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the functions of which have now been replaced by the World Trade Organization. Last January, Susan joined the College Success Foundation, a public/private partnership committed to providing college scholarships and mentoring to low-income, high-potential students.

Former Governor Gardner addressed the club asking that we consider adding a \$5,000 contribution to the Foundation's Leadership 1,000 Club for each of the next five years. This amount will provide the financial support for a worthy recipient to complete a college degree. He noted that the students awarded these scholarships would very likely be unable to attend college and that many of them come from first generation families. The CSF has raised over \$150 million and awarded more than 3,000 scholarships.

### PROGRAM

Our own Pat Foley, CEO of Mills Electric, made a presentation about a trip she and her daughter took last May to Tanzania. After some initial problems with the visual equipment, which Joe Coons was successful in sorting out, Pat shared photos and information about Tanzania, a country double the size of California with 37 million people. It is a poor country where there are only 127,000 telephones, 2.8 TV's per thousand, and 134,000 vehicles.



Pat Foley and former Gov. Booth Gardner

They stayed in Arusha at the base of Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. The life expectancy of men is 51 years and for women it is 53 years. Vehicles have the right of way there, which Pat said may contribute to the shorter average life spans. More likely, however, is the fact that there is only one physician per 20,511 people!

They also visited a village near Arusha where 80% of the population is involved in agriculture. Over half live in poverty. She described the living situations, commerce, primitive schools, and various aspects of their culture, including one of the unique characteristics of this nomadic people is that children are left to fend for themselves at age seven.

Pat closed with a quotation from Mary Anne Raducher, "I am not the same having seen the moon shine on the other side of the world."

Steve Adelstein donated \$91 - \$35 for that many years of marriage and 56 for the number of pounds he has lost since he and Fahri saw photos of themselves after overindulging on a trip to Turkey last year.

Mike Diehl made a donation thanking those who participated in the St. Paul Episcopal School successful fundraiser.

Del Vandekerck made a contribution in recognition of the successful eBay sale of golf clubs donated by Laury Evans.

President Tim fined himself for omitting Paul Hanson's name from the list of long-service members at a previous meeting and to cover himself for any other errors and omissions he may have made.

David Sholin contributed \$5 for our bell-ringing efforts. President Tim reported that we raised over \$5,000, which was more than any other club or organization raised during this past Christmas season.

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