



### GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Bryan Cartwright** brought  
Brandon Hansen with  
Moss Adams

### VISITING ROTARIANS

**Adoline Brown**  
Whatcom North Rotary Club

**Michael Lewis**  
Mt. Baker Rotary Club

## OPENING REMARKS

In President Tims's absence the meeting was called to order by President Elect Dave Blair who was glad to have the chance to practice filling Tim's shoes, in a big way. Don Anderson accompanied the members in singing the Star Spangled Banner. The invocation was given by Rod Elin, and Matt Hammatt introduced visiting Rotarians.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave reminded us that next Monday is President's Day and we should spend the day showing a little reverence for our own President Tim and not show up next Monday, February 19th.

There will be a New Member Breakfast Meeting on Monday, February 26th at 7:00 AM at Boss Tweed Restaurant.

There will be a new Member Information Meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00 PM at Chuck Farrell's home. A letter will be sent to all new members giving them more detail.

Ben Kuiken announced that members can sign up for the basketball pool in two weeks for \$35 or \$40 Ben couldn't remember which, probably \$40.

## BUSINESS NOTES:

### BOARD BRIEFS

At the Regular Board Meeting held Thursday February 8, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Bellingham acted on the following items:

1. Letter of resignation was accepted with deep regret from Mike Oswald.
2. Leave of Absence request was approved for Andrew Moquin until August 1, 2007
3. Membership Recruitment and Retention was discussed with Teri Treat in attendance.
4. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held March 8, 2007.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

**February 26**  
Chuckanut Parks District

**March 5**  
Mark Bussell  
Chemist's Roadmap to a  
Post-Petroleum Era

### ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

**Dan Cheney**, February 14th

**Bob Diehl**, February 17th

**Fred Kaiser**, February 22nd

**Rick Wright**, February 23rd

### PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

**Pat Nelson**, February 12th

**Richard Bowers**, February 16th

**Mary Evans**, February 16th

**Kathy Kaiser**, February 24th

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

**Ron Jepson**, February 23rd  
3 Years

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## HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Susie Thomson-Sines gave 18 bucks to celebrate her wedding anniversary.

Calene Labeau of Whatcom Community Foundation was pleased about guest Mike Lewis's part in raising \$2200 for New Way Ministries and Project Hope. She also wanted to celebrate Whatcom Symphony's amazing performance last weekend.

Barry Hanson gave \$10 to celebrate a 7-day family vacation in Mexico.

Marty Haines gave \$20 for the long standing tradition of "Happy Bucks". New member Bob Brunkow gave \$20 in support of Marty's comments as well.

## PRESENTATIONS

Wayne Langei introduced Patience Thompson who participated in the RYLA Program (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) last year. 20 year old Patience began her presentation with the word amazing and ended it the same way. In between she described an exciting program of activities that introduced her to capabilities and opportunities she didn't know she had. Over the years most of us have participated in the kind of training designed to move us out of our comfort zone and teach us to be better leaders. It would have been great for all of us to have had the RYLA leadership experience when we were 20 - the age range of attendees is 14 to 30. For Patience it was "life changing". Please consider giving the gift of this four-day program to a young person you know. The RYLA committee is looking for applicants for this year. Contact Wayne Langei for more information. Dave noted that it would be good if a little shove would get us out of our comfort zones instead of large shoves, which it usually takes.



Patience Thompson, RYLA Attendee

Joan Airoidi reminded members about the Rotary Blood Drive. The goal is to increase the donor pool. Last year there were 8 active donors. This year we're up to 16 members and hope to achieve 25 by the end of the Rotary year. Please sign up at the table. Once more it's time to get out of your comfort zone and donate - don't wait for a big shove!!!

Joan is also looking for a co-chair to replace Tom Livesay - please consider volunteering.

## PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced Sheri Nelson of Sierra Pacific Industries.

Sheri is a member of the Aberdeen Rotary and began her presentation by commending the RCOB for its obvious fellowship and commitment to Rotary. Her Rotary has a total membership of 200 with regular attendance of only about 35 members.



Sheri Nelson with Sierra Pacific Industries

She described a successful 3rd - almost 4th generation-family owned forestry business.

SPI owns a sawmill in Aberdeen and is about to start up a new, state of the art mill in Burlington. They have recently acquired 147,000 acres of timberland in Skagit/Snohomish/Whatcom counties which is property previously owned by Georgia-Pacific and Trillium. They own 1.8 million acres in California and Washington in total, which is managed by 80 registered foresters in their employ. Even with recycling, American's consume a 100 foot tree per person per year and demand is expected to increase by 50% by 2020.

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SPI follows a “Sustainable Yield Policy” based on wood being renewable, recyclable and reusable. Being a family owned business, they operate on a 100-year plan where they will increase the volume of wood on their land by 63% during that time frame. This means planting 3-7 trees for each one harvested.

The Burlington mill is 95% complete and is presently in the “check-out” phase. SPI utilizes technology to remain competitive - by making maximum use of the tree beginning with a computer scanned log which determines the best cut strategy and by installing a co-generating plant to burn wood waste and produce steam and electricity. In fact their 28 mega-watt co-gen plant will provide 18 mega-watts to the electrical grid. Taking into account all their facilities, SPI operates 7 co-gen plants which provide enough excess power for 55,000 homes on an annual basis.

SPI employees 4300, and is growing in an industry which has seen 100 mills close since 1989 - they are doing something right!

At Sierra Pacific Industries, we’re in the business of maintaining healthy forests and providing wood products for consumers. We believe that healthy trees, good water quality and enduring wildlife habitat are the natural result of sound forest management practices.

Our forest harvesting philosophy is based on science and we have undertaken extensive planning and research to ensure that we meet or exceed the environmental protection standards of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the California Department of Forestry - the highest standards in the world.

We’re a third-generation, family owned and operated forest products company and as stewards of the forests, our goal is to maintain and improve the forest ecosystem for future generations.

Dave thanked the speaker and members for coming and adjourned the meeting.

Karen Morse was happy about the discussions including the WWU in the development of the waterfront, and is also very pleased that Joe is home.

Susan Zoller had a “little tiny \$30 check” to thank Wayne Langei and WECU for the “three gigantic checks” used for a financial education program which shared with attendees how life-long earning power grows with years of education.

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