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GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Bryan Cartwright brought
Brandon Hansen with
Moss Adams

Bob Gibb introduced
Rudy Schaad with Boeing

Joe Morse brought his brother
Fred Morse

Julie Shirley introduced Scott
Ayers with The Bellingham Herald

Jim Cunningham introduced
Mike Cohen with the Food Bank

VISITING ROTARIANS

Bill Geyer & Matt Rose
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened by noting that we have been recognizing members for their long-term service in the club, veterans with 20 to 60 years of membership. Today he recognized some of our newest members as reflective of the powerful community leadership represented in the Rotary Club of Bellingham. He recognized Bob Brunkow, who among many accomplishments ran Seafair in Seattle; Marty Haines, former insurance executive who has led so many community service projects; Calene LeBeau and Peter Theisen, Executive Directors of two major non-profits raising millions for those in need; Glen Nardi, Publisher of the Bellingham Herald; Scott Renne, President and Owner of Blue Seas Systems; and Robin Selditz, Executive with Group Health in Whatcom County. This is a club for community leaders and community leadership. President Tim reflected that this rookie class is in the Rotary Club of Bellingham because of the quality of the club's membership, a quality membership that other clubs "...lie awake at night and dream about."

Don Anderson accompanied us in singing the National Anthem; Paul Grey gave the invocation; and Rob Westford introduced visiting Rotarians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Committee Dinner scheduled for March 21 - Gary Goldfogel announced that the Social Committee has planned a belated Chinese New Year Dinner at the AW Asian Bistro on March 21st. Sign up sheets will be on the tables again next week.

Auction for a bottle of 1959 Chateau Lafite Rothschild Bordeaux wine and a \$100 Gift Certificate to the Harborside Bistro scheduled for March 19 - Joe Coons highlighted an upcoming auction for a bottle of vintage wine worth thousands of dollars along with a gift certificate to benefit the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation. Flyers were on the table and members are asked to consider this opportunity to bid on this "world class" wine and "Millionaires Dinner."

Basketball Pool - Ed Lowery announced that there are 3 spots left for the basketball pool. Sign up next week.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- March 12
Dr. McGregor, Sudden Cardiac Arrest
- March 19
Sean Hogan - RYLA Representative
- March 26
TBD
- April 2
Diane Bruland - Whatcom Hospice

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

- John MacPherson, March 6th
- Jim Vos, March 8th
- Don Haggen, March 9th
- Kathy Hughes, March 9th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS


- Joyce Shintaffer, March 6th
- Bob Thomas, March 7th
- Julie Rogge, March 7th
- Nancy Schmidt, March 9th
- Alice Anderson, March 11th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- Craig Funston, March 6th
12 Years
- Pete Theisen, March 6th
1 Year
- Ray Trzynka, March 10th
4 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Sergeant-at-Arms Pat Foley tried to fine some members who have been eluding her grasp. She announced that Dean Shintaffer's fine will increase \$5 a week until she nabs him.

Don Haggen, Rick Haggen, and Nancy Bitting were recognized for being among the "most powerful" people in N. W. Washington. Since Rick was the only one present, he got stuck with the \$50 fine.

Jack Mulhern was in the newspaper for being the branch manager for the Ferndale office of RE/MAX. Since he supervises 12 employees, he was treated to a \$12 recognition.

Glen Nardi and Julie Shirley were commended for the "ultimate in recycling" - seems that a couple of pages of the Bellingham Herald on February 12 and 13 were identical. Glen suggested that they were "trying to catch readers who didn't read that particular news on Monday." Pat didn't buy that explanation and extracted \$5 from each.

Members not wearing their Rotary pins were asked to put \$2 on the table. Pat herself was caught on that one.

PRESENTATIONS

Bellingham Food Bank -

Jim Cunningham introduced a presentation on the status of last year's major project - rebuilding the Bellingham Food Bank. Three Rotary clubs collectively pledged \$225,000 toward this project with \$100,000 coming from the Rotary Club of Bellingham. Jim highlighted the contributions made by Tom Grinstad, Rod Elin, and Phil Gubbins. Food Bank Director, Mike Cohen, explained that the Rotary contribution



Awarding a Big Check to the Bellingham Food Bank

not only provided funds but also provided a high level of visibility and credibility to the project. The complete project will require approximately \$2 million, with \$1.2 million of that having already been raised through grants and donations in addition to the Rotary donation. The project is within 6 months of breaking ground on a new building. Bill Geyer from Bellingham Bay Rotary explained that they are hoping to raise an additional \$500,000 through appeals to businesses and individuals. He asked members to assist when contacted. Bill also noted that two members of the Rotary Club of Bellingham made significant in-kind donations to the effort - D.C. Morse for the heating of the new building, and Yvonne Bianchi for the creation of marketing materials for the Capital Campaign. President Tim then presented a ceremonial \$100,000 check to Mike Cohen, Food Bank Director.

Membership - Teri Treat, on behalf of the Membership Committee, offered words of admiration for those who give long-time service to community boards and saluted Bob Diehl and Mary Robinson for their 25 years of service as members of the St. Luke's Foundation Board. Teri asked Rotary members to do two things: 1) Consider community leaders who should be members of the Club and invite them to participate and 2) Consider a personal commitment to sustain long-time membership and service in the Rotary Club of Bellingham.



Membership Requirements Complete -

President Tim presented Peter Thiesen with his full membership badge as he has completed all of the requirements for membership.

Peter Thiesen is welcomed into full membership

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PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced the speaker, Dr. Mark Bussell, a Professor in the Chemistry Department at Western Washington University. His topic for today was “A Chemist’s Roadmap to a Post-Petroleum Era”. With the visual assistance of a PowerPoint which was full of vital graphs and data, Dr. Bussell succeeded in explaining the trends and forces which have and will require us to find alternative forms of energy in the coming decades. He concluded by presenting a DOE roadmap to a hydrogen economy from 2010-2040 and by sharing his own “multi-pronged” approach for changing our energy use during the next three decades.



Today's Program, Mark Bussell

Dr. Bussell provided rich data on our past, current, and future use of fossil fuels and explained the reasons why the supply of these resources will continue to be more and more costly with ever growing degrading of our environment and climate in the process. He shared, for example, that the U. S. consumes 44% of the world’s gasoline and that per person we use 3 gallons of oil, 20 lbs of coal, and 250 cubic feet of natural gas on a daily basis. He pointed out that oil is a finite resource and that the supply in the U. S. peaked around 1970 with remaining supplies becoming more and more difficult to extract. At the same time our gas prices have remained artificially low, with current prices being nearly the same as in 1950 when adjusted for inflation. He stated that “Gas is too cheap for our own good.” We are very efficient in extracting and refining oil, but very inefficient in our use of gasoline in our engines. Nearly 82% of energy content is being wasted, according to Dr. Bussell.

With 75% of all oil reserves gone, with the impact of global climate change, and with the increasing difficulty of extracting more oil, alternative energy sources must be found, especially for our vehicles. He suggested that hydrogen fuel cells were seen as a more efficient energy source and outlined the development process for hydrogen energy provided by the U. S. Dept. of Energy. His own prescription for changing to alternative sources included: conservation; plug-in or electric vehicle use; nuclear, solar, wind, etc.; hydrogen fuel cells, and a carbon emissions tax which could generate funds and incentives for change. He suggested a \$45-\$50 per ton of carbon dioxide emissions as a tax. Finally, he pointed out that a local group called the Consortium for Technology Innovation and Development has been organized and is working to develop some of the energy alternatives locally.

The raffle was won by Dale Kinsley.

Mauri Ingram was \$50 happy - \$25 for the members of the Community Foundation Board with whom she serves; and \$25 for the recognition of Peggy Zoro and Phyllis Self by the Northwest Women’s Hall of Fame, an event scheduled for March 25.

Teri Treat gave \$6 happy bucks for missing the Herald’s repeat page.

Doug Cole gave happy bucks for meeting the CEO of Northwest Airlines.

Bob Boulé contributed \$10 to announce an upcoming event.

Brad Burdick recognized and thanked the Haggens, Bellwether and Bellingham Herald for their sponsorships of the upcoming gala at the Mt. Baker Theater.

Chuck Snyder contributed \$5 for the students, schools, and volunteers who contributed to another successful Mock Trial competition.

Brian Griffin shared a happy buck for Paul Grey’s sharing that Cisco Morris, the Seattle garden expert, referred to

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