



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Mike Bradburn brought Mark Knittel with Data Doctors

Bruce McCormack introduced Charles Rendina

Jim Visbeek brought Sean Foley with Sylvania Lamps of Seattle

Pat Foley introduced John Huntley with Mills Electric, Inc.

Gary Nelson brought Earl Settlemeyer

Dale Kinsley introduced Bellingham's Student of the Month, Laura Slyman's family; Mom, Diana Slyman and Grandmother from Oklahoma, Jane Gentry

Susan Zoller introduced Sehome's Student of the Month, Steven Ayers parents; Bruce and Carol Ayers.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Steve Rhea
Tacoma #8 Rotary Club

Al Bartlett
Oak Harbor Rotary Club

Bill Gorman
Bellingham Bay Rotary

Pete Kremen
Whatcom North Rotary

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OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened today's meeting with the following: *We offer a particular welcome to the Rotary Club of Bellingham Students of the Month and their families. We recognize today, those students chosen by their schools as the most inspirational.*

If we could go back and time travel, I would love to reach back into the past and bring Orville and Wilbur Wright to SeaTac airport to see the Boeing 747 and jetliners thundering down the runway lifting off on takeoff. Or to bring Paul Harris to the present time to see what became of the small Rotary club he started in Chicago, an organization that currently consists of 1.2 million people in 32,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries around the world.

The Wright Brothers and Paul Harris have touched the lives of people they never saw or knew. I don't think they ever set off to be inspirational; they just did one small thing at a time. But when you look back at all their efforts and the benefits to humankind, they are inspiring.

Our Club does not seek to be inspirational. Like the Wright Brothers and Paul Harris, we just try to do one small thing at a time, like:

- Support of a day care center in Cabo San Lucas,
- Dental work in Latin America,
- Surgery for cleft palates in South America,
- Wheelchairs for the poor,
- Clean water projects in Honduras,
- Cardiology care in Latin America,
- Contributions to eradicate polio, and
- All the work that is done through our contributions to the Rotary International Foundation.

These are all small, except to those who are touched by your efforts:

- The cardiac patients Roland Trenouth treated in Latin America are not going to forget him.
- The patients who received oral surgery and dental care from our club members are not going to forget them.
- The disabled in Chile who are no longer being carried or crawling because of the wheelchair you gave them, are not going to forget you.

Around the world, one person at a time, a life, a real life, is changed by what you do and by what we do together. We make the world a better place. We help bring peace and understanding to the world. And like the students who join us today, when you look back at your efforts, one person and one life at a time, you too are inspirational.

The membership joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner accompanied by Don Anderson. David Sholin gave the invocation. Laury Evans introduced and welcomed visiting Rotarians.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 23
Mike Impero
Lone Jack Mines

April 30
Karen Morse
WWU Waterfront Presence

May 7
Lance Calloway
Adult Soccer Championships

May 14
Susan Simmons and Laurel Clark
Whatcom County Humane Society

May 21
Alice Clark and Carl Sell
Whatcom Film Association
Pickford Dreamspace

May 28 - No Meeting
Memorial Day Holiday

June 4
Youth Awards

June 11
Rotary Cruise

June 18
Bill Morton
Second Half Strategies

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Roger Sahlin, April 17th
Larry Halgren, April 21st
Tommy Thomson, April 22nd

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Melanie Vos, April 18th
Holly Nardi, April 21st
Stu Buckley, April 22nd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Rogan Jones, April 19th
3 Years
Tom Mercadante, April 19th
3 Years
John Raasch, April 12th
3 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Happy Bucks, fines, and recognition
will resume next week...

BOARD BRIEFS

At the regular Board meeting held Thursday, April 12, 2007, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Bellingham acted on the following items:

1. Approved \$750 to the Thousand Smiles Project.
2. Approved the Service Fund Committee recommendations as follows:
 - \$1000 for BTC Family Learning Center for playground equipment
 - \$1500 for video surveillance equipment for the Dorothy Place
 - \$1000 for Junior Achievement
 - \$900 for Boy Scouts for helmets for their outdoor program
 - \$600 for Sehome High School's special education program
 - \$800 for the Kendall School Russian Project

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held May 10, 2007.

BUSINESS NOTES

New Member Breakfast - There will be a New Member Breakfast on Monday, April 30, 7:00 AM at Boss Tweed Restaurant. This is a great time to complete your New Member Breakfast requirements and also get a make-up.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? - Andrew Evans reminded us of the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event to be held on Friday, April 27. Sign-up sheets are on the tables.

Committee Sign-ups for Rotary-year 2007-08 - Dave Blair requests that members indicate committee preferences for next Rotary-year by completing one of the committee sign-up sheets placed on the tables.

Major Projects Committee Seeking Ideas/Applications - The Major Projects Committee is taking applications for the 2007-08 Rotary year. President Tim encouraged members to bring their ideas forward.

Service Fund Committee Also Seeking Application Requests - The Service Fund Committee is currently taking applications for donation requests for the current Rotary year. Again, members are encouraged to bring forth deserving ideas.

Roster Updates Requested - It is time again to update the club roster. Please give Sandee any updated information or contact Del Vandekerck if you want to change your picture.

Nominations for Club Awards - The Executive Committee comprised of Jim Cunningham, Tim Farris, Dave Blair and Margaret Curtis is accepting written nominations through April 30, 2007 for the following awards:

- Will J. Griswold Club Service Award
- David C. Morse, Sr. Community Service Award
- Michael K. Mischaikov Service Award
- Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award

These awards are not based upon popularity or popular vote; they are awards for long-term service. The committee has already received a number of nominations and they encourage all of us to send our nominations.

District 5050 Conference - The District 5050 Conference will be held May 31-June 3 at Harrison Hot Springs. Seven great reasons to attend:

- A great program with a slate of international speakers.
- Rotary highlights such as Group Study Exchange and Youth Exchange teams.
- The splendor and celebration of the Governor's Ball.
- Golf at the Sandpiper Golf Club <<http://www.sandpiperclub.com>> in a picture book setting next to the Harrison River.
- A fabulous resort with indoor and outdoor pools, a pampering spa, and more!
- The magical lakeside setting with majestic mountains.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

- Networking with Rotary friends - those we've met and those we will meet!
- ...it all adds up to a Rotary Experience that is Pure Success

Speakers include:

- Kent Keith - Do you know what a Paradoxical Commandment <<http://www.paradoxicalcommandments.com>> is?
- Marion Bunch - Rotarians For Fighting Aids <<http://www.rffa.org>>
- Penny Legate - News anchor and reporter for KIRO 7 Eyewitness News <<http://www.kirotv.com/station/1868168/detail.html>>
- David Dotson - Executive Director of Dolly Parton's Dollywood Foundation and its Imagination Library <<http://www.imaginationlibrary.com/>> , as our literacy speaker on Saturday
- Kristin Eddings - Reigning Miss Washington

To register, contact Sandee or go to the internet at www.district5050.org

PRESENTATIONS

President Tim recognized Al Marsh and David Bradley for the example they set as he presented them with their Paul Harris pins and certificates, honored them as Paul Harris Fellows, and thanked them for their ongoing support for the Rotary International Foundation.



Dave Bradley & Al Marsh, Paul Harris Fellows

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Dale Kinsley with Inspirational Students of the Month

Dale Kinsley presented Students of the Month who were selected by their schools as "Most Inspirational."

Steven Ayres, Sehome High School - Steven is a young man who defines himself by his faith. Steven feels his first 18 years have been blessed. Born and raised in Bellingham, Steven excels in sports. Serving as captain of both the football and wrestling teams, Steven has enjoyed inspiring his teammates to reach their potential. As for his own potential, Steven received the state heavyweight title

in wrestling earlier this year and is favored to win two state crowns in Shot Put and Discus. He has signed a letter of intent to play football for Washington State University next fall.

Laura Slyman, Bellingham High School - Laura inspires her classmates with her excellence in academics and music despite extraordinary health challenges. During her freshman year, Laura was diagnosed with heart conditions requiring several surgeries and implantation of a pacemaker. At the age of 15, she began to experience severe neurological symptoms. After many visits to doctors without a clear diagnosis, Laura's own research into her symptoms uncovered Chiari Syndrome. Doctors confirmed she has this rare congenital brain malformation complicated by impacts on her spinal cord. A lengthy brain surgery, followed by spinal cord surgery, caused Laura to be absent from school for long periods. Nevertheless, she worked year-round to stay abreast of her school work and will be graduating with her class. She will attend University of Washington in the fall with plans to pursue a career in pediatric cardiology or in neurosurgery.

Chad Clark, Squalicum High School - Chad, the Squalicum High School most inspirational student, was unable to attend.

PROGRAM

Dewey Desler introduced guest speaker Kathy Pierre, Executive Director of the Lummi Ventures program. Joining her were Mike Rawley, New Business Developer for the Lummi Ventures Program, and Henry James, Chair of the Lummi Nation Service Organization.

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Kathy Pierre & Mike Rawley,
Lummi Ventures Program

Ms. Pierre spoke of her heritage as Haida and Lummi and of her Lummi tribal membership. She described Lummi Ventures as a poverty reduction program aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty in the Lummi Nation. Program emphasis is three-fold: (1) Formal education including traditional, cultural and family learning; (2) The role of family as a strong foundation; and (3) Economic development through building skills and removing barriers to economic health.

Kathy Pierre also presented statistics on the Lummi Nation people, including the population is characterized by a median family income of \$15,000 (compared to the state median of \$56,000); lack of secure housing (54% are without a home of their own, many staying with friends or family), and inadequate education and training. She also noted that 56% of households are headed by single mothers.

She noted Lummi Ventures has created an Enterprise Development Center providing education and training in entrepreneurship, which she called "Indianpreneurship," and turned the program over to Mike Rawley, Lummi Ventures New Business Developer.

Mr. Rawley discussed the newly created Enterprise Development Center created as part of Lummi Ventures. It provides education and training, including classroom work, on-the-job training, technical assistance and specific workshops to address financial literacy, accounting, business planning and access to capital. Mr. Rawley noted as well the Lummi Nation partnership with the Indian Business Council and the Northwest Area Foundation. Lummi Nation was selected as a partner in this case due to developed infrastructure capacity, the strong role played by Northwest Indian College and the severe impact on tribal members of catastrophic reductions in the salmon fishery. They are awaiting certification by the U.S. Treasury Department of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to provide community-based lending and seed money.

Program presenters responded to a range of questions from RCOB and presented us with a carving and book Proud Nations, Celebrating Tribal Self Governance.

Ben Kuiken held the winning raffle ticket.



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