



## GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

**Gary Nelson** introduced  
Earl Settlemyer

**Fahri Ugurlu** brought  
Rud Browne with Ryzek

**Mike Plenkovich** introduced  
Jim Lombard with Veca Electric

**Joe Coons** brought  
Victoria ("Tori") Kinner, a WWU  
sophomore with junior credits  
after advanced placement, from  
Mukilteo. Looking for summer  
full-time, school year part time.

## VISITING ROTARIANS

**Pete Kremen**  
Whatcom North Rotary Club

**Mike Kirkland**  
Hospice Foundation

**Glendine Barley & Donna Edquist**  
Bellingham Bay Rotary

**Mike Lewis**  
Mt. Baker Rotary Club

## OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened our meeting with the following remarks:  
"If you were looking for two Sergeants at Arms who operate with little restraint, this is where they are.

If you were looking for a place to have some fun, this is it.

If you were looking for a place to get something really important done for our community, this is also that place.

Think about it.

The Food Bank, the Boy Scouts, Lighthouse Mission, offices at Northwest Soccer Park, Depot Market, renovation of the YWCA, and a lot more.

Virtually every major private civic project arises from the vision or support of this club.

None of this would have happened if it weren't for the people in this room.

We make it happen - with vision, with money, with time, and with leadership.

And with fun...if you count in the long winded speechifying by Cleary Cone.

Embedded in these accomplishments is the quiet way we do things here.

Long ago, our club developed this sense that the work that we do was good enough.

We don't do it for recognition. We do it because it is the right thing to do."

The Star Spangled Banner was played by Don Anderson, the Invocation was given by Kay Sardo, and visiting Rotarians were introduced by Fahri Ugurlu.

## BUSINESS NOTES

Each year our club offers four awards for distinguished service. They are:

1. Will J. Griswold Club Service Award
2. David C. More Sr. Community Service Award
3. Michael K. Mischaikow International Service Award
4. Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 9  
New Member Talks

## ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Calene LeBeau, April 3rd

## PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Bev Johanson, April 2nd

Tony Pechthalt, April 3rd

Dana Kuiken, April 6th

Caryl Litherland, April 6th

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Nicholl, April 5th  
3 Years

Pete Foti, April 6th  
4 Years

## THIS ISSUE:

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## HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Cleary inquired of GRAGG MILLER about his recent honor - Lifetime Achievement Award from the Whatcom County Realtors. When pressed, no one could describe what Gregg actually does, "He's just been doing it for a very long time."

Cleary pressed BRUCE MACCORMACK about his new home, indicating sadness that he felt compelled to continue to pick on Bruce, but Bruce appears to be able to pay for it. Is it true that Bruce's new home contains a bowling alley and an indoor rifle range? Bruce attempted to clarify that his wine cellar had the capacity for 1200 bottles, but he has not yet filled it. (Worth \$20 to the fund.)

Cleary asked SCOTT WALKER if it was true that the Port was planning to build a suspension bridge from Squalicum Harbor to Friday Harbor. Scott indicated that it was the City that wanted to build a suspension bridge. The Port had opted for logs.

Cleary indicated that he was concerned about the Herald's continuing practice of inserting quotes without appropriate context and cited as recent evidence an item about the new president of Whatcom Community College. HAROLD HEINER was asked about a comment that the incoming WCC President is "slightly more reserved." Harold indicated that he hardly knows anyone more reserved. Dr. Heiner was recognized by the group for his significant, positive impact on this community over time.

Cleary turned serious and asked if there was concern that the President had created a crisis of confidence, leading to calls for impeachment. He agreed that there might be concerns that it was too close to the end of the term to be worth doing or that we might get something worse if we were to remove the president. BOB NICHOLL objected to the politicization of our Rotary meeting, which is supposed to be beyond partisan discussions of Republicans and Democrats.

Cleary was aghast that anyone would have thought that his intent. He was referring to the wanton behavior of our own President Tim who has refused to disclose the identity of the bull rider or high jumper. Despite a shouted epithet from the back, to wit, "President Tim defies the will of the people," the request for a show of hands of members willing to support impeachment proceedings was pitifully thin. All those voting against impeachment got to pay \$1.00.

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The criteria for the awards are listed on pages 23-25 in the large roster book. These awards are NOT based upon popularity or popular vote, they are awards for LONG-TERM SERVICE; accordingly, the committee is careful not to select a member for an award because of very recent service only. Normally, the award should not be made to a current or very recent Club Officer, except when special circumstances (such as age, illness or relocation) dictate overlooking this caution. Again, the focus is based upon long-term service.

The Executive Committee, including President Tim, Jim Cunningham, Dave Blair, and Margaret Curtis, is accepting written nominations through April 30, 2007. The Committee will consider those nominations from the membership as they make the selection of the awardees. No Ballot shall be created or distributed. The awards will be presented at the annual "changing of the guard" meeting on June 25, 2007.

This year's District 5050 Conference will be held on May 31, 2007 at Harrison's Hot Springs. For those of you who are interested, reserve that date on your calendars.

President Tim provided an update on Rotary's work to eradicate polio. In 2005, there were just 57 cases of polio reported around the world. As of March 13, 2007, the reported number of cases was down to 47. These cases are located in four countries, India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan. The effort to eliminate polio entirely from the planet is within striking distance and that is encouraging.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Basketball Pool:** Mary Pat Beard and Pat Foley's teams lost this weekend, but they still won some money. Dick Tucker and Jan Marchbanks are still in the running. Dick has Florida and Jan has Ohio State. Sorry, Jan. Cash available next week!

**PETS Report:** President Elect Dave Blair attended the national conference. We think the acronym stands for President-Elect Training Seminar, but given the quote at the end, maybe "president's equestrian training seminar" is more appropriate. Dave gave us information that he gleaned from this very well-organized conference. He identified Rotary as an organization that makes a difference across the world and encouraged each of us to pay more attention when the membership committee asks us to bring new blood into the organization. We will need new blood to keep all the wonderful projects going. He concluded by sharing a story told by a teacher from Denver who apparently had some confusion in her presentation. When pushed for clarity she explained, "If the world made sense, it is men who would ride side-saddle."



President-elect Dave Blair talks about PETS

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**Pure Water Project:** Rotarian Donna Edquist from the Bellingham Bay Club gave us information about their fund raising event on May 6 at 11:30 at the Bellwether. They are selling luncheon tickets for \$60 that includes a raffle ticket in the price. President Tim wanted it duly noted that she began her presentation by indicating that this club is MUCH bigger than the Bellingham Bay Club and appears to be “the place with the really cool people.”

### PROGRAM:

#### DIANE BRULAND, WHATCOM HOSPICE

Diane Bruland began her presentation with a short video describing the work of Whatcom Hospice, a non-profit organization that has been here for thirty years. She also described her work connecting with the families to support both the Hospice clients and their families during the last days of life. She indicated that Hospice provides support from a 5-member team - nurse, social worker, chaplain, care assistant(s), and volunteer. Each member of the team is available to support the individual and family.

No one is turned away from Hospice for lack of ability to pay. While medical insurance and Medicaid most often cover Hospice services, those who have no insurance are still able to receive the assistance they need. People of all ages are served by this valuable organization, which has plans to build a Hospice House for those who have nowhere else to go, and can no longer stay in the hospital.



Diane Bruland from Whatcom Hospice

### RAFFLE

Joost Knops took home the \$35. Congratulations!

Joe Coons begged that someone would find a job for the daughter of his financial planner. The alternative was putting Joe back in the work force.

Matt Hammett shared the weekend with his mother who connected with a fellow Peace Corps volunteer with whom she had spent time in Morocco 40 years ago. Dale Kinsley was identified as that fellow volunteer and also offered Happy Bucks for the reconnection.

Karen Morse helped us all celebrate Joe's recovery by noting that he was able to stand during the opening song and is starting to take a few steps. All of us in Rotary are happy to see Joe's recovery and are so glad to have him back with us on Mondays.

Margaret Curtis appreciated the Rotarians who helped meet the funding targets for the recently completed YMCA Strong Kids campaign.

Chuck Snyder complimented the Meridian and Lynden High School Mock Trial Teams that finished 7th and 12th respectively in the recent state competition. Chuck noted that this is quite an accomplishment for small schools.

Del Vandekerck reported that he was back in the group of employees after selling his business, Office Systems Northwest. Congratulations appear to be in order.

Harold Heiner indicated that - by virtue of his retirement from Whatcom Community College - he has started to issue pardons, as necessary. In the future, he might be willing to consider issuing indulgences, but interested people better get started soon with their requests.

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