



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Bob Brunkow introduced
Jack Sikonia

Bruce MacCormick brought
Charles Rendina with
Rendina Law Firm

Paul Grey introduced
Mark Knittel

Gary Nelson brought
Earl Settlemyer

VISITING ROTARIANS

Bob Rouch
Father-In-Law of Gary Goldfogel
Kingsburg, California

Scott Wallace & Patty Latham
Whatcom North Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened the meeting with these comments:

Welcome. In a time of war, I want to talk about peace. For many of us, it is so saddening to hear about the violence and war and conflict.

People have discovered an endless variety of reasons to hate each other. Few things can make you feel as helpless as reading about the hate, the killings and violence. But we are not helpless or hopeless.

If there is one overarching mission of this Club and of Rotary International - it is this: to bring peace to each other and to the world. We do this directly by the hand of friendship we offer each other and to others in foreign countries.

Rotary International lists four objects of Rotary. One of the four is: "The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service." The history of Rotary is one of peacemaking.

- 49 Rotarians helped draft the United Nations charter and Rotary maintains a close association with the UN.
- Rotary created Rotary International Group Study Exchanges to bring international understanding to each other.
- And Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships,
- And Rotary Peace Scholars
- And its massive humanitarian operation.

Every year, Rotarians gather at an annual convention. There were 45,381 Rotarians at the 2005 convention in Osaka. They came from some 200 different countries. It is a sight to behold. They come in all forms of different dress, different colors and different languages. There is this air about the convention. We are one people. We come in peace. We are people of peace.

The Rotary Club of Bellingham is part of this worldwide peace effort. You have supported countless humanitarian projects around the world, from distributing wheelchairs to health care. But what we really distribute is peace, to Chile, to Guatemala, to Mexico, to people and places around the world.

Next month Tom Grinstad will host Rotarians from Turkey with no other purpose but to extend the peace and friendship of our country and his family to people from another country he does not know.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

June 25
Rotary Awards
Changing of the Guard

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Tim Fisher, May 2nd
Tony Pechthalt, May 5th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Self, April 30th
Laurie Scott, May 2nd

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Julie Foster, April 30th
John Aubert, May 1st
Chuck Beard, May 1st
Dave Bradley, May 1st
Dan Cheney, May 1st
Curt Cortelyou, May 1st
Dewey Desler, May 1st

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Gary Goldfogel stepped in for absentee sergeants-at-arms Pat Foley and Cleary Cone.

Bob Gibb, "noted Republican," paid a \$5 no-comment tax for his involvement with the Chuckanut Park District and their success in collecting enough signatures to get the issue onto the ballot.

Terry Busch claimed he didn't know how to turn off his new cell phone and therefore paid \$20 fine; we hope someone tutors him before next Monday at noon!

Gary noted that the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event was so much fun but suffered from too little participation. Fines added up for some people: \$2 for everyone who did not participate; \$2 more for any new member who didn't take this opportunity to meet more rotations; and an extra \$2 for any member who sponsored a new member who didn't attend.....

As I mentioned once, I believe that in my lifetime, Rotary will be awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace. And when that happens, it will be an award that properly belongs, in part, to the members of the Rotary Club of Bellingham.

Don Anderson played the Star Spangled Banner. Joe Coons provided an invocation echoing President Tim's remarks about peace and understanding, and reminding us all that it is more satisfying to give than to receive.

BUSINESS NOTES

A special Board of Directors meeting was held last Monday and members approved the resignation of Nancy Biting with great regret because of her retirement and moving out of the area. We will miss Nancy and wish her the best in her retirement. The Board also approved the membership of three new members.

Committee sign-ups for next rotary year are on the tables from Dave Blair.

The Major Projects Committee and the Service Fund Committee have both asked that you bring forward your ideas for a major project next year and for service fund contributions for this year.

Our club has a tradition which is probably unique to Rotary. We hold the Rotary Cruise in June of every year. This year it is scheduled for June 11 and we will be getting on boats to go to the islands. For newer members, you don't need a boat. Other members will provide transportation. Please mark your calendars to save a little more time that day to join the cruise. We will provide you with more details as we closer to the date.

The revelation that one of our women members rode a Brahma bull seems to leave a number of you wondering just who is this mystery woman. We're going to give you a chance to find out. But we are going to make you work for it. We are going to play a little game of "To Tell the Truth" in one of our future meetings. In a complete trashing of the Rotary Four Way Test, we are going to have about four women lying through their teeth about their alleged experience riding a Brahma Bull. Only one will be telling the truth about their true experience. Your job will be to figure who is lying and who is telling the truth. The only way you can get this right is if you do a little research on riding Brahma bulls. More information on this will follow.

Rogan Jones says there IS such a thing as a free lunch! Rogan, a three-year member of our Club and of the membership committee, spoke briefly on why he joined and is active in Rotary. He likes that through the activities of our organization he can be part of something that is bigger than just one person; he also noted that each week you have an automatic opportunity to discuss topics of community interest at lunch with people you might not interact with otherwise. In an effort to help us think about engaging new people with the Club, Rogan challenged us to bring a potential new member to lunch next week and he will buy their lunch.

Mauri Ingram let us know that our gift to the YWCA is helping the project move forward! The architect and contractor have been selected and the community capital campaign will start in mid-June. The YWCA annual leadership breakfast takes place Friday, June 8th, and both Mauri and Tim encouraged Rotary members to attend. Mauri gave us an update on successful milestones for the YW, including news that 33 women have moved on this past quarter, with 66% of them going into better permanent living situations.

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Mauri closed with noting that many Rotarians are involved and engaged with the good things happening at and for the YWCA: from logo development to interior design, from Herald profile to Museum highlight, from wireless networking to construction skills, Rotarians are finding ways to make a difference.



Mauri Ingram talks about YWCA.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

Rud Browne proposed by Fahri Ugurlu & Larry Halgren to fill the classification “Computer Equipment”.

Mark Knittel proposed by Mike Bradburn & Paul Grey to fill the classification “Computer Services”.

They will be eligible for membership on May 21, 2007 unless written objection is received by Sandee Lindhout, 2200 Vining St., Bellingham, Wa. 98229 prior to May 13, 2007

PROGRAM

Western on the Waterfront — An Update from WWU President Karen W. Morse



Karen Morse,
WWU President

We always like to hear from our own Club members about exciting things happening in their organizations which are integral to our community. Today was no exception as Western President Karen Morse provided the latest vision for locating select university programs at the new development at the GP waterfront.

Karen assured us that Western does not intend to “take over” the whole development - indeed, WWU plans call for developing seven to twelve acres, or about 5% of the available area. The sweet spot for Western is in a “V” shape - perhaps for Vikings - right on the Laurel Street extension. The university is looking at adaptive re-use opportunities as well as building a new structure.

Working in partnership with the Port, the NOAA Pacific Fleet (should it decide to relocate in Bellingham), the potential TerrAquarium, and others, Western would anchor a core green business/science and tech research LEED neighborhood.

Highlights of Western’s academic program plans are focused on four frontrunners. Bringing America’s first and oldest environmental college to the waterfront is at the top of the list. Huxley College would be housed in a world-class model for global sustainability with its emphasis on environmental research and education. Western is also exploring the idea of a technology incubator. Students and faculty would work with start-up businesses to bring high-tech concepts to the lab, develop new technologies, and ultimately bring products to the market. WWU is working in collaboration with St. Joseph’s Hospital on a patient-centered health care system, and last, Woodring College of Education proposes to house accessible professional development programs at the waterfront with opportunities for professional and continuing education for teachers, school administrators and human service professionals.

Karen provided an overview of next steps which include developing an agreement among the City, the Port and Western, and creating a financial plan encompassing federal, state and private funds.

Called out but not fined: Ben Kuiken was the only Madrona affiliate at the meeting to celebrate Eric Laine staying in Bellingham; Gary wished Rogan was paying for guest lunches this week since Gary’s father-in-law was here; and Mauri may have spent a few too many minutes on her report, but we didn’t mind.

The only happy bucks collected were from Gary’s father-in-law Bob Rouch who was in town to celebrate his grandson, Matt Goldfogel’s, Eagle Scout success. Bob is a long-time Rotarian who has committed to funding a Paul Harris every year, for life.

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