



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Mike Plenkovich introduced Jim Lombard with Veca Electric

Mike Bradburn brought Mark Knittel with Data Doctors

Bruce McCormack introduced Charles Rendina

Vic Tate brought his wife, Diane Tate

VISITING ROTARIANS

Stowe Talbot,
Bellingham Cold Storage
Bellingham Bay Rotary

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened this meeting No. 4108 by reminding us that even as we age we should not lose our idealism. He stated Paul Harris was a 37-year-old attorney who on February 23, 1905 initiated the idea of Rotary. By 1921, Rotary Clubs had been formed on six continents. In 1945, 49 Rotary members served in 29 delegations to the United Nations Charter Conference and in 1946, the Past President of Rotary International chaired the conference that led the formation of UNESCO.

When Paul Harris died in 1947, Rotarian donations amounting to \$2 million launched the foundation's first program - Graduate Fellowships, now called Ambassadorial Scholarships. Today contributions to the Rotary Foundation total more than \$80 million annually and are used to support humanitarian and educational programs around the world.

In 1985, Rotary made an historical commitment to immunize all of the world's children against Polio. Rotarians have mobilized hundreds of thousands of volunteers who have immunized more than 1 billion children nationwide. Rotary has contributed half a billion dollars to the cause.

Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to some 32,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Following President Tim's remarks, we joined in singing America the Beautiful accompanied by the very talented Don Anderson at the piano. The invocation was given by Dennis Murphy who said that we are given an abundance of choices to do either good or evil or nothing. Let us choose wisely. Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Aaron Booker.

BUSINESS NOTES

Sandee has received a check issued from WACHOVIA Securities for a donation to the YWCA project, but it did not identify the donor. Please contact Sandee if you have any information.

Board Meeting - There will be a Board of Directors meeting this Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Hagen Building. New board members for 2007-2008 are asked to begin attending.

District Assembly - The District 5050 Assembly is being held Sat., April 14, at Kwantlen University College, Surrey, B.C. To register, contact Sandee or go online to www.district5050.org.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 16
Kathy Pierre
Lummi Ventures Project

April 23
TBD

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

John Griggs, April 9th
Rogan Jones, April 9th
Andrew Moquin, April 9th
Pete Gaasland, April 11th
Bob Morse, April 11th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Deanna Sholin, April 10th
Andrea Elin, April 13th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Mauri Ingram, April 12th

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Scott Renne was fined \$10 but donated \$20 for Blue Sea System's large display in the Northwest Business Monthly.

Tony Pechthalt, who said that he was keeping a low profile at the Rotary Club so as not to be fined, caused all of those fellow low profilers who had not been fined this year to contribute \$5 each. Tony paid the \$5 and added another \$5 to make a plug for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on April 27.

Karen Morse, whose cell phone rang during the meeting, won over the hearts of the Sergeant-at-Arms and all Rotarians present when she said her phone went off just as she was reaching to make the following contributions:

- \$44 for her 44th anniversary with Joe.
- \$10 for the Seattle Business Forum.
- \$5 for Pat Foley who at a previous meeting roasted Karen regarding a bomb scare at Western and in doing so stated that Karen has all of the power at WWU. Karen invited Pat to attend a faculty senate meeting to inform the faculty of Karen's awesome power.

Nice cell phone defense, Karen.

Joe Coons would have been fined for an article about saving the yacht club but this was turned around when several others who helped contribute to the saving of the yacht club stood including D.C. Morse who suggested that since they had already paid to save the yacht club others in the club, who had not paid, should be fined. All those who had not contributed to the saving of the yacht club were fined \$1. Nice save, D.C.

Aaron Booker who won the Rotary Cruise was fined \$10 for not reporting what a wonderful time he and his family had.

District Conference - The District 5050 Conference will be held May 31 through June 3 at Harrison Hot Springs. There will be a variety of programs and speakers, entertainment, golf and the Harrison Hot Springs Resort. Again, contact Sandee or go to the internet at www.district5050.org.

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.

Volunteers needed for our work with Junior Achievement - Members of the New Generations and Youth Mentoring Committee are looking for volunteers to support a great mentoring opportunity on Friday, May 25, to support Junior Achievement by teaching classes to 4th and 5th graders at Carl Cozier Elementary School. The total time commitment is from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Barry Hansen, Co-chair with Rob Westford of the New Generations and Youth Mentoring Committee, reported that the committee has partnered with Junior Achievement to work in classrooms to teach students about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy. This year the program intends to put together two 4th grade classes and three 5th grade classes in which ten volunteers are needed to teach a total of 5 units. Each unit consists of five separate 45-minute lessons. Ideally, the committee would like have two volunteers for each class which would allow them to alternate teaching the lesson plans. Both Rob and Barry, as well as Cathy Buckley and Susan Zoller, are teaching but they need six more volunteers. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Barry Hansen or Rob Westford as soon as possible.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - The Social Committee has scheduled our next Guess Who's Coming to Dinner for Friday, April 27, at 6:00 PM. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables.

RI Foundation - Bob Boulé spoke on behalf of Rotary International which provides 100% of all funds donated to Rotary grants, most for education and humanitarian causes.

Basketball - Dick Tucker received \$255 for achieving first place in the basketball pool which he donated to the Phil Millard Scholarship Fund. Jan Marchbanks received \$155 for second place in the basketball pool which was also donated to the Phil Millard Scholarship Fund.

PRESENTATIONS

President Tim presented a four sapphire pin to D.C. Morse representing a Paul Harris Fellowship plus an additional \$4,000 which he has donated to the Rotary International Foundation (totaling \$5,000). Jan Marchbanks was also presented a three sapphire pin representing a Paul Harris Fellowship and an additional \$3,000 which she has donated to the Rotary International Foundation (totaling \$4,000).



Tim Farris, Jan Marchbanks, DC Morse

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D.C. and Jan have a long history of being wonderful supporters of the Rotary Club of Bellingham and Rotary International. President Tim stated that their inspiration showed that there was still opportunity for all of us to be idealistic by supporting people in need. He thanked them for doing their good works and for the example that they set. They were given a warm congratulations and a hearty round of applause.

PROGRAM



Vic Tate

Herb Ershig presented Vic Tate, Glen Nardi, Scott Renne and Calene LeBeau all of whom were to make their new member talks. However, because Msrs. Tate, Nardi and Renne had accomplished so much and had so much to say about themselves, they overran their respective times leaving Calene to make her new member talk another day. Those we did hear, however, were as follows:

Vic (the lion in winter) Tate, a family physician, was born in the same year as the stock market crash (1929) in a small Kansas town where his father was a station agent. His parents died when he was young and after graduating grammar school with seven other kids, he made \$0.15 an hour mucking stalls. Eventually he joined the Marines (The Few. The Proud.) to see the world but came back and attended the University of Oklahoma where he attained his undergraduate and medical degrees. He spent much of his professional life in California and then moved to Bellingham in 1997. Following the untimely death of his wife and subsequent time alone, Vic met Diane and is happily remarried. Vic and Diane are remodeling an older Eldridge Avenue home.



Glen Nardi

Glen (the stilt) Nardi grew up on the east coast (wherever that is) and so badly wanted to attend the Naval Academy that he convinced Former President Richard Nixon to sponsor his appointment. Following a term in Vietnam (where he escaped serious injury) and seven years in the Navy, he went on to a career of raising five children and publishing newspapers. He was recently transferred to Bellingham where he publishes The Bellingham Herald. He is happy to be a member of our community and the Rotary Club of Bellingham.



Scott Renne

Scott (the Renaissance man) Renne was born in Oceanside, California. After learning to swim, surf, fish and boat, he moved to Wyoming where he learned horsemanship and flying. He is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and later worked in the boating industry. In 1993, he moved to Bellingham and started Blue Sea Systems which now employs 75 people. His four passions are his family, his business, flying (he is a pilot), and boating. Blue Sea Systems outsources \$14 million worth of business in North America and \$1 million in Asia. He noted that working conditions where he outsources in Asia need improvement and has made a concerted effort to improve those working conditions. He also is a strong advocate of energy savings and has implemented that in his business.

Vic, Glen and Scott are wonderful additions to the Rotary Club of Bellingham and we are proud to have them join our Rotary family.

Brian Griffin paid \$10 for the record opening Saturday of the Farmer's Market.

Patricia Decker donated \$5 for a coalition of organizations coming together for the Art and Children's Museum and Mount Baker Theatre, including the Museum and MBT boards, City of Bellingham, Public Facilities District and Campaign for the Arts.

Dwayne Rogge made a contribution of an unspecified amount to inform us that there will be a luncheon on April 10, 2007 at Christ the King Church to honor Larry Olsen and club members Herb Ershig and Don Haggan. Former honorees from our club also include Vince Davis and Bob Diehl.

Peter Theisen also donated an unspecified amount for the successful completion of the Whatcom County United Way Drive. A record of over \$2 million was raised.

Tim Farris donated happy bucks to express his pleasure at seeing Joe Morse up and around and attending Rotary.

Calene LeBeau made a donation in honor of her son's recent visit to Bellingham.

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