



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Bruce MacCormick
brought Charles Rendina with
Rendina Law Firm

Fahri Ugurlu introduced
Rud Browne with Ryzex Group

Steve Adelstein brought
Rabbi Cindy Enger

Bob Nicholl introduced
his son Derek

Gary Nelson brought
Carol Thomas, BTC Exec.
Director/Foundation

VISITING ROTARIANS

Steve Rhea
Tacoma Rotary Club

Stephanie Sadler
Bellingham Bay Rotary

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened today's meeting with the following: Take a moment, look around. Look at the person next to you, across the table and around the room. And then I would like to ask this question. Who are we?

We come here every Monday. We are acquaintances and friends. I have to tell you, when I see another member of this club around town I have this feeling that, somehow, we have something important in common, something that is more than merely meeting every Monday and more than the honor of being asked to join this well-known club.

So who are we really? What is this really about? I think it is this.

When we join this club, we subscribe to a set of ethical values. Back in 1932, a Rotarian named Herbert Taylor identified those values. His business was failing, it was approaching bankruptcy and he had every incentive to cut corners. Instead, he sent every employee a set of values and ethics on how they should conduct themselves in a difficult time. This is what he wrote:

Of the things we think, say or do:

- *Is it the TRUTH?*
- *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
- *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
- *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

This is, of course, the Four-Way Test and it hangs here on this wall.

I'm not one for slogans but I have to tell you that the content of the Four-Way Test penetrates its way into our lives and our thinking and our conduct.

It ought to be noted that Mr. Taylor turned his company around and he went on to become President of Rotary International. And the Four-Way Test has been translated into over one hundred languages.

When we join this Club, we make a commitment to these ethics and ethical conduct. It is not a suggestion. It is a commitment ... binding and meaningful. And so when we see other members of this club around town the feeling that we have something in common is real and correct. We share a common statement about being honest, fair and kind to others. We accept that these are our ethics and our values. These are the values that bind us. This is what we have in common. And it is this reason we are proud you are here and proud that you are one of us.

Del Vandekerck accompanied the singing of the Star Spangled Banner playing on the trumpet. Kevin Allen gave the invocation. Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Scott Renne.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

July 2
No Meeting

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

- Laury Evans**, May 16th
- Larry Johanson**, May 18th
- Aaron Booker**, May 19th
- Marilyn Mastor**, May 19th

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

- Marlae Holtzheimer**, May 15th
- Joyce Cheney**, May 16th
- Gail Knops**, May 16th
- Joyce Jernberg**, May 19th

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FOOD BANK PROJECT UPDATE

Rod Elin presented the following exciting letter to the RCOB, Bellingham Bay and Sunrise Rotary clubs from Bill Geyer, Food Bank Task Force Coordinator, about the Rotary Food Bank Project. The letter says in part:

"Happy bucks for all! I had the pleasure learning yesterday that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded a \$300,000 challenge grant to the Bellingham Food Bank project.

The award consists of \$100,000 initial cash plus a \$200,000 challenge grant which we must match with community contributions. The Gates Foundation gave the project very high marks due in large part to the efforts of Food Bank Director Mike Cohen supported by many members of the Rotary Food Bank Task Force. Special recognition goes to Phil Hageman, Mike Smith and Drew Orem for providing construction details to Mike Cohen in the grant application.

The \$300,000 award puts us at \$1,350,000 in total funds secured to date and positions us to complete the \$2,000,000 capital campaign this summer. The remaining funds are being pursued aggressively - applications to three other foundations are pending while we solicit local suppliers/contractors for \$300,000 of in-kind contributions. The final stage will be a public campaign that coincides with construction start-up in late summer or early fall.

It is a testimony to the strength of our Rotary Clubs! From a meeting of a few Rotarians, we are marching toward completing our funding goal, and the start of construction is in sight. Many steps remain, but we can envision the thousands of Bellingham and Whatcom County families that will be served at a new Food Bank for many decades.

Thank you to each Club for their major commitments, and the leadership each one of you has provided for our effort to date. You can help us get over the goal line by communicating this latest success throughout our clubs and by encouraging all Rotarians to carry this message into the general community. We hope to build a significant buzz that motivates many people to contribute to the campaign.

Thank you for your continued support."

Rod noted that he never guessed when Jim Cunningham asked him to participate in the Food Bank Project 2 years ago that he would still be attending weekly meetings. Rod also said of his 20 years in Bellingham, serving on this project committee has been one of his greatest pleasures.

BUSINESS NOTES

Board Briefs - At its regular meeting, the RCOB Board accepted a letter of resignation from John Cooper effective May 31st because of his move to Yakima. He will be missed.

Major Projects and Service Fund Committees Seeking Ideas/Applications - The Major Projects Committee and the Service Fund Committee ask you to bring forward your ideas for a major project for next year and for service fund contributions for this year.

Rotary Cruise - The Rotary Cruise is scheduled for June 11. Participants will cruise to Orcas Island for a social visit at Paul and Ann Hanson's home followed by a catered lunch at Larry and Bev Johanson's home. Cost TBD but estimated at \$52/person. Sign-up sheets are on the tables. For additional information, contact Doug Cole.

District Conference - The District Conference is May 31 - June 3rd at Harrison Hot Springs. Please see Sandee if you are interested in attending.

Environment Committee Work Party - Saturday, May 19 - 9 AM - noon - The RCOB Environment Committee is hosting a work party in Bloedel Donovan Park from 9 AM to noon on Saturday, May 19. Plants, fencing materials and tools will be made available by the City and County to work on a "lake-friendly" landscape demonstration project on the shores of Lake Whatcom. Bring gloves and wear waterproof shoes/boots as the area can be a little soggy. If you can't make this date, there will be a follow-up maintenance party this summer. For that one we plan to coordinate a picnic event with the RCOB Social Committee.

Attention Veterans - Dan Cheney reminded members who are veterans that forms are on the tables to gather information about members' service in the armed forces as part of the club's history. He also encouraged folks to elaborate and provide more than "name, rank, and serial number."

PRESENTATIONS

Vic Tate Welcomed to Full Service Fund Check Presentations - Dwayne Rogge, RCOB member and Executive Director of the Mt. Baker Council of Boy Scouts, and Carol Thomas, Rotarian and Executive Director of the BTC Foundation, came forward to accept Service Fund checks. On behalf of Bellingham Technical College, Carol Thomas accepted a check for \$1,000 for playground equipment, a proposal sponsored by Mike Abendhoff. Dwayne accepted a check for \$900 for the Mt. Baker Council of Boy Scouts.

New Member Induction - Gary Nelson introduced Earl Settlemyer as a new member of the Rotary Club of Bellingham to fill the classification of Capital Markets Banker. Dennis Murphy gave the charge of membership.

After receiving his BA from Cal State and working in higher education for a few years, Earl spent 33 years in banking. Earl is retired, lives in Sudden Valley, is a private investor, is a member of the Bellingham Technical College Foundation Board, and serves in an advisory capacity to the Western Washington University Department of Business. He has also been involved with the Whatcom Community College and Skagit Valley College foundations. Welcome, Earl.

Rotary International Foundation - Tim Fisher made a presentation on the background and history of the Rotary International Foundation. The fund was started with \$26.50 in 1917 by Rotary International President Arch C. Klumph. Its very first grant was made to the Crippled Children's Fund. Rotarians honored founder Paul Harris upon his death with a memorial fund, creating a tradition of Ambassadorial Scholarships. The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world

understanding,— goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. Today, annual contributions to the Rotary Foundation total over \$100 million.

To date, 165 members of the Rotary Club of Bellingham have participated in the RI Foundation; 113 of those have donated funds through the Sustaining Member Program. The RCOB has awarded 191 Paul Harris Fellowships. Our current membership has 72 active Paul Harris Fellows (including 31 multiple PH Fellows and 6 Benefactors), all part of a network of 1.1 million Paul Harris Fellows world-wide.

Finally, member Gary Goldfogel and his California guest introduced a new foundation recognition program, the Paul Harris Society. This program recognizes Rotarians who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to foundation programs. District 5050 recognized such a program for our area effective July 1, 2006.

PROGRAM

Margaret Curtis introduced Laura Clark, Outreach Director for the Whatcom Humane Society (WHS). Laura, who has been in her position with WHS for over six years, described the WHS as one of the oldest non-profit agencies in the area, celebrating its 105th year this fall.



Laura Clark,
Whatcom Humane Society

WHS is an open-admission shelter, turning no animal away regardless of its age, breed, medical condition or temperament. Last year they cared for over 3200 animals and providing animal control services to a number of cities in Whatcom County, including Bellingham, Blaine, and Ferndale.

WHS is housed in a facility owned by the Port. That facility is not of a size or condition that will work much longer. The Port is ready to redevelop the site and has asked WHS to find a new location. WHS recently acquired a five acre site north of Bellingham and is preparing a campaign to develop a new facility.

The WHS has raised \$1.5 million and needs to raise additional operating monies. Currently dog owners license fees and animal control contracts with jurisdictions help cover operating costs. About 70% of the animals picked up are someone's pets. When unclaimed or unwanted animals are adopted out, they are vaccinated, spayed or neutered and provided with identification "micro-chips." The WHS will be holding a "micro-chip clinic" and can provide anyone's pet with one for only \$10.43 (the call letters of the radio station KAFE which is sponsoring the clinic).

WHS also provides other services and information can be found on their website, including information on how to retrofit property to decrease "nuisance wildlife," ways to avoid inadvertent harm to pets in hot weather and other helpful tips. In responding to questions, Ms. Clark noted that WHS enthusiastically supports the efforts of the Alternative Humane Society, NOAH, and Purebred Rescue, all organizations that help find homes for homeless pets. She also applauded the efforts of the many volunteers that help the Whatcom Humane Society carry out its work and encouraged Rotarians to the volunteer-staffed Paws Awhile store in Fairhaven.

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