



**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**

**Bruce MacCormick**

brought Charles Rendina with Rendina Law Firm

**Paul Grey** introduced Rud Browne with Ryzex Group

**Vic Tate** brought his wife Diane

**Ken Jernberg** introduced Jim Lombard with Veco Electrical

**Steve Adelstein** brought Rabbi Cindy Enger

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

**Pete Kremen**

Whatcom North Rotary Club

**Lance Calloway**  
Bellingham Bay Rotary

**OPENING REMARKS**

President Tim opened today's meeting saying: When natural disasters occur, we realize that some of the things that are most important to us are some of the same things we so often take for granted, such as gas, power, telephone and other utilities. These are the infrastructure that is so vital but too often ignored.

Our club also has essential services that are also too often ignored. When you come to the meetings, so many things just happen. When you walk in the door, greeters are always there to greet you. Our wonderful and dedicated treasurer, Steve, is always there at the back desk. The member who gives the invocation is always here with an inspiring message. A member never fails to introduce visiting Rotarians. Music is always there. The sports pool is organized. The Sergeant-at-Arms is prepared and ready to go. The program chair always has a program. Members report, photograph, edit and distribute the Tattler every week.

These are some of the essential services of our Club. They make our meetings fun, informative and inspiring. These services don't come from a board member or an officer - they come from the members themselves. The broad involvement of so many members in our Club is an indication why this is such a vibrant and healthy club.

I would venture a guess that you can remember the last time the power went off. But you can't recall the last time one of these services to the Club did not come off as expected. This rock solid reliability happens because this is a Club of leaders. Leaders lead by example. They do what they say will do.

But none of that relieves us of the obligation to be grateful. And to each of you, we offer our thanks.

Del Vandekerck accompanied the singing of America the Beautiful playing on the Flugelhorn. In the invocation, Rod Elin prayed for judgment, direction, faith and peace. Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Vic Tate.

**BUSINESS NOTES**

**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 next year and for service fund contributions for this year.

**Rotary Cruise** - Remember to keep June 11 on your calendar for the Rotary Cruise. On this day, club members will boat to the islands for a summer picnic. It is great fun. The Social Committee will be providing more information in the coming weeks. *(Continued on page 2)*

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**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**

**Karen Morse**, May 8th

**PARTNER BIRTHDAYS**

**Irene Sytsma**, May 7th

**Margie Goetz**, May 9th

**Cheryl Kinsley**, May 10th

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Glen Nardi**, May 8th  
1 Year

**Chuck Snyder**, May 9th  
13 Years

**Del Vandekerck**, May 11th  
9 Years

**John MacPherson**, May 12th  
4 Years

**Fahri Ugurlu**, May 13th  
5 Years

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## HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Sergeant-at-Arms Cleary Cone indicated that the fact that the sun was shining was evidence that there was a God in heaven. If the sunshine wasn't enough proof, he believed that having Paris Hilton taken to jail certainly was and anyone who agreed with him could pay \$1. NOTE: There were lots of dollar bills on the tables.

Pete Kremen is the only Rotarian with 150% attendance, since he goes to every meeting at every club in the county. Normally, that would cost Pete but since Jim Vos agreed earlier to cover all of Pete's fines, Jim was assessed the \$15.

Gary Goldfogel is not the only proud parent of a Washington Scholar. Craig Parkinson's daughter, Laura, was also recognized. The scholarship only covers part of the costs of college, thus Craig was fined only \$1.

Cleary wondered about the green Jaguar convertible that was parked diagonally across three spaces. Jim Wilson agreed that it was his and stated he felt justified since no one else was parked there. He was fined \$20.

Rogan Jones was identified as a Director for a new bank - Business Bank - and paid \$20 for that recognition.

Rob Westford was teased about the Bellingham Herald report of him being 58-years-old, married and having 4 children. Apparently, there was a correction issued. Rob paid \$31 - his true age - and reiterated that he is not married. No mention was made by Rob about children.

Chuck Snyder reported that he'd made a trip to Port Townsend and met past Rotary Club of Bellingham member Paul Stankavich who is now the General Manager for KPLU. Paul sends his greetings.

Gary Nelson paid \$20 in tribute to the BTC building named for David & Joyce Morse.

Rick Wright indicated that despite his youthful appearance, he has just received his first social security check and is starting a "junior geezer" table for those who are in the same category.

**Committee Sign-ups for Rotary-year 2007-08** - Members are asked to indicate committee preferences for next Rotary-year by completing one of the committee sign-up sheets placed on the tables.

**New Member Recruitment** - President Tim thanked all members who are active in recruiting new members and encouraged members to invite quality leaders to our meetings and to consider service to the community through Rotary.

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

**Big Brothers/Big Sisters Breakfast** - Doug Cole invited interested Rotarians to join him, Joe Coons, and Barry Hanson at the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Breakfast on Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 AM at the Lakeway Inn. This is a free breakfast where you will learn more about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters programs.

**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. (No, it's not actually in the lake!)

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.

**Sneak Preview of the BTC New David & Joyce Morse Center** - Visiting Rotarian Carol Thomas invited us to a "sneak preview" of the new David & Joyce Morse Center at Bellingham Technical College on Saturday, May 19, from 3-6 pm. Tickets: \$50 includes delicious hand-crafted appetizers prepared by BTC's Culinary Arts students, exquisite Dunham Cellars wine, live music and entry to BTC's famous Welding Rodeo. Live Auction of welded sculptures begins at 5pm. For reservations, call BTC at 752-8464.

**Attention Veterans** - Dan Cheney indicated the RCOB wants to acknowledge and periodically honor those members who have served in our Armed Forces. Dan asked that members provide the dates, branch and grade of service. In addition, he requested members give some reflections on their duty stations or any special events. Please call or email Dan Cheney before May 21st with this information. If you are reluctant to share particular facts, Dan indicates he will keep your information anonymous if you so request.



An uncanny resemblance...

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### PRESENTATIONS

**Vic Tate Welcomed to Full Membership** - Vic Tate has completed all membership requirements and was given his plaque of membership and welcomed into full membership in the Rotary Club of Bellingham.

**Depot Market Update** - Rick Wright indicated that there were three original goals for the Depot Market: (1) Create an iconic structure that would honor the historic nature of Railroad Avenue, (2) Create an affordable meeting place for community events, and (3) Provide a permanent home for the Bellingham Farmers' Market. One year later, the building is beautiful, it has been the site of various community gatherings, and sales at the Saturday market have increased more than 25%.

The next plan is to finish the community kitchen that will be rented by the hour to allow for cooking classes or small commercial culinary productions. Individuals who are interested in donating to this effort may contact Rick or Brian Griffin for more information.



Lance Calloway,  
Whatcom Sports Commission

### PROGRAM

Lance Calloway, Executive Director for the Whatcom Sports Commission, provided a presentation about the programs supported by that organization. The Commission was founded in 1986 as a 501(c)(3) and currently operates both Northwest Soccer Park and the Sportsplex. He described the programs available at each site and gave information on the economic impact of those programs.

Lance also provided information about the 2007 and 2008 Veterans Cup Tournaments that will bring 130 adult soccer teams to the area during the next two summers. He also thanked the RCOB for the generous \$25,000 donation that provided the funding needed to build the office at the Northwest Soccer Park.

Brian Griffin shared information about a recent trip to Ellensburg where Cleary provided a cultural tour of the city. He provided photographic evidence of a remarkable resemblance with a famous Ellensburg sculpture.

Paul Hansen commented that he remembered a time when the "well-oiled Rotary machine" failed. In a meeting at the Leopold ballroom, Paul was called upon to do the invocation because the Rotarian rabbi and minister were not in attendance. Paul reported that his mind went blank and then he heard himself saying, "Now I lay me down to sleep."

John Cooper announced his planned move to Yakima and provided \$14 to celebrate his 14 great years in Bellingham.

Susan Zoller announced the successful completion of the Vancouver Half-Marathon and presented a check to Rotary International in celebration.

Bruce MacCormack reported transporting his wife home from a recent medical test. She was still a bit groggy when she was released and when asked what the name of her driver was, she responded, "I think it's a Calloway."

Matt Hammatt announced a recent visit to Hollywood where he stayed with a lawyer friend who has clients like Cameron Diaz. He was unable to convince his friend to move to Bellingham to do condo sales and contracts.

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**Bruce Smith**

Estate Planning Attorney

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