



VISITING ROTARIANS

Bob Jones
Bellingham Bay Rotary

Clair Hibbs & Randy Bode
Mt. Baker Rotary Club

GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Paul Grey introduced Bruce
Clawson, Banner Bank

Ray Trzynka brought Kirby
Duncan, Business Bank
of Whatcom County

Andrew Evans introduced
Rabbi Cindy Enger

Cathy Buckley introduced
Ron & Alice Millard

**The Esteemed Parents of our
Honored Students**

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened with comments including the following:

“We offer a particular welcome to the students of the year and their families. It is our privilege to recognize these students: They represent so much: outstanding students from each of the high schools; incredible talent; and our hope for the future.

Today, we honor the best and the brightest of the next generation. We do so not only to recognize them for their wonderful achievements, but to remind all of us of the unspoken covenant between generations, a promise that each generation will educate the children of the next. We do this with the belief that through this promise we can make the world a better and more peaceful place. These students represent the hope for the future that they will take the education we provided them to invent, inquire and inspire.

We cannot honor the students without honoring the teachers. These amazing students would not exist without the teachers and educators in our community. The knowledge of these students is nothing more than a mirror of what teachers taught them.

This club has long history of being tied to the educational community. Leading educators are part of this club, and as we honor these students, we must offer special recognition of three of those educators who have served students in our community for many years and are retiring:

Dr. Dale Kinsley, Superintendent of the Bellingham School District for 16 years. Dale retires with this school year. These are his students. His last students. He has provided all of us with a school system for our children that we trust and admire. He ought to be proud. This community is - and for a long - long time will be in his debt.

Dr. Harold Heiner has been President of Whatcom Community College for 23 years. He retires this year. Harold is essentially the father of the College. Few institutions of higher education are as closely aligned with one educator as our community college is with Dr. Heiner. Thousands of students who have been able to pursue their education after high school are grateful - as are all of us.

Dr. Dennis Murphy is retiring as Dean at Western Washington University capping 25 years there as an educator and administrator. He has not only helped lead the college to achieve a prominent reputation, he is a wonderful teacher. I know. I was in the first economics class in the Western MBA program and Dr. Murphy was my teacher. A generation of students, of which I am one, are grateful for his leadership and teaching.

Here I would like to pause to allow us as students, as parents, as members of the community, to offer our thanks to Dr. Kinsley, Dr. Heiner and Dr. Murphy.”

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 11
Rotary Cruise

June 18
Bill Morton
Second Half Strategies

June 25
Rotary Awards/Changing
of the Guard

July 2
No Meeting – 4th of July Holiday

July 9
Washington Rep. Doug Ericksen
- Legislative updates

July 16
Larry Halgren - How to build a Marina
in your back yard in 10 easy steps

July 23
District Governor John Bosch

July 30
Dick Grimshaw,- Vetiver System,
proven green environmental solutions

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

Scott Renne, June 5th
Charlie Self, June 6th
Dennis Joines, June 14th
Jack Westford, June 14th
Pete Theisen, June 15th

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Hagen, June 6th
Margaret Miller, June 11th
Cindy Wilson, June 11th
Jack Delay, June 17th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Joines, June 10th, 5 Years
Barry Hanson, June 11th, 7 Years
Ken Marzocco, June 14th, 8 Years
Rob Westford, June 17th, 2 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS/ FINES/RECOGNITION

Due to the length of today's program, there were no fines or happy bucks.

Our regularly scheduled fine-fest will resume next week!

Members, visitors, and our honored guests then joined in warm applause for these esteemed educators.

Don Anderson played the Star Spangled Banner and Mike Plenkovich gave the Invocation, first with a remembrance of Eleanor Rinne, wife of our Member Ralph, who passed away last week. She was a fine mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved family, church and community. After a moment of silence, Mike quoted the lovely poem of Edgar Gurest attesting to the "Living Sermons" that good role models represent. Thought-provoking and appropriate choice, Mike!

Today our Sergeants-at-Arms Cleary Cone and Pat Foley had little chance to do their stuff, as we allotted all our time to the students we were honoring; we kept the shutter of Del Vandekirk popping, however, after Craig Parkinson introduced our visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the introductions, President Tim reminded us about NO MEETING NEXT WEEK, June 11, as we will be on the Rotary Cruise (and by the time you read this, it will be all sowed up as to planning, though you will want to call Doug Cole for any last-minute changes.)

There will be a Board Meeting on June 14 at the Dorothy Haggen Building at 4:30. And Tim is going to the YWCA Leadership Breakfast on Friday, June 8, and he invites you to join him.

A Member note that was squeezed out of the agenda: Marilyn Mastor is running with a team in The Puget Sound Race for the Cure on behalf of breast cancer research. Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Why not call Marilyn and make a pledge? 733-6025.

PROGRAM

Our program was the annual, exciting and inspiring student award day for students from the three high schools.

Dale Kinsley introduced the "Outstanding Students", chosen for their all-around school performance with each receiving checks of \$250. From Bellingham High there were Peter Donnelly, Katie Sharpe, and Jacob Hilleary; from Sehome, Dale introduced Sasan Bootani, Daria Harper, and Taylor Schenk, and from Squalicum High School we had Stacie Morse, Jesus Garcia, and Rhyan Russell.

Karen Morse was up next at the rostrum to introduce the "Academic Achievement" winners, each of whom gets a \$1,000 scholarship. These included from Squalicum, Melissa Pham, from Sehome Kelly Staves, and from Bellingham Carson Darling.

To wrap up the presentations Cathy Buckley brought forward former Bellingham Rotarian Ron Millard and his wife Alice to participate in the presentations of the Phil Millard Memorial Scholarships of \$1,000 each presented in memory of the late Millard son who died while playing in a Sehome-Bellingham High School football game. *(Continued on page 4.)*



Academic Achievement Students.



Phil Millard Memorial Scholarship Students.



BHS Outstanding Students.



SHS Outstanding Students.



SQHS Outstanding Students.

Awarded to promising athletes who also are academically successful, they went to Marie Smith from Sehome, Chris Kwiatkowski from Bellingham, and Emily Schick from Squalicum.

It is hard to describe the emotions of this annual recognition meeting: Every one of these young adults has accomplished amazing things in their young lives. Every one had fine academic credentials, every one was going on to higher education, every one was involved in school activities, sports, and community service. They all had had summer jobs and were clearly very high achievers. They were inspiring and gratifying and dedicated and attractive people, every one of them radiating a zest for a life of high standards and high achievement. WOW! Most of us in the audience were somewhat agape, overwhelmed with admiration for these students' accomplishments. As I said to one of the winners, "I was just like you in High School: That is, in my dreams."

President Tim closed with the following:

"To all of our students: First, you have been blessed with incredible talent. For that, you are fortunate. Second, never forget that with great talent comes even greater responsibility. The world needs you. It needs you lead the way of a new generation to make the world a better place. And finally, to our educators, Drs. Kinsley, Dr. Heiner and Dr. Murphy, we offer just one comment: Thank you for your many years of educating our children.

With the winning of the raffle by Tommy Thomson, the meeting was adjourned at about 1:15, but it will be long-remembered.

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