



**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS**

- Brad Burdick** introduced his wife Sharie
- Joe Coons** brought his wife Judy
- Tim Farris** introduced his wife Leslie
- Bob Gibb** brought his wife of 62 years, Ruth
- Dave Blair** introduced his wife Cheryl

**VISITING ROTARIANS**

- Steve Rhea**  
Tacoma #8 Rotary Club
- Pete Kremen**  
Whatcom North Rotary

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**OPENING REMARKS**

Today was the annual “Changing of the Guard” meeting. Several past presidents led us through the agenda, including Joe Coons, Dewey Desler, Bob Diehl, Brian Griffin, John Griggs, Larry Halgren, and Jan Marchbanks.

Don Anderson accompanied the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Kevin Allen gave the invocation. Visiting Rotarians were introduced by Mike Plenkovich.

Bob Diehl provided opening remarks and introduced President Tim, inviting him to make his final comments. Tim described his pleasure and honor to serve as president and his on-going support for the club. He also honored Sandee Lindhout for her continuing service to the club, and to him as president.

Dewey Desler described the RCOB Foundation and the Club’s Major Awards Program. He recognized the RCOB Foundation board members - Ken Culver, President; Bruce Smith, Secretary; Tommy Thomson, Treasurer; and Bob Gibb, Brian Griffin, and the late David Morse Sr. (now replaced by DC Morse) for their work as Trustees.

There will be no meeting next week (July 2nd) due to the 4th of July Holiday.

**CLUB AWARD PRESENTATIONS**



Dennis Murphy receives Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award

Dennis Murphy, recently retired WWU Professor of Economics, was the recipient of this year’s Karen W. Morse Vocational Service Award, named after and presented by WWU President Karen Morse. Dennis graduated from Western Washington State College in 1969 with an economics degree, got his Masters Degree in economics here in 1970, and then went on to earn a PhD in Economics and International Finance from Indiana University in 1974. He was on the faculty at Emory University in Atlanta before coming back to Western in 1979 as an associate professor. In 1982, he became director of the WWU MBA program, and in 1983 became a full professor and Dean of the school of economics.

John Griggs presented the Will J. Griswold Club Service Award – named in honor of the first president of the Rotary Club of Bellingham – to Don Anderson, while Don was tickling the ivories on the piano in the corner with no clue that he was

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**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- 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
- August 6**  
Rick Kaiser – Extreme Remote  
Conditions, Working on the North Slope
- August 13**  
Michael Bermudez - Border Patrol  
Challenges in the San Diego Sector
- August 20**  
Aaron Booker - The future of business  
communications
- August 27**  
New Member Talks
- September 3**  
No Meeting - Holiday

**ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS**

- Roland Trenouth**, June 26th
- John Aubert**, June 27th
- Warren Bestwick**, June 27th
- Jeff Haggen**, June 27th
- Julie Shirley**, June 27th
- Steve Adelstein**, June 28th
- Dick Tucker**, June 28th
- Roger Barnhart**, July 4th
- Ed Lowery**, July 5th
- Tom Mercadante**, July 5th
- Erick Laine**, July 7th

**PARTNER BIRTHDAYS**

- Lois Nicholl**, June 25th
- Charlotte Williamson**, June 26th
- Gene Zoro**, July 2nd
- Deborah Lambert**, July 3rd

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

- Jim Hines**, July 1st  
27 Years
- Bob Morse**, July 1st  
37 Years
- Kay Sardo**, July 8th  
11 Years

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## HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Happy Bucks, fines, and recognition will resume at our next meeting on July 9th.



John Griggs presents Will J. Griswold Club Service Award to Don Anderson

about to be honored. Don's Mother gave John information for this presentation by recalling Don's early piano experiences in Sedalia, Missouri. She said, "I got so excited when I got your message; he sure deserves that honor;" and the memories started flowing. When Don was nine, he wanted a piano so badly he said he would buy it himself with his own money. His Mom said "no way," so his folks bought a used upright and his father refinished it. Don was honored for serving the Rotary Club of Bellingham for close to 30 years as our resident pianist and musical director.

Mary Robinson received the David C. Morse Community Service Award, named for a recently deceased member who served the club faithfully for 64 years and who set a remarkable standard of community service throughout his lifetime. The award was presented by Jan Marchbanks. Mary was honored for her long-term service to this community, including serving 27 years on the Whatcom Educational Credit Union board of directors, where she was, among other responsibilities, board chair for three terms and vice-chair twice. In addition, she gave 24 years of service to the St. Luke's Foundation, including chairing the Allocations Committee which has the responsibility to review and recommend requests for major donations, primarily capital improvements. And, Mary was honored for giving tirelessly of her time, energy, and leadership to the Bellingham YWCA for almost 40 years.



Mary Robinson receives David C. Morse Community Award from Jan Marchbanks



Larry Halgren presents the Mischaikow International Service Award to Jan Marchbanks and DC Morse

Larry Halgren presented the Michael K. Mischaikow International Service Award to Jan Marchbanks and DC Morse. He noted remarks by the famous Jewish philosopher Moses Maimonides who said that one of the highest forms of charitable giving is giving quietly, giving without requesting acknowledgement or fanfare, simply helping those in need without asking for anything in return. Jan and DC have advanced international understanding, goodwill and peace by getting acquainted with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems through personal contact and travel. They have made it their mission to financially help hundreds of children and families by donating to, and visiting often, the children's daycare center in Cabo San Lucas, through wheelchair donations in Chile, and more.

## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Brian Griffin presided over the "changing of the guard." He recognized the retiring officers and directors: Jim Cunningham, Immediate Past President, and directors Brad Burdick and Rick Wright. Brian then identified the continuing officers and directors: Margaret Curtis, President Elect, and directors Chuck Snyder and Susie Thomson-Sines. New directors Steve Adelstein and John Macpherson and incoming Vice President and Program Chair Jim Visbeek were then recognized.

## HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Past president Joe Coons called retiring president Tim Farris forward and presented him with a gift. In his presentation, Joe shared comments from several past presidents regarding Tim's year as president including:

· "Tim's leadership centers on his success at instilling a sense of worth, importance, and pride in one's membership in the Rotary Club of Bellingham. His tasteful and frequently eloquent preambles each meeting have been well received and effective to that end. He leaves office having elevated the value of club membership."

· "Tim's monologue at the beginning of each meeting defines his year. Thought provoking, very upbeat, makes us all proud to be Rotarians in this great club. Sometimes I feel like I am in the jury box and he is giving his closing argument. It's very compelling!"

· "Tim's message at each meeting reminded us of all the good the club has done, whether we wanted the reminder or not. When someone tells you often how 'good' you are, pretty soon you believe it."



Outgoing President Tim



Joe Coons swears in new President Dave Blair

Joe Coons delivered the oath of office to incoming president Dave Blair and passed on the ivory gavel, reminding Dave that the gavel was NOT to be actually used and, given its fragile condition, will only be seen at the beginning and end of his tenure as president.

Dave Blair provided some insight into his plans for Rotary for next year. He plans a year where we focus on all areas of service, a renewed commitment to "service above self," the values inherent in the 4-way test,

and membership. We were also forewarned to remember to wear our Rotary pins, as was expected under the leadership of past president Dennis Murphy.

Joe Coons then led the group in a sparkling cider toast to all the incoming officers and directors.



Toasting a Great Year!

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## ROTARY CLUB OF BELLINGHAM 4TH ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S SUMMER PICNIC

Dave and Cheryl Blair and DC Morse and Jan Marchbanks are hosting the 4th Annual President's Summer Picnic for Rotarians and their families, including children and grandchildren. This summer lakeside gathering will give attendees the opportunity to swim, water ski, take a boat ride, canoe, kayak, visit, eat, etc!

**When:** Saturday, August 4

1:00 PM - Arrive any time beginning at 1:00 PM for snacks and activities

4:30 PM - BBQ, including salmon prepared by Jack Westford and hamburgers and hotdogs "grilled and flipped" by Al Archer

**Where:** Morse/Marchbanks Home, 1725 Edgewater Lane

**Telephone:** 733-5280

**What to Bring:** Bring towels, floats, water toys, etc. for people of all ages and life jackets for children who are unable to swim with reasonable proficiency. A few life jackets are available for children and adults who may need one.

### How to Sign up:

Put your name on one of the signup sheets on the tables

OR

Contact Jan Marchbanks by email at [jbmarchbanks@comcast.net](mailto:jbmarchbanks@comcast.net) or phone 733-5280



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