



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Pat Foley
brought Scott Renne
with Blue Sea Systems and
her daughter Jamie
with Brogan, Inc.

Mike Bradburn introduced
Joe Vidal

Drew Schmidt brought
Jasper MacSarrow

VISITING ROTARIANS

Carol Thomas
Skagit Rotary Club

**Stephanie Sadler,
Stowe Talbot
& Brad Cornwell**
Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Adoline Brown
Whatcom North Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened the meeting with the following: "I want to report a medical crisis right here in Bellingham. My daughter is working in a kindergarten. She took eight wiggly and ill-directed children aside to work on their math skills. She told each of them to take off their gloves and shoes and count their fingers and toes and come back and whisper the answer in her ear. Of the eight children: One child reported having seven fingers and toes; seven reported having a total of twenty-one fingers and toes. Only one of the eight was born with the normal set of twenty. Clearly, there is a need for a medical mission here in Bellingham as well as around the world." (NOTE: If you add the number of children reported in this story, you will find that President Tim's math skills need some work as well.)

We joined in singing America the Beautiful accompanied by Don Anderson on the piano. Kay Sardo gave the invocation reminding us to continue to help people whenever given the opportunity and do what we can to promote world peace. Dwayne Rogge announced and welcomed visiting Rotarians.

BUSINESS NOTES

*Mark your calendars for November 6 - Social Committee Function - Seahawks vs. Raiders: Gregor Hodgson announced a repeat of last year's successful football social gathering. The Social Committee has scheduled this year's gathering for Monday, November 6, at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club to watch the Seahawks vs. the Raiders. He promised a big screen and good food and drink. Sign-up sheets to attend this event will be on the tables in the near future.

*If you are not receiving the Tattler, contact Sandee: Aaron Booker has graciously volunteered to donate the distribution of the weekly Tattler for us. Currently we are using the old distribution list from the previous distributor and have found several errors. If you are not getting your Tattler or know a member who isn't receiving the Tattler, please report this to Sandee so that she can update the list and correct any oversights.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 25th
Dennis Madsen, former CEO of REI,
Coop principles in a capitalistic society

October 2nd
Matt Rose - Inside Travels in Beijing

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

John Raasch, September 24th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Cindy Abendhoff, September 18th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Dwayne Rogge, September 19th
1 Year

Joan Aioldi, September 20th
2 Years

Irwin LeCocq, September 20th
9 Years

Ted Mischaikov, September 23rd
4 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Sergeant-at-Arms Cleary Cone had some issues with the Coldwell Banker real estate ad in Saturday's paper, specifically the exact same house was featured on three different pages at three different prices ranging from \$299,900 to \$1,850,000. When asked, "What do you have to say?" Gragg responded, "Nothing is perfect." Bob and Gragg Miller were fined \$15 each for "a clear violation or the 4 way test."

Cleary has apparently been misleading us regarding the location of the Rotary International Convention, which he alleges will be held in "Tacoma." Nevertheless, he determined we needed more money to send our President to wherever the Convention is to be held. Thus, all members with less hair above the neck than Cleary were asked to stand. NOTE: There are not many Rotarians with less hair than Cleary. Everyone who was not standing was asked to put a buck on the table.

President Tim also had a hair issue with Jim Visbeek asking "Why so much hair and what do you call that hairstyle?" Jim told his Burlington Staff that he would grow his hair if his staff posted record sales. Another three inches and Jim will have a mullet.

Larry Halgren - \$10 celebrating a new job, which includes telecommuting and/or traveling to Florida.

Stephanie Bowers -- \$23 for 23 years of happy marriage to Rich.

John Cooper - \$5 to celebrate the Oregon Ducks victory this weekend. NOTE: President Tim said that he would pitch in for the win also. However, no money was seen exchanging hands.

*Update on the Food Bank project: A grant request submitted to the State resulted in a Department recommendation to include \$400,000 for the Bellingham Food Bank in the 2007 State budget. Final approval is subject to the Legislature's approval in spring 2007 and the Governor signing the award. Historically, the Departmental recommendation has been approved by the Legislature and Governor about 98% of the time. By the end of this month, the Food Bank will launch a solicitation of private donors, primarily within construction trades and suppliers, then expand into general business categories during October-December. They are also soliciting funds from the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

NOTE: From our Club, Blythe Plumbing & Heating's generous in-kind donation was joined by a \$5,000 in-kind donation from Yvonne Bianchi and CCg, Inc. (formerly Cartwright Creative Group), who are donating the design and production of all marketing materials that will be used for the Capital Campaign.

*New RI President Nomination: In another example of the international scope of Rotary, Dong Kurn "D.K" Lee from Seoul Korea has been nominated for President of Rotary International for Rotary-year 2008-09.

*New Member Breakfast Meeting: There will be a New Member Breakfast Meeting on Monday, September 25, 7:00 AM at Boss Tweeds. This is a perfect time to get a make-up and/or complete a new-member requirement.

*Ben Kuiken announced Football Pool winners: Al Williamson, Mike Bradburn, Tony Pechthalt and Rick Wright.

PROGRAM



Millie Johnson

Margaret Curtis introduced Millie Johnson from WWU who spoke about "Bees and Land Mines"

Did you know that honey Bees have been deployed in Iraq to detect land mines and other explosives? The advantage to using bees is that they are extremely sensitive to molecular trails. The disadvantages are: They won't work at night or in the rain or when it is cold. But they are 98% accurate at detecting explosive chemicals. They can be trained in as little as 2 hours, can be tracked with radio transmitters the size of a grain of salt implanted on their abdomens, and can pass on information about their training to other bees.

The story of the science that led to that discovery is both astonishing and complicated. Our speaker, Millie Johnson, had enough passion and enthusiasm to take us with her through a rather amazing series of discoveries based in large part on the work of Nobel Prize winner Karl Von Frisch. His painstaking work developed ways to mark bees and enable scientists to determine how they learn and how they communicate.

Recent work has enabled physicists to implant fractal antennas on the abdomens of bees so they can be more easily and accurately tracked and take advantage of their ability to track specific molecular substances.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

RAFFLE

President Tim reported Matt Hammatt's total ticket sales for the day was \$218. With Jack Westford's approval, Rob Westford will be given another chance next week to exceed Matt's record. If Rob is successful, President Tim will pay the fine. Buy your tickets and watch President Tim pay.

Jim Visbeek won the \$109 raffle. Hopefully he will use it for a haircut.

Ken Marzocco - \$25 to celebrate his Silver Wedding anniversary.

Chuck Farrell -- \$47 for 47 years of marriage.

Teri Treat - \$21 to celebrate her wedding anniversary.

Pete Foti - Another \$21 to celebrate 21 years of marriage.

Jon Sitkin - \$20 happy for a successful Chmelik, Sitkin and Davis Golf Tournament raising \$17,000 for charity, including the YWCA.

Julie Foster - \$20 happy about and appreciative for the Golf Tournament fundraiser and that the YWCA is a beneficiary.

Kay Sardo announced her retirement from the Opportunity Council after marking 12 years of work as Executive Director and her 70th Birthday. President Tim saluted Kay's significant contribution to the community.

Tom Grinstad gave some belated bucks to join Fred Sexton and Mike Bradburn in celebrating the move to 12th Street Village.

FOOTBALL POOL

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| 6 | Ben Kuiken | Steve Adelstein | Cooper Treat | Sharon Rohrbacher | Jon Sitkin | Mike Plenkovich | Ken Marzocco | Matt Hammatt | Daver Morse | Paul Hanson |
| 5 | Sandee & Dick | Al Williamson | John Aubert | Bob Nicholl | Dan Cheney | Sylvia Haggen | Laury Evans | David Morse Sr. | JC Hickman | Barry Hanson |
| 1 | Tim Farris | Joe Coons | Fred "O" | Tim Fisher | Roland Trenouth | Jan Marchbanks | Pat Foley | Irwin LeCocq | Anne Caldwell | Dick Johnson |
| 0 | Bob Boulé | Jim Vos | Ron Jepson | Cleary Cone | Jeff Jenkins | Kay Sardo | Pete Kremen | Pete Foti | Glen Nardi | Dana Kuiken |
| 2 | Don Haggen | Mary Pat Beard | Wayne Langei | Gary Nelson | Bob Morse | Fred Kaiser | Don Anderson | Ed Lowery | Al & Fred Inc. | Virginia Barry 739-5050 |
| 9 | Greg Grant | Margaret Curtis | Dick Tucker | Larry Halgren | Fred "O" | Ann Hanson | Paul Landgren | Gregor Hodgson | Gragg Miller | Dean Shintaffer |
| 7 | Tony Pechthalt | Rick Wright | Fahri Ugurlu | Jack Mulhern | Dewey Dessler | Drew Schmidt | Kathy Hughes | Bob Gibb | Rick Haggen | Tony Pechthalt |
| 3 | Jeff McClure | Bud Peth | Erick Laine | Mary Robinson | Jack Westford | Jim Caldwell | Tom Grinstad | Fred Sexton | Rogan Jones | Chuck Snyder |
| 8 | David Blair | Mike Bradburn | Jim Wilson | Susie Thomson-Sines | Al Marsh | Roger Barnhart | Fahri Ugurlu | Larry Ziels | Chuck Beard | Teri Treat |
| 4 | Ann Jones | John Holtheheimer | | Jim Visbeek | Kathy Haggen | Rod Elin | Peggy Zoro | Al Marsh Peggy Zoro | Ralph Rinne | Millard Fund |

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Art is knowing which ones to keep.
—Scott Adams

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