



GUESTS OF ROTARIANS

Joe Coons brought Scott Renne with Blue Sea Systems

Bruce MacCormack introduced Dr. Marcus Mueller with Beyond Conceptual

Bob Morse brought Calene LeBeau with Whatcom Community Foundation

Barry Hansen introduced Glen Byers with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

VISITING ROTARIANS

Bill Kirby, State Government Carson City, NV

Mike Kirkland & Robin Schmidt Bellingham Bay Rotary Club

Adoline Brown Whatcom North Rotary Club

Lynda Goodrich Sunrise Rotary Club

OPENING REMARKS

President Tim opened the meeting saying: *You can spread the word to the other Rotary Clubs in Bellingham that I've taken up "trash talking." Here it is: Since 1966, the Rotary Club of Bellingham, that is each of you, has given to 99 different organizations. Here are just 8 of the 99:*

- \$100,000 for the swimming pool
- \$30,000 to the Boys and Girls Club
- \$6,000 to the day care center in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- \$25,000 to the Depot Market
- \$14,000 to Environmental Projects
- \$10,000 to the Village Green
- \$125,000 to the Lighthouse Mission
- \$150,000 in scholarships

Since 1966, our club has given over \$1,450,000. To our members and guests - and mostly to the visiting Rotarians - I welcome you to the best Rotary Club in town.

Don Anderson accompanied us in singing the Star Spangled Banner. John Cooper gave the invocation, inviting us to consider that the Islamic month of Ramadan and the Jewish holy days of Rosh Hashanah both began over the weekend. In both of these powerful religions, this time of year is intended as a time of change, reflection and rebirth. John asked that we all continue to promote peace, fellowship and understanding in our lives. Irwin LeCocq introduced visiting Rotarians.

BUSINESS NOTES

President Tim reminded Club members that historically our Club has undertaken its fundraising in the fall. However last year fundraising was delayed until May. Tim is hoping to get us back onto the regular fall fundraising calendar. Thus, while it might feel like we have had 2 major fundraising events in a calendar year, we are continuing to have only 1 fundraising event per Rotary-year - July 1-June 30. President Tim confirmed that there would be only one major fundraising event this Rotary-year.

President Tim asked members to inform Sandee if they are not receiving the Tattler. He also acknowledged Aaron Booker who has generously donated the new Tattler distribution, saving considerable dollars in our Club's budget.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- October 2nd**
Matt Rose – Inside Travels in Beijing
- October 9**
Paul Pittman, Whatcom County Water Resources Division – Nooksack River
- October 16**
Nick Kaiser, Saturna Capital – Islamic Investing Tenets
- October 23**
John Janicki – Janicki Industries. Innovations in Composite Manufacturing

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS

- Curt Cortelyou**, September 25th
- Terry Busch**, September 28th
- Barry Hanson**, September 30th
- Fred Ossewarde**, September 30th

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

- Mary Hickman**, September 28th
- Wendy Jones**, September 29th
- Joan Wright**, September 30th

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

- October 1st**
- Roger Barnhart** 27 Years
 - Terry Busch** 28 Years
 - Patricia Decker** 13 Years
 - John Griggs** 35 Years
 - Don Haggen** 39 Years
 - Larry Halgren** 27 Years
 - Ann Jones-Richardson** 19 Years
 - Fred Ossewarde** 37 Years
 - Mary Robinson** 19 Years
 - Teri Treat** 17 Years
 - Loch Trimmingham** 26 Years
 - Jack Westford** 36 Years
 - Dick White** 25 Years

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HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Sergeant-at-arms Gragg Miller asked football pool winners to donate 10% of their winnings and, since the game involved UW, all UW alumni were invited to put \$1 on the table.

Fahri Urgulu was asked if he was happy about a new gelato store that he established downtown. Fahri indicated that there is no new store, but happily donated \$20 anyway.

Karen Morse and Stephanie Bowers were asked how happy they were about the 13,000 students returning to WWU. They each agreed to pay \$6.50, but Stephanie indicated that they were also happy that today's speaker had connections to the WWU Board, so increased their happy level to \$10 each.

Joe Coons was asked about his recent exercise adventure "out in the wild." He indicated that he had biked around Prince Edward Island. The island has a maximum elevation of 419 feet and Joe announced that he rode a total of 174 miles. He was happy to not be sitting on a bike seat and indicated that that part of his anatomy was feeling better. He agreed to donate \$1/mile.

The Membership Committee will meet with Co-Chairs Teri Treat and Fred Kaiser following the meeting on October 2.

President Tim invited our "in-house law enforcement officer" Sheriff Bill Elfo to share some information about a scam. Bill warned us not to fall prey to someone soliciting help for a family that needed to get back to Denmark. Other Rotarians and members of Kiwanis had been contacted by someone who claimed to be from the Danish Embassy. If you are contacted, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Ben Kuiken announced Football Pool Winners Rogan Jones, Ben Kuiken, Dick Tucker and Margaret Curtis.

PRESENTATION

Barry Hanson introduced Glen Byers with Big Brothers-Big Sisters. Glen provided information about an idea being considered by BBBS to support their funding needs. Specifically they are looking to start a for-profit business where the money earned would go back to fund the non-profit - in this case BBBS. He asked any interested member with experience in starting and growing a business who is interested in volunteering to assist in this effort to contact him at the BBBS. Their long-term goal is to establish a "Family Fun Center" that would house miniature golf, etc.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL: Scott Renne, proposed by Joe Coons & Pat Foley to fill the classification of "Manufacturing - Marine Electrical Products" He will be eligible for membership October 16, 2006 unless written objection is received by Executive Secretary, Sandee Lindhout, at P. O. Box 1578, Bellingham, Washington 98227 prior to Oct. 8, 2006.

BOARD BRIEFS

At the Regular Board Meeting held Thursday, September 21, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Bellingham acted on the following items:

1. Resignations from Val Berry and Don Drake with deep regret because they have moved out of town.
2. Resignations were also approved from Mark Simpson because of an employment change to Burlington, Washington and Rick Porter because of attendance difficulties.
3. Table Talk reports were presented by Rick Wright and Chuck Snyder and a report will be available to the membership soon.
4. 2006-2007 Fund Raising was discussed with the Major Projects Committee actively evaluating future projects and the Fund Raising committee will meet next week to determine how funds will be raised.
5. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Jim Cunningham, will also consist of President Tim Farris, President Elect Dave Blair and 2 members selected by the Board. We will need to select those members at the October 12th Board meeting. Members are encouraged to inform a Board member if they have a recommendation. Elections will be held December 11th and we must announce the nominating committee recommendations at the November 20th regular meeting.
6. The Public Relations Committee has met and agreed it is possible to have regular publicity about the club if we have the cooperation of other committees.

HAPPY BUCKS RECOGNITION FINES

Especially important is for committees to provide complete information to the PRC about events. E.g., When there are student of the month presentations, the committee in charge needs to give all details to the PRC which will convert the information to a press release in a format that print and electronic media will/may use. The PRC members should not be expected to run down information.

Our usual noteworthy events include students of the month, scholarship awards, and programs featuring prominent speakers or authorities. If our own members perform some exceptional service on behalf of Rotary to the community or beyond, we can help arrange suitable publicity.

We will notify media of significant speakers (when such are planned) for their own reporters to cover. When in doubt, the program chair should consult the PRC.

It is imperative that the committees give the PRC timely advisories in order to arrange coverage. The media are interested in news when it's new, not history.

7. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held October 12, 2006

PROGRAM

Today's program was presented by Dennis Madsen, former CEO of REI Co-op, who addressed business principles of a cooperative in a capitalistic society. Dennis shared that REI began in Seattle around 70 years ago. The founder started the business in an effort to "get a good ice axe." Significant growth was experienced when REI had the good fortune to have Jim Whitaker as its President at the time that he climbed Mount Everest. Since its founding, REI has grown from one store to 82 stores. Currently REI is a \$1 billion plus business with more than 2.8 million active "owners." REI was recently nominated by Fortune Magazine as one of the top 10 places to work.



Dennis Madsen

Dennis stated that "values matter" in the success of an organization. REI values are:

- AUTHENTICITY - True to the outdoors
- QUALITY - Trustworthy product and service
- SERVICE - Active and sincere support of customers, community, and colleagues
- RESPECT - Culture that is welcoming and respectful of all people and the environment
- CHARACTER - A code of rock solid integrity
- BALANCE - Work smart; have fun

Dennis closed by saying, "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

RAFFLE

The ongoing struggle for dominance in the raffle ticket selling business came to an end this week. Rob Westford sold \$ 360, topping Matt Hammatt's previous record of \$218. As agreed, President Tim paid the \$20 fine. For a mere \$1 donation Larry Halgren won the \$180 raffle this week.

Bob Morse, Assistant District Governor, was asked if he was going someplace for 3 weeks. Bob indicated that he was headed to Paris and would be on a barge but would be gone only 2 weeks. He was fined \$15 today and maybe more "when he gets back." Bob objected to the fine and objected in his official Assistant District Governor capacity to the "trash talking" that had occurred at the beginning of the meeting, saying it might get him in trouble with other clubs. However, when asked by President Tim if he thought this was indeed the best club, he responded in the affirmative.

President Tim asked Terri Treat why there had been no "Cooper report" for a long time. Terri indicated that her son, Cooper, is 18 months old and her only report was that a stranger had commented, "I'll bet you love your granddaughter." She paid \$5.

Craig Parkinson paid \$20 for his good health and shared some information about his neighbor, seven-year old Skyler Hamilton, who is currently having treatment for cancer. Interested members can help the family with financial support.

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FOOTBALL POOL

WSU

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

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