



THE DAWN

Mercer Island Rotary Club

Meeting Report for

17 November 2015

CALL TO ORDER: President **Tom** opened the meeting.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: **Nancy Lee** shared some material that was mentioned at **Chuck Wischman's** memorial service last Saturday.

VISITING ROTARIANS: **Debbie Moore**, Issaquah Rotary.

GUESTS: **Shannon Verscheren**, **Daniel Harting**, **Cheryl Maxwell**, **Cole Kopca**, **Alex Ko**, and **Kerry Paulin**

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Past President **Mak** inducted new members **Tracy Drinkwater** and **Steve Devos** who were sponsored by **Pat Turner**. and **John Oakes** who was sponsored by **Bruce Fletcher**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Lizzie Maxwell** was introduced as our new greeter by **Connie McLean** She is in the Mercer Island Transition program.

Patricia Darling promoted the kick off of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and a sign- up sheet was circulated.

Book Sales-**Robert Goode** is the coordinator.

Holiday Open House: **Mark Wischman** said that **John** and **Mary Ellen Matthews** are hosting a drop in open house on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 2 to 5 pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert.

Cindy Goodwin said that the all island ecumenical service will be held here at the Community Center from 5 to 6 pm on Sunday, Nov. 22. For the first time, the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs will also be represented, and all three service clubs and island churches and synagogues will all share what they do for community outreach.

Cole Kopca and **Alex Ko** from METRO announced a new ride sharing initiative that will encourage people to take alternative transportation choices rather than using single occupancy Vehicle trips.

PROGRAM: David Bobanick introduced Paige Edmiston who talked about a teen hero program she founded in 2014 variously called” HERO Capitalism and “Side Kick Collective”. A panel

of school teachers and administrators identifies students in Washington State who have initiated exemplary leadership activities and objectives. The most recent recipient was Emily Carlson from Sammamish High School, and videos were shown featuring Emily and also another Recipient from Chelan High School.

Bruce Peters won the drawing and will get a free lunch next week.

NEXT WEEK’S SPEAKER: Amber Gomes will tell us about an RI/Peace Corps Partnership.

President Tom’s closing thought: “We are change makers for good.”

MEETING ADJOURNED

SCRIBE: John Nelson

