**DAWN December 8, 2015** 

CALL TO ORDER: President Tom Callahan opened the meeting

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Cindy Goodwin gave the thought for the week – a quote from Barbara Bush: "Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others."

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS: Benson Wong introduced today's guests -Lucca Cero, nephew of Mike Cero and Mike Flood, Vice-President of Community Relations for the Seattle Seahawks, guest of Laurie Adams and today's speaker. Before introducing today's guests, Benson paid tribute to Mike Cero for his many years of service on the Mercer Island City Council.

FAMILY OF ROTARY: Bruce Peters is getting better. Brian Comstock has moved to Kline Galland (7500 Seward Park Ave. S., 206-725-8800). He is much better and is taking visitors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Sign-ups for helping with the Lions tree sales are continuing. Please contact Ryan Flynn or Tracy Drinkwater if you are interested. Patti Darling thanked all of the members who have signed up to ring the bells for the Salvation Army. If you would like to be on a substitute list, please contact Flo Chambers. Mark Scalzo reminded members of our upcoming drop-in Holiday gathering on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the home of **John** and **Mary Ellen Matthews** from 2 to 5 pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert and an unwrapped gift for the Toys for Tots. Mark encouraged members to park at the Community Center's lot and walk up the grass path to the Matthews' home. **Dave Helsby** reports that the Annual Fund Drive continues as we try to reach our goal of 100% participation for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Thanks to all who have contributed. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so as soon as possible so the Annual Fund Drive can be wrapped up soon. If there are any questions, please contact Dave Helsby.

Upcoming meetings: (No meeting Dec. 22, there is a meeting Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>).

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS: Nancy Lee announced the following slate of Club Officers for the year 2016-2017: President: Bruce Fletcher, President- Elect: Claudina Campbell, Secretary: Sam Sullivan, Fundraisers Director: Donna Buckingham, Club Support Director: Flo Chambers, Communications Director: Terry Lee, Community Service Director: Curt Greenberg. Continuing Directors: Carol Friends, Sandy Piha, Dave Shapiro.

**John Naye**, Foundation President announced the following slate for the Foundation Board for the year 2016-2017: David Thompson, Elizabeth Baska. John explained that the Foundation Board is made up of 4 elected members and the 3 members of the Club's Executive committee which for the year 2016-2017 are Bruce Fletcher, Claudina Campbell, Sam Sullivan.

It was moved by John Nelson, seconded by Bob Olson and unanimously passed by those members present to accept the proposed slates for the Club Board and the Foundation Board for the year 2016-2017.

President Tom informed the membership that an examination of the Club's books was very positive. Our 990 IRS forms have been completed, signed and submitted. He also reported that the Club's and the Foundation boards are developing and reviewing a Conflict of Interest form for their board members.

**PROGRAM:** Laurie Adams introduced Mike Flood, Vice-President of Community Relations for the Seattle Seahawks. The topic of his talk was "The Seahawks and the 12's" in which he related the various ways the Seahawks give back to the community.

**RAFFLE DRAWINGS (3):** Lucca Cero, Mike Cero's nephew won a free lunch and a Special Seahawks wrist band from Mike Flood. Chris Cleary won a miniature Seahawks helmet and Orm Sherwood won an autographed Seahawks football.

NEXT WEEK: Mercer Island High School Jazz Choir. The program will be from 12:30 to 1:00 pm, and the meeting will be from 1:00 to 1:30 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED

**SCRIBE:** Flo Chambers