



THE DAWN

Mercer Island Rotary Club

Meeting Report for

26 January 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President Tom Callahan

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: Tom Buckley explained why today matters: It is the best chance to make a difference in the life of others and in your own.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS: Visiting Rotarians: Rob LoBosco and Carl Behuse from Seattle 4. Guests of Rotarians: John Nelson's guest today is wife Jane, Ryan Flynn's guests today are wife Amy and daughter Kate, who is selling Girl Scout Cookies and her dad has a signup list.

BOARD MEETING UPDATE: President Tom reported the Board had attended a joint meeting with MI School Board and Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the annual Presidents' Social with other current Rotary Presidents in District 5030 and accepted the RCMI recognition on behalf of the club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) The MIHS Drama Department is presenting *Playing for Time* by Arthur Miller, dates are 1/28-30 and 2/4-6. Tickets available online.
2) The Annual MIYFS Fundraiser "Breakfast of Champions" is Wednesday February 10, 7:30 am. See Donna Buckingham if you can attend.
3) The Annual Fund now has \$68,000, and 114 members have contributed. The campaign is over at the end of March.
4) Ryan Flynn, Half-Marathon Chair, invited members to volunteer for Course Marshal and other jobs not yet filled.
5) Bruce McAuley announced the Rotary First Harvest "Heart and Wine" dinner 2/12 at 6 pm, hosted by Chef Thierry Rautureau. See Bruce for details.

HAPPY BUCKS: Among many other reports, Seth spoke about the need for school supplies at Van Asselt School.

FAMILY OF ROTARY: Bruce Peters reported Robert Christensen, long time member now retired, has died. He was a retired USN Commander. Gordie Rasmussen is in Covenant Shores Health Care Center, and Dick Martin is in the Memory Care Unit.

PROGRAM: Speaker did not show up. We watched a TED Talk by Daniel Pink, a lawyer who presented the case for self-motivation rather than external incentives for success in projects large and small.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: 2/2/16 Gilad Berenstein "A New Way to Book a Trip".

THANK YOU GIFT: Since we did not have a speaker, President Tom suggested that the funds that would be used for our donation of 1500 lbs of fresh produce to the needy and deserving be used for Van Asselt School needs. Curt Greenberg and Phyllis Williams will coordinate this project.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:23 pm.

"I'm an expert when I have learned so much about a subject that I begin to understand what it is I don't yet know." – Dr John Berberich

SCRIBE: Mary Kraft

