



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

Recently there have been surveys to determine the top five reasons that Foundation Alumni (non-Rotarians that have received Rotary Foundation scholarships or who have participated in Group Study Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards programs) choose to join or NOT join Rotary.

Here are the reasons why they **want** to join:

1. Community Service.
2. Meet a variety of people.
3. Make a difference or create a better world.
4. Help others have the same program experience.
5. Rotary is a good organization in which to be involved.

Here are the reasons why they **don't want** to join:

1. Too many other commitments or not enough time for Rotary.
2. Can't make attendance at weekly meetings.
3. Membership is too expensive
4. Age difference between self and other members

Clubs are **members** (mostly) men. While only 2.9% of Rotarians are RI or Foundation alumni, 22% of clubs have them as members. While 66% of Foundation Alumni are interested in joining Rotary, 58% of clubs don't recruit them for membership. Let us all keep our eyes open for potential future members as our own alumni group grows.

Clint's Corner



Here we are, half way through the month of November, and we are just over half way to our goal of 100% membership participation in our 2006 Rotary Foundation campaign. If you haven't written your check yet please do so as soon as possible. We recognize that not everyone can give \$250.00 to get the maximum match but you can still participate. Give what you can. Mercer Island has had 100% participation for the last four years which is an accomplishment unmatched in district 5030. We want to keep up that record. Bring your check to our next meeting or mail it to Mercer Island Rotary, P. O. Box 1, Mercer Island, WA 98040

In Our District

The District has just announced that PDG Rosemary Barker Aragon is a 2005-2006 recipient of the Rotary Citation for Meritorious Service. Each year, any district can nominate an individual to receive this citation. As you know, Rosemary is our District Foundation Chair and is donating much of her time on the Foundation's behalf. She is certainly a worthy recipient. She will receive the award at the University Rotary Meeting on November 17, at noon at the Seattle Yacht Club. The speaker that day will be Rotary Scholar Kristina Server

Upcoming Programs

Nov. 21 – Student's Civil Rights Trip – Rainier Beach and MIHS Students.

Nov. 28 – Business Emergency Preparedness – Christine Kenyon

Dec. 5 – Soulumination – Lynnette Johnson

Dec. 12 – Literacy Project in Ethiopia – Davie Weaver, University Rotary Club.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14 – Board Meeting.

Nov. 26 – Polio Immunization Day in India

Dec. 8 – Rotary Holiday Party – Cong. Church of MI – 6:00 pm.

New Member

Blair Rasmussen, (Boy's and Girl's Club), was inducted into membership. BJ Rasmussen, a Past President of our club, and brother of Blair, officiated, while Past President John Frazier presented the symbols of membership.

Milestones Birthdays

Nov. 14 – Marvin Anthony

Nov. 15 – John Nelson

Nov. 16 – Scott Bowen

Nov. 18 – Mark Wischman

Nov. 19 – Bob Baker

In Our Club



Andrea Frazier still needs help feeding her family while she recovers from her accident. Please check the following link to the MI Rotary web site for information on how you can help.

<http://mirotary.org/MembersOnly/files/FrazierDinners.php>

John Naye presented a special, very moving video invocation, based on the theme of today's Veteran's Day program.

Guests of Rotarians were: **Jim Peak, Nancy Hilliard, Chuck Maylan, Blair Rasmussen, Paul Booth, Winnie Mann-Hill.** There were a couple more, but no-one gave me their names.

President John Matthews gave a brief report on the last Board meeting. Things are going well.

Claude Layman is heading a project to sell apples grown by college students in Eastern Washington, to help finance their education. He has done it before. The boxes contain approximately 16 apples and sell for \$40. See Claude for more details.

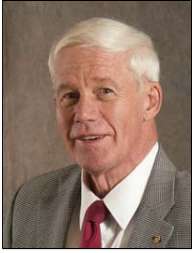
Keith Blue circulated the signup sheets for Salvation Army Bell Ringing. There are four shifts per Saturday, for four Saturdays between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Please sign up for at least one shift. This is a great time to have two hours of conversation with a buddy while performing a wonderful service.

Students of the Month: Sara Ramsay and Jake Bobman were honored as MIHS students of the month. The faculty representative was **Sharon Laska.** Sara's parents, **Alec and Cathy Ramsey** were present, as were Jake's parents, **Bruce and Karen Bobman.** Both students were very articulate and very involved in volunteer work and are looking forward to the college experience. **Joyce Hedlund** introduced the faculty **Sharon Laska**



Member Profile

Jim Stumbles (23 years of service)



Jim was born in Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and his college work was done at the University of Cape Town, where he earned his BA and LLB (law degree). He has been CEO of multi-national companies and currently is CEO of Northwest Protective Group in Seattle. He and Vyvienne, (also a member of MI Rotary) have three sons, Christopher of Hood River, Timothy in Seattle and Jonathon, single and eligible, in Seattle.

The Stumbles' have two grandchildren, Celia and Grant. Jim's favorite club services are World Community Service and Grants and Awards. He has a deep interest in furthering understanding between different cultures of the world. He enjoys ringing bells for the Salvation Army and serves on their Advisory Board and subcommittees. His hobbies included fishing and tennis when he was younger and now include his grandchildren and playing bridge. Jim's bedside book is "Your Body's Many Cries for Water", by Dr. Batmanheldj, M.D. His favorite makeup was in Cape Town, S.A. just after their big fundraiser, the Cape Argus cycle race, which draws 35,000 riders.

Today's Program

Crash Williams introduced Greg Asimacoupoulos who, in turn, presented a video of his father, Marine Corporal Edwin (Smith) Asimacoupoulos, talking about his experiences aboard the battleship Missouri. The ship survived many battles and a typhoon with 145 foot seas and winds well in excess of 100 mph. Several destroyers were sunk and a cruiser sustained serious damage...and the Corporal didn't even get seasick.

Cpl. Asimacoupoulos was an eye-witness to the Japanese signing unconditional surrender documents aboard the ship, in Tokyo Bay and conducted one of the participants to the signing table. This was a very moving video. Former bomber pilot and POW Jim Peak, related his experience of engine failures on his fourth mission over Germany, which resulted in bailing out and being hidden by a Dutch family for some time before being taken as a POW. He, and some 12,000 other captives were ultimately freed by Gen. George Patton.

We all wish more time could have been reserved to hear these stirring stories. Great program!

Story of the Week

Mary Clancy approaches Father O'Grady after the Sunday morning service...in tears.

Father asked, "What is troubling you Mary?" Mary says, " Oh, Father I have terrible news. My husband passed away last night." The priest responds, "Oh, Mary, that is terrible. Tell me, did he have any last requests?"

"That he did, Father", said Mary.

"What did he ask, Mary?"

"He said, 'Mary, please put down that gun!'"

Notable Quote

"The problem with beauty is that it is like being born rich and getting poorer." ... (Joan Collins)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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