



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

The government of Pakistan has announced an award to recognize Rotary's swift response to the plight of survivors last October to the worst earthquake in the country's history. More than 75,000 people were killed and 3.5 million left homeless in that disaster. As soon as the news broke, local and international Rotary clubs rushed emergency relief to hundreds of thousands of affected people. The Rotary world contributed more than US \$5 million, in cash and in-kind donations. "Rotarians in Pakistan feel tremendous pride in receiving this award because this is the first time that the efforts of Rotary in Pakistan have been properly recognized," said Muhammad Faz Kidwai, Immediate Past Governor of District 3270, who coordinated the efforts. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf will present the award, officially called Sitara-e-Eisar (the Star Award for Courage and Sacrifices), to Rotary International in February.

Clint's Corner

November is coming to a close. As of Nov. 21, over 114 members have already contributed to the Foundation. That leaves just over twenty left. If you have not yet been contacted you will be. Please make the Committee's job easier by writing out your check so that the campaign can be completed in early December.

Fables, Foibles & Fun

Pete Mayer introduced **Lonnie Lindell**, who has helped him a lot in his double duties with the city. (Parks and Rec plus Assistant City Manager)

Cyndy Simms rose to explain that MI Schools were closed because many of the staff and teachers were unable to get to MI from their homes.

Dick Martin bragged that the MIHS band played at halftime of the Seahawks game. He, at first, thought he was looking at the Huskies band, because it was so big in number. He said they were marvelous.

Joyce Hedlund ran into a number of Rotarians at the recycling center. She thought it was a mini Rotary meeting.

John Naye, always happy when Notre Dame loses, celebrated the USC victory, even though he has no love for USC either.

Jim Trombold recently flew to attend his father's 98th birthday celebration...and remarked on the terrific airport hassle we must undergo these days.

In Our District

The following letter came from a New Orleans recipient of the district's good works. It was received by DG Mike Montgomery on November 12, 2006: "This morning I came upon a plastic bag of incidentals and found a card indicating this was a gift from the Rotary District 5030 in Seattle. Thank you for your gifts. We are still working hard trying to come back. Many people are in their homes, but unfortunately most are still struggling. More than 2/3 of all homes were flooded. It's a long road, but moments like this morning make the load a lot lighter. Please let all concerned know, that the gifts no matter large or small impact our lives. The most important message I would like to get across is to not forget us. We still need your love and prayers and in turn we will never forget your generosity".

Regards,

Susan Fertitta

Upcoming Programs

Dec. 5 – Soulumination – **Lynnette Johnson**

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

Dec. 19 – Mercer Island Commercial Building – **James Casson**, Dollar Development.

Dec. 26 – Tax Preparation – **Curt Nakayama**

Upcoming Events

Dec. 2 – Rotary Park Work Party, 9am-1 pm.

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

Dec. 9 – Rotary 1st Harvest Work Party

Milestones Birthdays

Dec. 1- **Bill McGovern**

Dec. 4- **Jim Buckley, Boyd Loendorf, Rand Ginn, John Frazier.**

Dec. 7 – **Gary Smith** (Now I know why the Japanese picked that date!)

In Our Club

Last week, the names of the visitors from the Multicultural Scholars Program were not available at press time. Here they are:

Gabi Maxim (MIHS) and **Jailanna Leonard** (RBHS) made the presentation. **Holly Hancock** (MIHS) and **Chia Washington** (RBHS) were present in support of the presenters.

Guests of Rotarians: Lonnie Lindell, Juliane Klincke, Paul Booth, Warren Klink and Chuck Maylan.

Andrea Frazier is doing well and food donations are no longer needed.

The two young ladies (**Gabi and Jailanna**) who spoke to us of their experiences with the Multicultural Scholars Program have been requested to make a presentation at the District Conference.

Keith Blue reported that the first day of bell-ringing brought in more than \$1659. He also said some shifts were not filled for December 2nd. We hope you signed up to fill those slots.

The **Holiday Party** is December 8th at the Congregational Church. (6:00 pm) Bring a new, unwrapped gift for a teen, as is our tradition.

Dave Bobanick solicited nominees for District Governor for the 2009-10 Rotary year. Have anyone in mind?

Don't forget the Rotary Park cleanup Dec. 2 from 9:00-1:00pm. Most tools will be provided, but bring a shovel or rake, just in case.

Melinda Booth presented a blue badge to **Terry Lee**, who completed all requirements. Congratulations, Terry.

Pres John reminded us of the Apple Project in **Claude Layman's** absence. \$40 per box benefits students of Eastern Washington University, who grew the apples to help pay for their education.

Vyviene Stumbles has 16 Zimbabwe calendars remaining, at \$10 each, for those that have not yet bought one.

Pres John reported that **Eva Agrawal** is diligently writing grant proposals to raise money to build dams in India.

Our club and others are supporting the effort. Remember the presentation by Eva and spouse Yogesh?

Pat Turner and **Dick Martin** reported on the progress of the Annual Foundation drive. Only 13 members yet to write checks. **Pres John** would like to wrap up the drive next week, and asks that you get your check in.

Pres John asked the Foundation Committee to rise for recognition for a job well done. Much applause ensued



Member Profile

Bob Christenson (21 years of service)



Bob was born in Everett, Washington in 1936. He moved to Seattle in 1947 and attended Garfield High School. Bob graduated from the University of Washington in 1959 with a BA degree in Finance. He was employed as a controller for Foster and Marshall, Inc. and then moved on to Real Estate Syndication and Property Management. Bob and spouse, Barbara have one daughter who is 25. She is a Special Needs person and attends an Institutional school in Tennessee. Bob's favorite club activity was serving as assistant chair and then Chair of the Half Marathon, now called Run Day. His hobbies include many outdoor activities practiced over the years and pursued to this day. His current book is "The History of World War II". Bob remembers that his classification talk was too long, but the members seemed interested, because he talked about Real Estate Tax Shelters

Today's Program

Dave Gallimore introduced **Rebecca Clark**, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the City of Mercer Island.

Rebecca recounted the planning that has been done to prepare for an emergency of any kind on MI. She stated that first and foremost, we should establish an out of state contact that can be reached by us, our family or business associates, to let them know we are okay. While local lines can be jammed easily, out of state calls often go through. It can be a rallying point for those seeking knowledge. Rebecca urged that we put together an emergency kit and gave us a list of the recommended contents. She said MI has been divided up into sections and leaders chosen to coordinate with neighbors in that section. She urged that businesses do likewise. Re communications, she said that "Ham" station operators will set up at various supply container sites, (usually at city schools), so that urgent calls can be made. Also, we learned (at some expense to **Pres John Matthews**) that Costco has kits that provide food supplies for 120 days, with a shelf-life of 20 years. This kit has about half of the recommended supplies needed for an emergency situation. Good program!

Story of the Week

The cop got out of his car and approached the kid who was stopped for speeding. The kid rolled down his window to talk to the officer.

"I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said.

The kid replied. "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket

Notable Quote

"Men forget everything; women remember everything. That's why men need instant replay in sports."

.... (Rita Rudner)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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