



## What's Going on in Rotary

### World Wide

**World Peace:** Reasonable Goal or Mission Impossible? Rotary's goal of eradicating polio throughout the world has nearly been completed. Fulfillment has been delayed by obstacles of ignorance, prejudice and bigotry on the part of small groups whose narrow-mindedness threatens the achievement of that lofty goal by providing a source of incubation for perpetuating the disease. Our efforts may have assumed that scientific facts and common sense would allow self-interest to overcome preconceived notions in order to promote the individual and common good. Bias intervened. Will Rotary's even more ambitious goal of furthering resolution of issues related to peace, goodwill and world understanding face similar obstacles? It is well to note that the program does not envision that graduates will proceed to the scene of violent conflicts to invoke instant peaceful measures, but is intended to produce trained mediators who are experienced practitioners in conflict resolution and hopefully influence the next generation of diplomats and world leaders. A comparison can be drawn between the potential results of this plan and the obstacle encountered in the eradication of Polio. If sufficiently trained mediators had been able to resolve the objections of the reluctant population in advance of the scheduled administration of the Polio vaccine, could the delay have been avoided?.

### Clint's Corner

Our Mercer Island Rotary Club began a tradition several years ago, in which we honor an individual who has provided extraordinary service to our community, without regard to personal gain or reward and without receiving significant recognition. The person selected must demonstrate characteristics of honesty, integrity, compassion and generosity, thus exemplifying the ideals of Rotary. Shirley Silke is seeking nominations for such a person from the members of our club. The person ultimately selected will be honored later this spring, with the Mercer Island Rotary Achievement Award. There are no age or gender restrictions and the nominee may or may not be a Rotarian, or reside on Mercer Island, but their activities must have been of significant benefit to our community. Shirley asks that nominations be sent to her by Valentine's Day. E-mail [hssilke@aol.com](mailto:hssilke@aol.com).

### New Members

**Chuck Maylin**, (Advertising), **Nancy Hilliard** (Journalism) and **Lee Voorhees** (Municipal Bond Law), were inducted into membership by **Past President Curt Nakayama**. **Mark Scalzo** sponsored Chuck, **Keith Blue** sponsored Nancy and **Pres John** sponsored Lee.

### In Our District

A couple of weeks ago, the Dawn contained the following notice: "Per Rotary District 5030 DG Mike Montgomery, March 10, 2007 has been declared District "Service Above Self" Day, building on the success of our first such event (January 21st). District 7950 (Rhode Island, Cape Cod & the Islands and Southeastern MA) will dedicate March 10, 2007 as their "Service Above Self" day. Some of you may remember past Assistant Governor Stuart de Lima (who) relocated to the East Coast. Stuart brought the project concept to his district. They have joined us in this very exciting effort, and they have challenged us in a good-natured Service Above Self Day face-off."

President John Matthews said the board of our club has accepted the challenge and will be presenting a proposed project for the March 10, 2007 "Service Above Self" Day. Details will come soon.

### Today's Program

**David Witus** introduced **Barry Goren**, who is in charge of procuring donations for the College Success Foundation, (formerly known as the Washington Education Foundation). The name was changed because the foundation now works in Washington D.C. and has plans for further expansion. 60, 000 kids come from Washington high schools, but only 32,000 go on to or aspire to college education. The reason? Largely, money availability. Kids from poor families think there is no way for them to go to college. The foundation believes that about 6,000 more youths would apply, given the resources. Therefore, the foundation has set up a program to focus on helping these young people gain entry. The Gates Foundation gives \$125 million over ten years to the cause. Costco gives \$2.5 million per year and St. Michelle winery provides \$250,000 per year. There are 5 scholarship sources in all working for this program. In 6 years of operation, graduation statistics are coming in. To date, of 4, 000 students helped, over 50% have graduated. The goal of the foundation is to get that statistic up to 80%. This was a good program, great cause and a fine speaker.



### In Our Club

**Guests:** **Paul Fauske**, **Julienne Klincke**, **Carolyn Klincke** (Julienne's sister), **Bob Hilliard**, **Marilyn Blue** and **Nancy Hilliard**.

**Pres John** reported that the PEAK ballot, on which we will vote to support/not support the project, will be coming in a meeting soon, when the board's recommendations are submitted to the membership.

**Ray Brook** brought two banners from a trip to southeast Asia and Singapore, where he and **Gay** made up at local clubs.

**Pres John** reported that Wednesday, the 24th of January marks **Fred May's** 40th anniversary as a Rotarian. A standing ovation ensued.

**At Rotary 1st Harvest**, **Bob Lewis**, **Dick Martin**, **Bruce McAuley**, **Fred Reebbs**, **Jim Marich**, **Guy Townsend**, **Roger Morse** and **John Matthews** helped pack more than 24,000 lbs. of frozen corn and canned goods for the local food banks. (If I forgot anyone, I apologize...the list was compiled from my failing memory)

**Cindi Goodwin** reminded us that the food banks are in dire need. She solicited donations, which can be brought to MI Youth and Family Services for distribution.

**Shirley Silke** spoke about the Rotary Achievement Award project. (See Clint's Corner)

**Sam Sullivan** made a short presentation on the coming Run Day, with some amazing facts. The activities are expanding with a half marathon run and walk, a 10k run and walk, a 5k run and walk and a Kids Dash. More than \$100, 000 in sponsor donations have been garnered under the direction of **Elizabeth Baska**. There will be a Course Marshal's training session on the evening of March 21, at the Community Center. This is becoming BIG!

### Upcoming Programs

**Jan. 23** – Washington Education Foundation  
**Jan. 30** – Little Bit Therapeutic Riding Center – **Kathy Alm**, Executive Director  
**Feb. 6** – UW Dean of Engineering  
**Feb. 13** – Incompatibility - Grounds for a Great Marriage – **Chuck Snyder**

### Upcoming Events

**Jan. 28 thru Feb. 2** – International Assembly - San Diego, Ca.  
**Feb. 10** – Pre-PETS  
**Feb. 21** – Rotary Academy Mid-Term Session  
**Feb. 23** – World Understanding and Peace Day (Anniversary of the first Rotary Club Meeting)

## Member Profile

### Jim Hunt (18 years of service)



Jim and spouse Margee were both born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. After high school, Jim spent one year at Johns Hopkins University before entering the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1951 with a degree in engineering. Later, Jim earned an MS in Aeronautical Engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology and then an MBA at the University of Washington. Upon graduation from the USNA, Jim was commissioned in the USAF and entered flight training. He got his wings in 1952 and flew in various capacities, including training the reborn German Air Force. He also spent a year in Vietnam flying AC-47 Gunships. Later he was involved in research, with four years on joint duty with NASA and with the Air Force Rocket Propulsion Laboratory. After retirement from the military, Jim worked in facility development and management at Virginia Mason and Providence hospitals. Margee and Jim have four children and five grandchildren mostly here in Seattle, but one in Pennsylvania and a daughter in California. He has enjoyed working on the Rotary Centennial Committee. It has brought a focus on Rotary and all its accomplishments in its first 100 years. Outside volunteerism included tax preparation for seniors and 12 years of work with Senior Rights Assistance of Seattle. Hobbies include gardening, Photography and computers. Jim is currently reading "The Rhythm of Life" by Matthew Kelly. In his classification talk, he should have said, "Will someone please lend me a pair of reading glasses?" His favorite makeup was at the Bellevue Sunrise Christmas Holiday meeting.

### Story of the Week

Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on the busy street crossing. The cop would stop the flow of cars and shout, "O.K. pedestrians". Then he would allow the traffic to pass again. He'd done this several times and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, "pedestrians" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and asked, "Is it not time ye let the poor Catholics cross?"

### Notable Quote

"A rich man should leave his kids enough to do something, but not enough to do nothing." ... (Warren Buffett)

Have a good week! ... Jim Marich

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