



## What's Going on in Rotary

### World Wide



As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. In the early 1950's, a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis. Here is what it said: "A world minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers themselves as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he may enjoy freedom of thought, speech, and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want and fear;
- supports action directed toward improving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;
- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
- strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
- urges and practices a spirit of understanding of other's beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."This is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

### Clint's Corner

Our club sponsors an Interact club at Mercer Island High School. The RI Board established Interact in 1962 to provide opportunities for high school aged students to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. The term "Interact" is derived from "inter", for international, and "act" for action. The Mercer Island Interact Club, formed in 1999, is sponsored by our club. They work along side us and support us with our projects; and we work alongside them to support their community service and international service projects each year.

### Milestones Birthdays

- Mar. 19 - Charles Buck
- Mar. 20—Chuck Hansing
- Mar. 23—Cyndy Simms

### In Our District

Rotary International has named the week in which March 13th falls World Rotaract week. This is a time when Rotary clubs and districts highlight Rotaract by joining in projects with their Rotaract clubs. Our District sponsors a Rotaract Club near the University of Washington. Rotaract was created by the RI Board in 1968 to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women aged 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs emphasize the importance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success and community involvement. Each club is required to complete at least two major service projects each year, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding.

### Today's Program

**Elizabeth Baska** introduced **Meredith Atkins** from a special tutoring school named UCC, with facilities at Trinity Lutheran Church and in Seattle. UCC has 45 teachers, some accredited and some not, but all with special skills required in tutoring one-on-one. Meredith is a Speech Therapist and teacher. The objective is to help children...and adults with special learning disabilities to cope with their regular school curriculum. Many of the students are bright, but have organizational difficulties. Others need help with math, reading or other problems. The school is supported by "fee for service", grants or donations. Some scholarships will be awarded this summer. Most students are high school level. Some suffer with health issues (bi-polar, anxiety, dyslectic, depression, alcohol and/or drugs). About 500 students per year are served. The school has been active for 23 years

### Upcoming Programs

- Mar. 20—Rotary Run Day Final Preparation- **Sam Sullivan** et al.
- Mar. 27—MI School District Update—**Cyndy Simms**
- Apr. 3—Wal-Mart—**Jennifer Holder** - Public Affairs Mgr.
- Apr. 24—From Waste to Energy- **Philip Schmidt**

### Upcoming Events

- Mar. 16-18—Pacific NW PETS, SeaTac Doubletree Hotel
- Mar. 24—RI President Bill Boyd, Multi District Celebration Portland, OR
- Mar. 25—MI Rotary Run Day-(Full Club Participation Req'd)
- Apr. 14—Fireside - **Paul Smith home—7525 78th Ave. S.E. 6-8 pm.**

### In Our Club

**Guests: Carmen Wischman, her son Yogesh Agriwal**

**Pres John** thanked **Sally Porter** and her helpers for assembling 1200 literacy packets on Thursday and Saturday at 1st Harvest.

In response to **Gus Raaum's** plea last week. **Neil Thomson** and **Eva Agrawal** signed up as volunteer drivers for senior citizens.

**Dave Bobanick** reminded us of the waning opportunity to register for the District Conference April 20-22 in Coeur d'Alene. **District Governor Mike Montgomery**, visiting today, added to the invitation.

**David Gallimore** reported that the Marshal slots for Run Day are filled. We're ready!

**The Frazier Frolic** after the Run Day at the VFW hall needs volunteers to help clean up. A sign-up was passed.

**Ginny Chappelle** is recovering nicely from knee surgery.

**Nancy Prescott** is still having problems recovering from her surgery way back in August. There are some good signs though.

**Dave Lindstrom** introduced two guests from Mill Creek Rotary. We have helped them with wheelchair projects and they have helped by presenting our club with a \$5,000 check to help with our water project in India. As Pres John put it: "Cooperation with other clubs magnifies the help we can provide. Our next wheelchair efforts will benefit Panama and Armenia.

**Pres John** thanked **Denny Morrison** for his obviously successful efforts at apprising RI of our many service projects.

**District Governor Mike Montgomery** introduced **Past Gov. Sally Gray**, who presented **Past Pres Jim Trombold** with a banner hailing MI Rotary status as #1 in District 5030 for donations to the RI Annual Foundation drive during the 2005-2006 Rotary year.

**Pat Turner** and **Dick Martin** presented Paul Harris Fellowships to 11 new Fellows: They were: **Steve Webert, Dave Bobanick, Patty Darling, Boyd Loendorf, Reid Morgan, Dorothy Reeck, Dave Gallimore, Bob Herr, Blair Rasmussen, Paul Smith** and **Trina Westerlund.**

**Melinda Booth** used points for **Hubby Paul** to get a PHF, as did **Mark Wischman** for **Carmen** and his son.

**Sam Sullivan** thanked those who came to his home last Thursday to assemble packets for Run Day mailings.

**Harold Hill** said his granddaughter, one of the few accepted at the Harvard theater school, is in Russia for three months with a Harvard group doing plays there. He says this stems from the Mercer Island Youth Theater experience and urged us to take in "Oliver" which is now playing.

**1st Harvest Work Party:** Last Saturday 29 members worked to pack frozen corn and pack Literacy Packets. They were: **Dorothy Reed, Joanna Walker, Kyle Munson, John Matthews, Lee Voorhees, Dick Chappelle, Jim Trombold, Bo Darling, Shirley Silke, Duane Matthews, Neil Thomson, Joyce Wagar, Jim Marich, Dick Martin, Priscilla Martin, Fred Reebes, Eva Agrawal, George**

Chambers, Chuck Maylin, Bob Lewis, David Bobanick, Sally Porter, Bob Darling, Guy Townsend, Dave Helsby, Clara Munson, Paul Booth, Melinda Booth and Winnie Mann-Hill.



## Member Profile

**John Scherzo** (16 years of service)



John was born in Newark, New Jersey and raised in Kearney, N.J. from age two until he married at age 23. After attending the Kearney school system, John matriculated at Rutgers, leaving with a BS, majoring in accounting. He holds CPA certificates from New Jersey and Washington. In 1985, John received an MBA from the University of Puget Sound with a major in Marketing. John has been married to Maryann for 46 years. They have two daughters, one living on MI. She has a 13-year old son. The other daughter lives in Somerset and has two sons, ages 4 and 2. John's favorite club service was the year he had MI Rotary responsibility for Northwest Harvest. It gave him a real sense of helping others less fortunate than he. Outside service included involvement with an evening school for several years. John has been President of the Chamber of Commerce and currently is Treasurer. Hobbies include sports (baseball, soccer, and now, after 65, golf.) John collects antique clocks and does minor repairs on them and he and Maryann love to travel. John has just finished "The World is Flat" and enjoys a good Balducci novel. His classification talk was ten years ago, and he has trouble remembering what he said yesterday. John and Maryann enjoyed a makeup in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

with **Bill and Mary McGovern**, whom they just happened to meet on a street corner there.

## Story of the Week

The husband had been out of work for several weeks. One day he came in the front door and cried, "Good news. I've found a great job. Good pay, only four days per week, a good health plan and retirement, three weeks paid vacation and coffee breaks morning and afternoon."

"Wonderful," said his wife, giving him a big hug and kiss. "When does the job start?"

"You start Monday morning," replied the husband

## Notable Quote

"Natural beauty takes at least 2 hours in front of a mirror." .... (Pamela Anderson)

## Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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