



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide



Many Rotary clubs are thoughtfully surveying the needs of their community for literacy training. Some clubs provide basic books for teaching reading. Others establish and support reading and language clinics, provide volunteer tutorial assistance, and purchase reading materials. Rotarians can play a vitally important part in their community and in developing countries by promoting projects to open opportunities that come from the ability to read. For example, Australian Rotarians developed Lighthouses for Literacy projects in four schools in Thailand. This innovative teaching method proved so successful that the Thai government adopted it for all the nation's schools. Other Rotary clubs have used this model to develop literacy projects in Bangladesh, South Africa, Brazil, and other countries.

Clint's Corner



We recently heard a few of our club members share they had attended a Rotary Skiing Fellowship in Colorado. The International Skiing Fellowship donates the profits from ski events to the Rotary Foundation. Rotary Fellowships unite Rotarians who share professional interests as well as other interests as diverse as ballroom dancing to stamp collecting. You can find fellowships for golf, fishing, flying, chess, scuba diving and many more. The Rotarians in these international fellowships not only share a common interest, they share in service and in promoting world understanding. Perhaps there is an international fellowship opportunity for you. You can check it out on the Rotary website.

Milestones

Birthdays

Mar. 28 – Pete Mayer
Mar. 30 –Paul Smith
Mar. 31 – Vyvienne Stumbles

Upcoming Events

Apr. 12 - Fireside - Paul Smith home – 7525 78th Ave. S.E. 6-8 pm.
Apr. 20- 22 –District Conference at Coeur d'Alene
Apr. 22 – Earth Day
Apr. 25 – Outbound GSE Team leaves for Saitama, Japan

Upcoming Programs

In Our District

The biggest district event taking place in the near future is the District 5030 Conference in Coeur d'Alene Idaho during the weekend of 20-22 April. The venue is one of the most spectacular in the conference and the programs and learning sessions are sure to be excellent as always. (To say nothing about the social activities enjoyed by all). If you have not made reservations by now... you may be too late. However, it would be wise to inquire, if you think you would like to attend.

Today's Program

Patricia Darling introduced our own Dr. Cyndy Simms who spoke on the mission of the Mercer Island School District and how that mission has progressed since its adoption. The mission is to assure that all students will:

Be prepared to thrive in life, progress academically, intellectually and personally;

Graduate prepared to compete and succeed in post-secondary education and work;

Be inspired to contribute to society. Cyndy went on to show the results of the WASL in reading, writing and math at MIHS as compared to the rest of Washington State public high schools. The difference indicated great success.

MI students are expected to excel in Fine Arts, Health and fitness, Literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages. All testing has shown very high success rates. 96% of MIHS students graduate in 4 years. MIHS students have been rated #1 in state public schools in terms of college preparation by the Seattle Times. The students have achieved #1 status in several Sports, i.e.: Swimming, Tennis, Lacrosse and Golf. They have also been #1 in Debate and in Chess. This shows that students are achieving highly in a broad range of activities. Cyndy was unable to finish her presentation due to time constraints and will be asked to return for the remainder of her talk

Classification Talk

Mak Abulhosn (Podiatry) was born in Seattle to immigrants from Lebanon. His dad came first to establish a foothold and then brought his mother over. His family had a strong focus on family activities, with lots of big gatherings and fun. Mak and his brother emphasized sports while growing up and were active with sports in school. Mak was good at math and word puzzles, having some puzzles used by a kid's magazine. He started kindergarten at 5, but was quickly elevated to first grade. He graduated from high school at 16, which he said had some drawbacks (too young to drive and too young for teams), He attended the University of Washington, majoring in math and decided on medicine as a vocation. He had some difficulty selecting what kind of medicine to practice, finally deciding on Sports Medicine. He attended medical school in San Francisco. Having met and become involved with Lynn, she followed him to SF. He appeared on Wheel of Fortune and won more than \$5,000, all of which he used to buy an engagement ring. He served his residency for 2 years in Palo Alto and

In Our Club

Guests: Pat Braman, Tanya Hathaway, Bryce Morsello and Ginny Chappelle.

Pres John Matthews sadly passed the word that Steve Litzow lost his father last week. Our sympathy goes out to Steve.

Sam Sullivan was given an opportunity to report briefly on the success of Run Day. We had a record 3660 participants in all events. This compared with 3156 in 2006. And the weather probably kept some people home.

Sam thanked his committee chairs (and everybody else he could cram into the couple of minutes he was given). He received a standing ovation. One note: Elizabeth Baska presided over the team that garnered \$90,000 in sponsorships. Is she good or what? More results will be reported later.

Pres John reminded us of the Mill Creek Rotary Auction, next Saturday. It is their major fund raiser and they would appreciate our support.

Pat Turner and her committee presented a PHF to Ginny Chappelle via hubby Dick Chappelle. Then came a veritable avalanche of awards: 8 new PHF's and one sapphire to: Bill McGovern, Brian Comstock, Jim Frazier, John Gillespie, Donna Buckingham, Earl Payne, Vali Somers and Steve Litzow.

Second sapphires were awarded to: Dan Madigan, Dean Matthews, Jim Marich, Dale Dunning, Mark Wischman, Fred Mednick, Mark Scalzo, Dave Helsby, Stuart Scarff, David Weed, Don Walker, Merle Dowd, Bo Darling, Scott Bowen Fred Reebbs and Shirley Silke.

Third sapphires went to: Rand Ginn, Seth Landau, John Miller, Dick Martin, Jim Stumbles, Bob Kaercher, Fred May, Bob Christenson and John Scherzo.

Fourth sapphires went to: Dave Lindstrom, John Frazier, Bruce Peters, Curt Nakayama and Jim Aitken.

Fifth sapphires went to: Roger Morse, Dick Chappelle, Tom Ulie and Duane Matthews.

One Ruby went to Tom Watkins, Two rubies went to John Naye and Sam Sullivan and three rubies went to Neil Thomson, Ray Brook and Claude Layman. Gus Raaum was again honored for achieving Major Donor status.



Mar. 27 – MI School District Update, **Cyndy Simms**

Apr. 3 – Wal-Mart-**Jennifer Holder**, Public Affairs Manager

Apr. 24 – From Waste to Energy, **Philip Schmidt**

May 1–Klondike Museum-**Debbie Conway**, Superintendent.

in 1995, opened a Foot and Ankle Clinic on MI. He loves Rotary because of its community and global service.

Member Profile

Keith Blue (30 years of service)



Keith was born in Eugene, Oregon and moved to Gladstone, Oregon when he was age 6. He was raised there and attended West Lynn High School. He matriculated at the University of Oregon, majoring in General Science. After receiving his degree, and receiving his commission in the U.S.A.F. there, he met and married Marilyn in 1959. Keith then entered flight school in December of 1959. He had an eight-year career in the Air Force, flying KC-97 and KC-135 tankers. After leaving the Air Force, Keith joined United Airlines and enjoyed 30 good years there. The Blues have 3 sons; Mike, Sean and Brian. Mike and his wife Margaret, have two daughters and a son and reside in Magnolia. Sean lives in Los Angeles and is a flight attendant for United Airlines. Brian and his wife Jennifer, have a son and live in Magnolia. They are expecting a second child soon. Keith lists no hobbies, (but your editor knows he attempts golf on occasion). His favorite makeup was in Kona, Hawaii, where he heard Jacques Cousteau's son speak on exploring the waters off Hawaii.

Story of the Week

A group of scientists advised God that he was not needed anymore. They had devised a way to make human beings and no longer needed God's services. God said, "OK... but, may I ask how you do it?"

"Certainly", said the lead scientist. "We simply gather a few handfuls of dirt and process it.

God then said, "Can you show me?"

The scientist reached down to grab a handful of dirt.

God said, "No, no, no. You have to use your own dirt."

Notable Quote

"I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit, and to mothball his opinions." ...
(Omar N. Bradley)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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