



## What's Going on in Rotary

### World Wide

Two more Rotary magazines are outlined today as we close out Magazine Month.

• *Rotary-Navigating the Global Network.* Produced in English and French twice a year, this newsletter is intended for civic and humanitarian organizations around the world. Featured articles highlight best practices and suggestions for connecting with Rotary's network of 32,000 community based-service clubs worldwide. The most recent edition includes information on Dong Kum Lee of Korea who has been nominated to be RI President in 2008-2009, the first Korean to be an RI President. Other articles deal with UN recognition of Rotary polio eradication efforts, The American Association of Blood Banks appreciation for Rotary efforts to increase the world's blood supply, and Rotary's significant post disaster relief efforts after the Indonesia earthquake.

• *Rotary International Interactive.* This is a multimedia publication which is published monthly. A recent edition features an article on Steve Dudenhofer who sold his landscaping business in Florida, moved to Central America and raised funds in Guatemala to start a school, clinic and vocational training center.

Both these publications can be downloaded from the Rotary web-site.

### Today's Program

**George Chambers** introduced the speaker for today by first setting the stage for the subject. He introduced **Phillip Schmidt-Pathman, President** and **Doug Gilmore, Executive V.P.** of a firm that promotes the use of solid waste, normally transported to a landfill, as a source of energy production by burning the waste to produce electricity or steam, rather than taking it to a landfill location. Such locations are rapidly being filled. Phillip went through the normal objections to such a process e.g.; pollution emissions, disposing of materials remaining after combustion etc. He then proceeded to show how these objections are met and proved it by showing what the Germans have done with such a plant in Hamburg, Germany. He displayed a flow chart showing the process, outlined the many useful side products thus produced, and said that the air around such an installation is often cleaner than in the rest of the city. The firm is working with political and industrial and environmental bodies all over Washington to promote such a facility here. Phillip claims that he can show an economic benefit over current means of waste disposal. This was a good, informative program.

### In Our District

With a \$25,000 grant from Rotary International, and over \$10,500 in other contributions, Northshore, Kirkland, Duvall, Woodinville and Redmond Rotary have partnered together to provide a variety of immunizations to poor and at-risk populations. Their cooperation with Evergreen Health Care will help 1,150 at-risk and low-income people. The grant will fund the following immunization effort in 2007:

- Flu immunizations for 750 senior and high-risk adults
- Pneumonia vaccinations and education for 250 seniors
- Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis immunizations to 100 low-income adolescents, new parents and seniors
- Pamplona Virus immunizations to 50 low income young women, (ages 13-22)

Rotarians from the five participating clubs will volunteer to assist in registration and activities related to immunization days. The clinics will be set up by Evergreen in various food banks and senior centers.

### New Members

**Application for membership** has been received from **Mary Kraft** in the classification, **Nursing**. Mary is a Mercer Island resident and is being sponsored for membership by **Bo Darling**. Absent written objections, Mary will be inducted within 10 days.

### Upcoming Events

- Apr. 25 – Outbound GSE Team** Leaves for Saitama, Japan
- May 8 – Board Meeting**
- May 12 – 1st Harvest Work Party**
- May 19 – District Assembly**
- May 23 – Group Study Exchange Team** returns from Japan

### Upcoming Programs

- May 1 – Klondike Museum – Debbie Conway,** Superintendent
- May 8 – Clear Wire**



### Milestones Birthdays

- May 2 – Earl Payne**
- May 4 – Bob Darling, Tom Bierlein**
- May 8 – Sally Porter-Smith**

### In Our Club

**Guests: Claire Raam, Fred Jarrett, Brian Cairns, Don Stoullil**

**President John Matthews** gave a brief recap of the District Conference, which he labeled "Fabulous...one of the best ever." Our club was honored with several awards. Among them, an award for 100% participation in the Annual Fund, the level of giving (more than \$200 per member), and our work on the Akola Water Project.

**Sam Sullivan's** son, **Dillon**, produced a DVD presentation on the Akola project that played continuously at our display table. **Past Pres Jim Trombold** sent a letter of thanks to Dillon for his work.

**Bob Lewis** received an RI *Service Above Self* Award. He was nominated for his service by **District Governor Mike Montgomery** as the result of a recommendation and an application written by **Pres John** outlining his work. Each District Governor may nominate three members from the district. This results in thousands of nominees, from which only 146 are selected worldwide. To be one of 146 selected out of more than 1.2 million Rotarians is a very significant honor for Bob. He received a standing ovation.

**Amin Adatia** thanked the club for support of the very successful "Computers for Uganda" fund-raising Breakfast.

**David Gallimore** gave a short farewell speech. He is moving out of the area and has had to resign. He was a great contributing member and will be missed.

**Dick Chappelle** is still seeking nominees for vocational scholarships. Any ideas?

**Gus** and **Claire Raam** were honored for their bequest to the **RI Permanent Fund**. Unlike the Annual Fund, this money lives on forever because the principal cannot be spent. Only the earnings may be spent. The Raams received several mementos to display at home and on their persons.

**Cyndy Simms** was given 15 minutes to finish her bragging about accomplishments of MI students. She outlined the deeds of various sports teams as well as academic achievements, statewide. She ran out of time a couple of weeks ago and was promised time to finish. Our kids had a great 2006.

**Melinda Booth** advised the membership that directory info on new members will be forthcoming through a new system of dispensing the data without compromising privacy. (It's on the members only area of the website.)

### Fables, Foibles and Fun:

**Mak Abulhosn** bragged that his son, Brandon, has achieved 1 year of age.

**Tom Callahan** confessed that he had recently suffered a birthday...and it was not his first.

**David Weed** wanted us to know that both daughter and son are active in sports at school.

**Terry Lee** announced that **Nancy** will be going to London soon, to be honored at an International Marketing Convention there.

## Member Profile

Vern Leck (13 years of service)



Vern was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio during the great depression, and one would think this was a big disadvantage, but he and his friends made the best of it by fashioning their own toys and making up games that required no money and wearing hand-me-down clothes. His dad worked when he could find it and Mom stayed home. He went to a parochial elementary school and learned a respect for authority from the Nuns. Classrooms were orderly, as the kids would suffer consequences at home when reported. Vern attended a vocational high school. Parents insisted that kids prepare for a trade. Vern learned printing in high school and worked at it for a few years after leaving school. He didn't see any future in it and joined the Air Force for four years. There he took a few classes and decided to earn a degree. Under the GI Bill, he acquired a BS in Engineering Physics at the University of Toledo. He married while in school and had his first child, Mike. After graduating Vern took a job with Hughes Aircraft in Los Angeles. He then moved his family, with new son, Jeff, to Seattle to work at Boeing. There he took an interest in software. He transferred to Everett to work on software for 747 manufacturing. He decided to work on standardization of programming and pretty much worked in that area for the rest of his career. Before Vern and his first wife grew apart and divorced they added two daughters and another son to the family. After a few years, he met and married Marilyn and they were blessed with a daughter. Vern was introduced to Rotary by neighbor Dave Paden. He loves to work on Vocational Scholarships and the Four Way Test project in the schools. Outside of Rotary he teaches a class at St. Monica Catholic Church, which brings great satisfaction to him. He shares a hobby of investing in stocks and real estate with his sons. He golf's when the weather is right. He thinks his swing was programmed incorrectly but can do nothing about it. His current book is "The New Buffetology" by Mary Buffet and David Clark. He would add nothing to his classification talk. His only "makeup" was with his brother in Toledo...before he joined Rotary.

## Story of the Week

After happily dating her boyfriend for five years, the woman thought she had been patient long enough, waiting for him to propose. One night they ordered takeout Chinese food. When it came, her boyfriend asked,  
"So how do you want your rice - steamed or fried?"  
"Since you asked," she replied, seeing her chance, "thrown!"

## Notable Quote

"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function. ... (F. Scott Fitzgerald)

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

### This newsletter is financially supported by the following contributors:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Amin Adatia-----    | Simba's Auto Service                               |
| Melinda Booth-----  | <a href="#">Booth Construction</a>                 |
| Scott Bowen-----    | <a href="#">Personal Injury Law</a>                |
| Dale Dunning-----   | <a href="#">Wall Street Custom Clothiers</a>       |
| Craig Clampitt----- | <a href="#">Clampitt's Cleaners</a>                |
| Brian Jennison----- | <a href="#">Paysee Jennison Financial Advisors</a> |
| Seth Landau-----    | <a href="#">Island Security Systems</a>            |
| Jim Stumbles-----   | <a href="#">Northwest Protective Group</a>         |
| John Townsend-----  | Prosthodontics & Restorative Dentistry             |
| Petra Walker-----   | <a href="#">John L. Scott Real Estate</a>          |