



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

Rotarians help Virginia Tech heal.

Rotarians in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA, joined their community in helping the victims of the 16 April shootings, where student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 students and faculty and injured 25 others before taking his own life. The Rotary Club of Christiansburg-Blacksburg, Virginia, has made a substantial donation to the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund. The fund was already set up through Virginia Tech and helps the victims and their families with grief counseling, memorials, and various other expenses. It is named after the Virginia Tech mascot, the HokieBird, which resembles a maroon cardinal. A Hokie is also considered a loyal Virginia Tech fan. The Rotarians offered their homes to all students who wanted to leave campus and couldn't get home, but they also offered to house and help the families of the victims. Many Rotarians work on campus, and have also spent hours consoling and helping all students and families, and they plan to continue to do so.

Today's Program

Amin Adatia introduced **Catalina Valencia-Moreno** and **John Lao** of Clearwire, a company founded by Craig McCaw of cell phone fame. Clearwire was started to compete with dialup and broadband internet access systems. Catalina pointed out what Clearwire says are features that make their system a better option for internet access than DSL or cable. One feature, which seemed good, was portability when compared with DSL and cable. Clearwire is expanding all over the U.S. and North America and branching into Europe as well. The company is only ten years old and is growing rapidly. Tough questions from the membership were handled well.

Milestones Birthdays

May 18 – Bill Bain
May 19 – Ruth Brook, Keith Blue
May 24 – Cindy Goodwin

Upcoming Programs

May 15 – Changes in the Media – Ray Heacox, President KING 5 TV
May 22 – Legislative Update – Judy Clibborn, Fred Jarrett and Brian Weinstein
May 29 – Underage Drinking and Youth Substance Abuse on Mercer Island – Communities That Care
June 5 – King County Elections – Sam Reed

In Our District

New Family of Rotary Web Page!

Beginning immediately, District 5030 would like to give you a place to announce the big events in your life - things like weddings, births, Christenings, Bar Mitzvahs, promotions, graduations of your children or grandchildren - even your own accomplishments such as promotions, marathon runs, Seattle-to-Portland bicycle run, named to a Board of Directors, accorded some civic / professional honor, etc. If you would announce it for "Happy Bucks," consider letting District shout it from the electronic rooftops via the District web site!

Send information to Ellie Mazzarella at the District Office: ellie@rotary5030.org.

The only rules are:

Name the celebrant first.

Limit each announcement to 50 words;

Announce before the fact, or after the fact - not both;

Use following template - and request no gifts/donations, etc.

Template:

"(Celebrant's name), (relationship) of (Rotarian's name) (Rotary Club of (club name))(text of announcement)."

Clint's Corner

Important Message!

Tony Vedrich has posted the following link on our web site. Clicking on it will take you to important information on the "Presidential Membership Conference" The link is as follows:

<http://mirotary.org/meetingsEvents/>

Tony has also included the links from the original message from the PMC chair.

Upcoming Events

May 12 – 1st Harvest Work Party

May 19 – District Assembly

May 22 – Trial Rotary Meeting at the Community Center at Mercer View.

May 23 – Group Study Exchange Team returns from Japan

In Our Club

Guests: Don Stoullil, Carole and Bill Koenig (parents of Erica Hill), Mary Pointer (grandmother of Erica), Zia Hill, (15 mo. old daughter of Erica).

Pres John read a letter from **Anna Scott** (current Outbound exchange student from MI)

Pres John reported on the actions of the Board this morning.

Changeover Dinner date is June 28.

Lunches will be raised \$2 to give Joseph a well deserved raise.

We currently have 19 Red Badgers... membership continues to increase.

Next Fireside is 17 June. Details later.

Sports Day (Golf/Tennis/Party) is set for June 1.

Trial meeting at CCMV is May 22.

We are working on Wheelchairs for Akola as a project.

2 grants were approved. One for Boy's and Girl's Club furniture and one for a project in Africa.

Bob Lewis announced a search for used bicycles to send to a town in Ghana where they are badly needed. New bicycles carry a prohibitive import tariff, but used bikes escape the tax. Two weeks are left to donate the bikes. Examine your garage or basement for potential donations and call Bob. He will pick them up.

Erica Hill, a teacher and coach from MIHS was given the MI Rotary Achievement Award. Four generations of her family were present. (see guest list) Erica's credentials for the award were impeccable. She is a credit to our community and previously did not receive the accolades she deserved.

Bruce McAuley proudly announced that he has become a new grandfather...and then reminded us that the 1st Harvest work party is this coming Saturday and you may wish to invite your mother to help.

Mark Scalzo introduced Carol Wiseley, Marketing Instructor and DECA advisor from MIHS and Mike Radow, Social Studies Dept. Chair. A new state requirement for graduation is completion of a project during the junior year. Mentors are needed to guide students through their selected project, which could be a Marketing Plan, a Sky Diving venture, a Research project or anything else they may choose. The students may need help in these areas from mentors with knowledge of the project being attempted. Call Carol at 206-230-6344 or e-mail her at

carol_wiseley@msd.wednet.edu if you can help.



Member Profile

Don Walker (14 years of service)



Don was born, raised and educated in Seattle. He went to Cleveland High School, where he fell in love with his high school sweetheart, Virginia, and married her right after graduation. He went to the U of W School of Business. One year later, daughter LaDonna was born. His plans for the future changed several times during his younger years, but finally he chose a career in what he liked best: Cars!

His marriage did not last long, but his love for cars is eternal. He was V/P of Purchasing for a large distribution center in Renton for more than 20 years. Although very successful, living on Mercer Island and now happily married to Petra (1986), he went to Anchorage, AK, to buy an Automotive Wholesale business. Instead, he and a partner bought a wholesale building supply business in Anchorage. He became an active member of the Anchorage Rotary Club. He sold that business to investors that wanted it badly.

After Don and Petra returned to their Mercer Island home, Don joined M.I. Rotary. He worked as a manufacturer's representative for automotive parts and accessories. He became an avid golfer. Don liked travel, going for long walks, Seattle Opera and Seattle

Symphony. In 1998 Don suffered a brainstem aneurysm, when preparing for a hike at Sunrise on Mt. Rainier.

Thanks to Harborview Hospital, and Dr. Copass, he survived and is slowly recovering. His caring and volunteering of his time and knowledge to people in need continues.

Before his stroke Don has had a hobby as a gourmet cook. Petra is his sous chef. (For you Marines...that means a head chef's assistant and deputy.) Don's favorite reading is cook books!

His favorite club service was at the Anchorage Rotary "Christmas in April", but he also loves Rotary Run Day. Because of the good chef, he likes make-ups at the Rainier Rotary Club and he loves our club meetings for the same reason.

Story of the Week

Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron and standing over a lifeless man. The detective asks, "Ma'am, is this your husband?"

"Yes" says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club and puts her hands to her face.

"How many times did you hit him?" asks the detective.

"I don't know...five, six, maybe seven times....put me down for a five."

Notable Quote

"Take calculated risks. This is different than being rash." ... (Gen. George S. Patton)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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