



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

2007 Council on Legislation shows Rotary's "democracy in action".

The democratic process shaped the 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago. Perhaps no one was happier about that than Rotary's top leaders, many of whom were at the event, which ran from 23 to 27 April. Our **John Nelson** represented District 5030 at the Council. "It was very democratic," said Rotary International President William B. Boyd at the Council 's close. "The Board tried not to intrude, and the trustees were there to hear what delegates had to say. It was the delegate's Council. I don't think anybody gets everything they want, but that's the beauty of democracy, isn't it?" Overall, the Council had a busy week, addressing some 337 items that were brought forward by delegates coming from throughout Rotary's 530 districts worldwide. Ways to bring new members into Rotary and keep the family of Rotary growing were key themes during the first two days of the meeting. Enactment 07-329, which passed with overwhelming support, adds a phrase to the RI constitution that says community leaders can join business and professional leaders in Rotary. The Council also sent resounding endorsements of two items related to key initiatives. [Enactment 07-68](#) affirmed that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International, while [07-116](#) endorsed the mission, motto, and priorities of the Future Vision Plan for The Rotary Foundation.

Today's Program

John Naye introduced **Ray Heacox**, President of King 5 Broadcasting. Mr. Heacox gave a presentation on how the advent of the internet and digital devices has changed the media as we have known it in the past. Readership of newspapers is drastically down and usage of the internet for news is growing rapidly. This change in habits has caused all media producers to re-examine how they dispense the news and how they approach advertising. There are three elements associated with advertising by the media: The reach, the frequency and the environment. How can we reach the most people, how often must we repeat the message and what is the environment in which the message will be received? Those are the main questions. The digital era of DSL, Comcast and the Internet in general, has changed how the media disperse and dispense information. The public has drastically changed the way they seek information. The challenge is to satisfy these changes. Ray Heacox did a fine job of presenting the challenges to the media. The world is indeed, changing.

Milestones Birthdays

May 27 – Merle Dowd
May 30 – John Scherzo

In Our District

Projects that District 5030 has funded in the last 2-3 years:

- Healing Garden at Highline Medical Center (Rotary Clubs of Southcenter, Burien-White Center, Tukwila, Des Moines, and Vashon);
- Van for Meals on Wheels (Rotary Club of Bellevue)
- Assault survivor kit for Eastside Puget Sound Hospitals (Rotary Club of University);
- Outdoor learning center - permanent tables, bark, trees at Eastgate Elementary School (Rotary Club of Bellevue Sunrise);
- Cribs and diaper drive tool kit for poor families (Rotary Clubs of West Seattle and Burien-White Center);
- Survival packs for Eastside Domestic Violence (Rotary Club of Bellevue Sunrise);
- Scholarships for 43 youth at Boys and Girls Clubs of Mercer Island (**Rotary Club of Mercer Island**);
- Refrigerator and freezer for Maple Valley food bank (Rotary Club of Maple Valley);
- Equipment for teaching youth in an environmental lab (Rotary Club of Vashon);
- Outdoor play area for homeless youth (Rotary Club of Redmond)
- Homework factory (Rotary Clubs of Shoreline Breakfast, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline);
- Medicine for a Rotacare Medical Clinic (Rotary Club of Renton);
- Dictionaries for school children (Rotary Clubs of Federal Way, Federal Way Sunrise, Kent Sunrise, Rainier, and Des Moines).

New Members

Mary Kraft, sponsored by Bo Darling was inducted by John Frazier as our newest member. Mary's classification is Nursing.

Application for Membership has been received from **Fred Jarrett** in the classification, Airplane Manufacturing.

Fred and Susan are Mercer Island residents. Fred is sponsored by **Bruce Peters**. Absent written objections, Fred will be inducted into membership within two weeks.

Upcoming Events

May 19 – District Assembly 7:30 AM at Sammamish H.S.

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

May 23 – Group Study Exchange Team returns from Japan

June 28 – Change of Command Dinnern

Upcoming Programs

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 Club

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Next week, May 22nd, our meeting will be a dry run at the Community Center, where we contemplate moving permanently, due to our growth

Guests: Fred Jarrett & Clifton Cowin

The Rotary 1st Harvest work party last Saturday had **Bruce McAuley, Jim Trombold, Bob Lewis** and daughter **Robin West, Dan and Carol Madigan, Chuck Maylin, Guy Townsend** and **Jim Marich** helping pack tons of whole kernel frozen corn niblets for the needy.

President John Matthews brought our attention to the fact that NW Harvest is in dire need of food to stock their food banks.

Nancy Hillard was complimented on the fine article on Bob Lewis she wrote for the last issue of the MI Reporter.

Bob Lewis called the article "absolutely riveting".

Pres John lauded the work of Washington Business Week and said that 3600 students took part this year. The program bodes well for the business community in terms of preparing youth for the work force.

Pres John reminded us of the District 5030 Assembly to be held at Sammamish H.S. from 7:30 AM to noon on Sat. May 19. There is much to be learned about Rotary at these sessions.

Dick Elkins advised that the city will receive articles for recycling this Saturday. They will accept dried paint in cans and other things that are sometimes difficult through normal channels. The location is behind City Hall.

Pres John called our attention to the nice Seattle Times article on **Joyce Hedlund** and the MIHS Tennis program.

Dillon Sullivan received a Paul Harris Fellowship for his outstanding work with Rotary on Run Day and other projects, as well as for the DVD he produced on our Akola Water Project. The DVD ran continuously on our display table at the District Conference. He is one great Kid!

Fables, Foibles & Fun

Famed traveler **Vyviene Stumbles** warned us that we must have two blank pages in our passports or the authorities may keep us in any country we visit. She recommended saving the last two pages by paper clipping them to the back cover of the passport. Hey! This is the voice of experience speaking. Listen up!

Donna Buckingham bragged that her daughter had been accepted for matriculation at the University Of Washington. No mean feat!

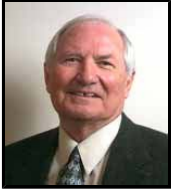
Dave Bobanick proudly stated that **Tony Vedrich** has been particularly responsible for a new 1st Harvest Newsletter.

Janie Stewart proudly pointed out that her son has passed the Washington State bar exam.



Member Profile

Dick Chappelle (12 years of service)



Dick was born and raised in Bakersfield, California. In high school, he was active in basketball and football. After high school he graduated from UC-Berkeley with a degree in Industrial Engineering. He served as an Ordinance Officer at a Naval ammunition depot, Chief Engineer at an electronics firm and a member of an Operations group converting Matson's freight operation to containerization in the bay area. In 1962, Dick moved to Mercer Island, where he became a management consultant to various industries and government agencies until he retired as a corporate executive. He has been involved in the development of UW-Bothell since the 1980's. He is a Husky rooster...except when they play the Cal Bears. Dick and Ginnie married 53 years ago and have four children and ten grandchildren. All reside in the Seattle area except one. Dick's favorite hobbies were sailing and skiing, but now are predominantly reading and traveling. Much time is spent with Rotary and Church work. He favors historical novels. His favorite author is David McCullough. The Rotary Club of MI is his favorite community activity because he believes Rotary's contributions, locally and worldwide, are unique and outstanding.

Story of the Week

A young man and a priest are playing golf together. At a short par 3, the priest asks, "What are you going to use here son?" The young man replies, "An 8 iron father, how about you?" The priest says, "I am going to hit a soft seven and pray." The young man hits first, and puts the ball on the green. The priest tops the ball with his 7 iron and dribbles the ball a few yards. The young man says, "I don't know about you father, but in my church when we pray, we keep our head down."

Notable Quote

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But, this wasn't it." ... (Groucho Marx)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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