



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

More on the 2007 Council on Leg-islation.

In a move that will impact all Rotary clubs, delegates passed an enactment (07-283) to increase per capita dues beginning in 2008-09. It will effectively raise the dues Rotary club members pay by US \$1 per year through 2010-11. The Council recognized that with increased dues comes increased fiscal responsibility. Delegates voted to enact items that revise the level of the general surplus fund (07-290), authorize the RI Board to suspend a club that fails to pay its financial obligation to RI or the district fund (07-291), and revise district financial reporting requirements (07-158). The Council also debated the need for [more transparency](#) in Rotary business matters.

By adopting item 07-228, the Council amended the rules for selecting the RI president-nominee. The enactment stressed that the best qualified Rotarian shall be selected for service and that campaigning and canvassing is forbid-den.

There was a recommendation (enactment 07-227) that a director would have to wait five years to be able to become president, which was rejected.

[Zoning issues](#) also were hotly debated during the week. A proposed enactment (07-173), to increase the number of directors from 17 to 18 and revise the criteria for setting zone boundaries, failed.

All enactments take effect 1 July.

Today's Program

Nancy Lee introduced Judy Clibborn and Fred Jarrett, our State Legislature representatives, who briefed us on the actions of the Transportation Committee (of which Judy is chair), changes in state sponsored Health Care coverage (38,000 more children are covered) and the efforts to improve the Education picture in the state. The move to remove math testing from the WASL until appropriate changes are made was explained by Fred. He said the importance of reading and writing being continued as a requirement for graduation is beyond question. Fred said that the period between graduation from high school and college, as well as the period after getting a degree is also receiving scrutiny, to assist in work placement. Vocational rather than academic learning is also a priority

Milestones Birthdays

June 2 – Neil Thomson
June 6 – Andrew Issacs

In Our District

The District 5030 Third Grade Dictionary Project

The District 5030 Third Grade Dictionary Project is a literacy project aiming to provide dictionaries to all third grade students living within the area of our 55 clubs - from Tukwila to Seattle, Bellevue to Kent, Kirkland to Federal Way, Lynnwood to Rainier. A list of the total number of Washington State third grade students, by school, is downloadable at left.

In third grade, students are beginning to learn word and dictionary skills. By giving each student a dictionary to own and take home, these children will have the resource in their home to develop the very important word skills required of all students in the State of Washington. Dictionaries are very useful to all students and more specifically to English Language Learners and students living below the poverty level. In addition, having dictionaries on-hand means that parents and guardians will be in a better position to assist with their child's homework. In doing so, they will also become more competent learners and teachers of their child.

For more information on the project, or to get your club involved, please contact Cothron McMillian, Project Chair (206-396-5668) or Bob Bonaci, Project Vice-Chair (253-852-2222).

Upcoming Events

May 23 – Group Study Exchange Team returns from Japan

June 1 – MI Rotary Golf/Tennis/Party (Golf 10:30 AM, Bellevue Golf Club) Tennis (after school, MIHS) and Party, (Brian Jennison's home, 5:30 PM)

June 6 – Rotary Academy Graduation Dinner – Seattle Yacht Club

June 7 – Fireside – Roy Simperman's – 6:00 – 9:00 PM

June 9 – Rotary 1st Harvest Work Party – 9:00 – 12:00 Noon

June 17- 20 – Rotary Int'l. Convention – Salt Lake City

June 27 – Seattle #4 District wide Picnic & Family Day- Memorial Stadium

June 28 – Changeover Dinner (Details later)

Upcoming Programs

May 29 – Underage Drinking and Youth Substance Abuse on Mercer Island – Communities That Care

June 5 – King County Elections – Sam Reed

June 12 – Medical Mission to Cambodia

June 19 – Mountains to Sound Greenway – Bill Chapman, President

In Our Club

Guests: Andrea Scholl, Bev Jacobson, Fred Jarrett, Dave Thompson, Diane Martinson, Pili and Jubi Adatia (Aunt and Uncle of Amin).

Pete Mayer extended a welcome to the Community Center on behalf of the city.

A video on Run Day was shown, with comments from participants and sponsors.

Pres John announced that the next board meeting will be held Tuesday, 12 June at 6:00 PM at the Roanoke.

MI Sports Day is June 1. Golf is at 10:30 AM, Tennis after school, and the Party at **Brian Jennison's** at 5:30 PM.

Pres John complimented **Sally Porter** on her work on the Rotary literacy program. Sally will be leaving the club because of a job transfer to Pierce County.

Pres John gave a brief explanation of the differences between the RI Annual Fund (all funds can be used for worthy projects) and the Permanent Fund (only the interest generated can be spent, not the principal).

Bruce Peters extracted a "Happy Dollar" from everyone to celebrate **Joyce Hedlund's** success with the MIHS Tennis team. **Denny Morrison** was "recognized" for the Reporter publicity on his struggle with raccoons. **Dirk Van Der Burch** was recognized for a career switch. He will now repair your computer if required. **Nancy Hilliard** was nicked for \$1, because a friend thought Sunday was Saturday and missed the Run Day.

Melinda Booth wants you to know that you can obtain all the directory info on new members by going to the club web site (www.mirotoary.org). Print it out and glue it into your directory for later reference.

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Melinda also advised of a **Fireside, June 7, 6:00 – 9:00 PM at Roy Simperman's** home.



Member Profile

Curt Nakayama (12 years of service)



Curt was born in Newell, CA at Tule Lake "Relocation Center". He was raised in Kent, WA. After attending high school, he attended WSU, earning a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. He then went to the University of Washington where he earned a degree in Accounting. His professional career has been spent in Tax Accounting and as a semi-professional wine taster. Curt has a sister who lives in Kent, two daughters and one son-in-law in Seattle and "the boss" Charlene, on Mercer Island. His favorite club service involves events which bring the club together to perform some service. Outside of Rotary, Curt is on the Board of Accounting Career Awareness Program to encourage minority high school students to stay in school and go to college. He is also a member of MI Key Communicators to assist the school board with community issues. His past hobbies were gardening, reading and wine tasting. Now they are wine tasting, gardening and reading. He is currently reading "Demons and Angels, 1776, Just Americans". In his classification talk, he should have told us that he is very bashful. Curt's favorite makeup was in Hawaii where he met another Curt Nakayama

Story of the Week

A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees that he thought he could hit through. Taking out his three wood, he took another mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, rebounded and hit him square in the forehead, killing him. As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter saw him coming and asked, "Are you a good golfer?" The man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"

Notable Quote

"Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember, it didn't do the rabbit any good." ... (R.E. Shay)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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