



## What's Going on in Rotary

### World Wide

#### June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Rotary was founded on fellowship, a concept that has been expanded internationally through the Rotary Fellowships, groups that bring together members from different countries and cultures to enjoy a shared interest. In addition to fostering lifelong friendships, Rotary Fellowships keep members active in Rotary, sustaining their interest and further inspiring commitment.

The nearly one hundred Rotary Fellowships encompass a variety of vocations and avocations, ranging from sports and hobbies to professional interests — all of which serve as a way to extend international fellowship, friendship, and service. In addition to offering members an opportunity to share their passion for a particular interest with like-minded Rotarians, many individual fellowship groups enable members to use their hobbies or skills to serve others.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their common purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities.

### Today's Program

**Don Walker** introduced **Sam Reed**, Secretary of State of Washington, who spoke to us on two subjects: The changes made to our voting procedures to protect against the casting of more than one vote, the voting of ineligible felons and the voting of diseased people, all of which were problems in the 2004 election. All of the changes seemed good. Sec. Reed then introduced us to the project of creating a Washington State Heritage Center, which will house and display historic documents and provide insight into the Education programs and Events available in Washington, as well as providing space for performances of different kinds. It will become an educational and cultural landmark in our state. The Center is in the design stage. It is scheduled to be completed in 2011. With respect to elections, it appears that we are rapidly approaching "vote by mail" status in our state.

### In Our District

**Seattle Sounders invite Rotary District 5030 to Rotary Family Night on Saturday June 23rd at Qwest Field.** An exciting evening of professional soccer is the newest Family of Rotary experiences for Rotarians in District 5030. The Seattle Sounders face off against the Montreal Impact, Saturday, June 23rd at 7:00PM in Qwest Field. A special group rate of \$15 for reserved seating (in the Rotary block) is available..

District Governor Mike Montgomery said he hoped Rotarians would bring their spouses, kids, grandkids, and neighbors to the match. "Soccer is an extraordinary game," Montgomery said, "and this will be a wonderful Family of Rotary event." Montgomery hopes the Family Night with the Seattle Sounders becomes an annual event.

### Upcoming Events

**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)**

**Aug. 11 - The Great MI Rotary Salmon BBQ.**

### Upcoming Programs

**June 12 – Medical Mission to Cambodia**

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

**June 26 – Miss Washington**



### Milestones Birthdays

**June 16 – Trina Westerlund**

**June 19 - Steve Webert**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Attached is a copy of the Committee Assignments for the upcoming year. If you have any questions or would like any changes please contact Bo Darling before next Tuesday's meeting.

### In Our Club

**Guests: Jim Hunt III, Adam Bowen and Ben Buchholz** ( an associate of Sec. Of State **Sam Reed**)

**Bruce Peters** reminded **John Miller** that about 19 new members needed his signature in their directories to satisfy blue badge requirements.

**Joyce Hedlund** reported that the golf, tennis and dinner party last Friday were smashing successes. The MIHS tennis players enjoyed participation and asked to do it again next year.

**Melinda Booth** reminded us of the Fireside at **Roy Simperman's** home Thursday evening, June 7, from 6-9 PM.

**Pres John** asked that we update pictures and data for the Directory which **Tony Vedrich** is assembling for the 2007-08 Rotary year. Terry Lee was taking pictures of those not yet recorded for the directory and will do so again next week. (Is your high school picture outdated? Get a new one. It might not be better, but it at least will look like you.)

**Bob Olson** reminded us of the Change of Command dinner on Thursday, June 28. Sign up and pay by June 19, so that the caterer has an accurate head count. The venue is the Community Center.

**Pres John** asked that those working at 1st Harvest this Saturday, June 9, mentor a first time attender so that they have a good first experience. There will be a club there that has not participated for some time.

#### Classification Talk:

**Gay Brook** (Employee Development) was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Because of her outgoing personality, she had a tough time getting through elementary school and high school academically. (Too many extracurricular activities). But when she got to college, she buckled down and received a Business Admin. Degree. The multi-cultural nature of Toronto and it's schools, awakened a desire to travel. She went to Korea to teach and then back-packed in Africa with her 76 year-old mother. She moved to Edmonton where she met **Ray Brook**. A short time later, they married. After working for several years in Business Administration, she started her own Interact Consulting firm. She is pleased to be making a difference in peoples lives and loves Rotary because it has the same goal.

**Melinda Booth** officiated at the presentation of Blue Badges to **Gay Brook** and **Paul Booth**, who have each completed the necessary requirements.

**John Naye** updated us on the activities and accomplishments of past Exchange students, both outgoing and incoming. They have proved to be exceptional people. **Pres John** presented **Juliane Klincke**, our current incoming student from Germany, with a Paul Harris Fellowship. **John Naye** announced that **Adam Bowen**, son of **Scott** and **Vali**, will take part in a 3 month exchange over the summer.

## Melinda Booth (13 years of service)



Melinda was born in Fargo, North Dakota and raised in Bismark, ND, Willmark, MN, and Naperville, IL. Her father was with Amoco Oil and they moved with his promotions. She received a BS in Education from the University of Illinois and an MBA in Business Administration and Marketing from Pacific Lutheran University. In the early 1980's, she worked for Weyerhaeuser and as Market Research Director for CX Corp in Product Development. With the arrival of her first child, she joined husband Paul, in forming their own company, Booth Construction Inc. Melinda is Chief Financial Officer as well as wearing many other hats. Paul and Melinda met at a fraternity/sorority exchange at the University of Illinois. They have been happily married since 1972. They have two children, Nicholas and Clara. Both are Rotary Interactors. Melinda's favorite club service activity is Interact, because over seven years she has seen the youth grow in leadership and service. Outside of Rotary, Melinda loves to mentor teenagers and young adults in personal choices and career directions. She also loves to help people express their joy through music and dance. Hobbies were backpacking, horseback riding and reading when she joined Rotary. She now enjoys social dancing, competing in, and judging, West Coast Swing Dancing. She should have included the following in her classification talk: "Work without Vision is drudgery, Vision without Work is dreaming and Vision with Work is destiny." The quote comes from a speaker at the May 19, 2007 District Assembly. Her favorite makeups are at Rainier Valley Club.

### Story of the Week

On a long journey, the very thirsty Sirs Lancelot and Galahad stopped at a roadside lemonade stand. The owner served Sir Galahad, but refused to give Sir Lancelot a glass. "What is the problem?" demanded Lancelot. "Why won't you serve me?" "I'm sorry", the owner replied. "This is just a one knight stand."

### Notable Quote

"The nice thing about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proved right, or pleasantly surprised."  
... (George Will)

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

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