

July 10, 2007



Dawn

Rotary Club of Mercer Island

Pres. Bo's Thought for the Day: "Light travels faster than sound. This explains why some people appear bright ... until you hear them speak."

The meeting opened with **Judy Clibborn's Thought for the Week—Challenges.** “

- There is no challenge more challenging than the challenge to improve yourself.” —Michael Staley
- I wanted to be scared again...I wanted to feel unsure again. That's the only way I learn, the only way I feel challenged. — Connie Chung

Introductions: **Dick Pringle** from Kansas, **Adam Meyer** from Raleigh, NC a guest of **Pete Mayer**.

Pres. Bo spoke of Rotary International reorganization raising Public Relations to the Directorship level. He further underscored the challenge faced by **Nancy Hilliard** and **Bob Darling** as co-chairs of our PR Committee under **Elizabeth Baska's** Directorship.

Pres. Bo reminded those of us who have not yet paid that *dues are due*, and in fact are past due.

Thanks you's for the club's support of the MI School Foundation were read, along with a gracious note from **Allison Kissler** for a \$1,500 scholarship allowing her to attend Bellevue Beauty School.

- **John Naye** called **Juliane Klincke**, who just returned from a weeklong California junket with 52 other district exchange students, to the podium. This was her final appearance before returning home to Altena, Germany.
- Bruce Peters announced that **Claude Layman** is recovering from a broken hip in Sun River, OR. Claude can be reached in the evenings at (541) 593-2750.
- **Steve Webert** announced a change of procedure in the meeting sign-in procedure. If you make-up simply cross off the word missed.
- **Sam Sullivan** re-iterated his appeal for volunteers to help staff the *Swedish SummerRun*. Swedish Hospital is one of our principal sponsors for our Half Marathon, so we need to be responsive. The event is scheduled for early morning, July 22.
- **Craig Clampitt** reminded us of the Summer Celebration - Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 7/15.
- **Rand Ginn** invited us to 5th anniversary of the *All Nations Cup* running from July 13-29. While its genesis is soccer, it's really a all encompassing festival, with art, film, music & youth activities. www.allnationscup.org
- **Jim Kearney** of the Bellevue Breakfast club invited us for their annual Golf Tourney at the Willows Run Golf Club. Email Ted Ederer at jtederer@comcast.net for information.

Gus (the gentle enforcer) Raam disclosed his fine schedule for unseemly behavior:

- \$1 for wearing shorts to the meeting – “this is not a bowling alley” spake he.
- \$10 for cell phones ringing during the meeting.
- \$1 for not wearing either the Rotary Pin or the Paul Harris pin.
- Rotary anniversaries – equal to the number of years of service
- Birthdays – the sum of the digits in your age.

Fables, Foibles and Fun

Cyndy Simms welcomed **Bruce Peters** back from his chaperoning a journey of young people visiting sites throughout the South where significant Civil Rights events took place.

Ray Brook reminded us of the need to fulfill pledges made to provide wheel chairs to India.

John Frazier made a contribution on behalf of his son **Austin** for his commitment to sell KettleCorn at *Summer Celebration*.

Joyce Hedlund commented how her *Service Above Self* license plate frames were the center of attention.

Tom Callahan reminded us of the *Potterfest* on Saturday July 21 at the CCMV celebrating *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* from 9:00 p.m. until the witching hour.

Happenings:

- District website meeting on Saturday, 7/14 from 10:00 until noon at the MI Library.
- Rotary 1st Harvest, Saturday 7/14 from 9:00 until noon. Watermelon, cantaloupe and 100,000 lbs. of cob corn await us according to **David Bobanick**. Car pooling from Holy Trinity at 8:30.
- RI Presidential Membership Conference, 8/10-8/11 in Vancouver BC with **RI Pres Wilf J. Wilkenson**. <http://www2.rotaryzone2324.org/event070817.html>
- Salmon BBQ, Saturday, 8/11.

Today's Program: The Pike Place Market Authority – Jackson Schmidt

This year the Market is celebrating its centennial. While the market was established on August 17, 1907 through the advocacy of Seattle Council Member Thomas Revelle and newspaper editor Alden Blethen of the fledgling Seattle Times. On its opening day only eight farms showed up and were completely sold out by noon. 20 years later there were 600 farmers plying their fruits and vegetables. Frank Goodwin, an amateur architect was the original developer and the early market bears his signature. The architect for the second major development was Harlan Thomas, who also designed Harbor View and the Sorrento Hotel. The now familiar clock and sign first appeared in 1927. During the 1920's and 30's Japanese farmers were the main purveyors in the Market. After the start of the war almost all were sent to internment camps and the Market fell into a period of neglect. Senators “Scoop” Jackson and Warren Magnuson were instrumental in the Market's rebirth. It now houses 240 commercial sites, and 500 residential units. There are over 100 farmers, 200 craft people and 300 performers who actively regularly participate at the Market.

There are more that 70 eating establishments and around 2,400 workers are employed during the summer months. Yet 40% of total sales are generated by ten of the most successful tenants. For more information go to www.pikeplacemarket.org

Birthdays

Dan Madigan----- 7/11

Rotary Anniversaries

Reid Morgan----- 41 year(s)

Upcoming Programs

July 17 – Ethiopia Update

Pat Turner----- 7/16
BobOlson----- 7/18

Ed Morgan----- 30
Denny Morrison----- 28
Dick Martin----- 12
Gay Brook----- 1
Duane Matthews----- 41
Don Walker----- 16
Cyndy Simms----- 21

July 24 – Music Program – Floyd McCracken

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