

DAWN



ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



August 7 , 2007

Opening: President Bo

Thought for the Day:

Pete Mayer presented some Deep Thoughts by Jack Handy as a light hearted kick off for the meeting

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by President Bo

Song:

Led by **Keith Blue** and his lieutenants, the club was challenged with *Down by the Station* in "rounds". It was the effort that resonated true.

Visiting Rotarians:

Ralph Salarno from New York and **Don Murphy** and **Ingrid Simonson** from Seattle #4 were introduced.

Guests of Rotarians:

Bruce McAuley introduced his wife **Karin**, **Bruce Peters** introduced **Dr. Troy Thomas**, a new MI Dentist, Bo introduced **Mich Nagagaki**, **Earl Payne** introduced his wife **Anne**, **Gus Raaum** introduced **Dan McGinnis**, **Denny Morrison** introduced **Andrew Schoal**, and **Joyce Hedlund** introduced her two grandkids **Angela** and **Harrison** and longtime friend **Janet**.

The Business of Rotary:

Family of Rotary: **Bruce Peters** reported that **Claude Layman** continues to recover well at home and that **Guy Townsend** is doing well at the Covenant Shores nursing facility. Both are recovering from hip fractures. Bruce also reported that his wife Irene is doing well after surgery. Rotarian's thoughts and prayers are with them all.

Rotary First Harvest:

Bruce McAuley proposed that as a pre-function to the Salmon BBQ on Saturday, all should make their way to the Rotary First Harvest work party this Saturday morning.

Salmon BBQ:

Mark Scalzo announced that the famous Salmon BBQ is this Saturday beginning at 4:00 pm with dinner at 6:00 – 6:30. The location is **Chuck and Judie Wischman's**, 4007 West Mercer Way. Last names beginning with the letters A-F bring a desert, G-Z bring a side dish. Bring serving utensils with the desert or side dish. Bread will be provided, along with everything else. Please park along West Mercer Way and adjoining neighborhoods. Vehicles may drive down to the party to drop off people and supplies. If assistance is needed traveling to and from the party, contact **Mark Wischman**. Also contact **Mark** if you can help with set-up or take-down.

Wheel Chairs for South America:

Dave Lindstrom announced that \$5,000 from Grants and Awards is going for Central America wheel chairs but individual additional donations are requested. See Dave. Also see Dave if you are interested in going to Guatemala or Honduras to deliver wheel chairs in the December – April time frame.

Fireside:

Melinda Booth announced that a Fireside is planned for September 12.

Rotary Academy:

President Bo reminded everyone of Rotary Academy. The first meeting is October 17 on Mercer Island. Sign-up must be completed by September 29. See Bo, or consult the District website.

Membership Directory:

President Bo also reminded everyone to use the outstanding Directory that **Tony Vetric** and the Directory team put together. The Directory includes a page with all of the pertinent information on make ups.

Fables, Foibles, & Fines:

Gus Raaum prodded a "dead crowd" and finally elicited the following. **Duane Mathews** told about his grand kids baseball game against a Japanese team, and noted that the Japanese kids were such a great example. **Harold Hill** plugged the Youth Theater NW production of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. **Patti Darling** noted that female hydroplane driver **Kaleigh**

Birthdays

Vali Somers ----- 8/8
Jim Stumbles----- 8/13
Mak Abulhosn----- 8/14

Rotary Anniversaries

John Miller ----- 26 years

Upcoming Programs

August 14, 2007

Driving Under the Influence
Helping good people who've made
poor choices - Joe Breidenbach

August 21, 2007

Domestic Violence, Car/ID theft
Dan Satterberg, King.County
Prosecuting Attorney

August 28, 2007

Puget Pullway - A solution to our
region's transportation woes - John
Brun

Perkins placed second in the Unlimited Lights race.

Program:

Olympic Sculpture Park. **Bob Lewis** introduced **Mimi Gates**, Director of the Seattle Art Museum. Mimi talked not only about the new Olympic Sculpture Park, but also about the other parts of SAM – the new downtown site and the Asian Art Museum on Capital Hill. The new SAM on First Ave., one block from the Pike Place market, is the result of a great partnership with Washington Mutual and features an expanded offering. The new SAM is currently on four floors now, but can grow as floors are reclaimed from WAMU. SAM features lots of educational programs, and has exhibits on tap of exceptional art from around the world such as from the Kobe Art museum (this fall) and Gates of Paradise, Lorenzo Ghiberti's Renaissance Masterpiece (first part of 2008). The Olympic Sculpture Park opened January 20, 2007 on a site that was formerly a fuel transfer facility. One half million visitors have viewed it to date. The award winning park is V shaped over streets and railroads, and was made possible by an endowment by John and Mary Shirley. It incorporates the hustle and bustle of the city as part of the culture. There is much unique and spectacular art, all displayed to blend with the environment. Examples are the large "Wake" sculptures created in a German submarine factory, The Typewriter Eraser, a greenhouse with a 60' nurse log complete with slugs and bugs, and a Father and Son Fountain. Even fences are works of art. The art, along with colorful flowers and greenery are "refreshment for the soul" notes Mimi. Mimi filled the room with energy and concluded with a quote that included this "Art can make you pay attention to things you take for granted". So true.

Rotary Information:

Rotary International Council of Legislation Enactment 07-57- To allow Rotary Foundation Alumni to be Active Members. This measure passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 407 to 88. All legislation was passed at the COL pertaining to Rotary Foundation Alumni(Group Study Exchange participants, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, Teacher or Rotary Volunteer Grant recipients and individuals who have traveled as part of a New Opportunity Grant or Discovery Grant)

This legislation amends section 2 of Article 5 of the Rotary Constitution by adding Rotary Foundation Alumni as a fourth way to qualify for becoming an active member in a Rotary Club. The other three are:

- 1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
- 2) hold an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
- 3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection

Proposed for Membership:

Andrea Sholl. Spouse Stephen. Mercer Island resident.
Classification Education/University. Sponsored by Denny Morrison.

Richard (Dick) Pringle. Spouse Carolyn. Mercer Island resident.
Classification. Hotel Management, Retired. Sponsored by Crash Williams.