

DAWN



ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



August 14 , 2007

President Bo Darling opened the meeting
Amin Adatia gave the invocation
President Bo led the Pledge of Allegiance
Jim Marich led a rousing version of You're A Grand Old Flag

Visiting Rotarians

From Marietta, Georgia, **Joe De Santis**, a retired past president.
From the University Club, **Brenda Finkenbinder**, in business.

Guests

Melinda Booth introduced **Scott Sinclair**, Guy Townsend's guest.
Becca Palm introduced **Lucy Kayes**, a physician, research scientist for human genetics, batik artist, beekeeper, and more.
Bruce Peters introduced **Ray Benitos**, a physician on the island
Pete Mayer introduced **Ed Holmes**, the Chief of Police for Mercer Island
Duane Mathews introduced **Crash's** guest, **Dick Pringle**.

The Business of Rotary

Steven Webert asked members to please "sign in" guests when they arrive so the Dawn writer can print the names correctly.
President Bo reported that at the Board meeting they discussed the future of the club's website and how to make it more valuable, interesting and relevant to members as well as to those outside of Rotary. The district's enhanced website was also discussed. If you have ideas for either website, please contact **Tony Vedrich** or **Steve Webert**.
President Bo also lauded the great public relations talent we have in the club. **Nancy Hilliard**, **Bob Darling** and **Elizabeth Baska** are remarkable in their talent and will be working to improve our club's public relations.
Praise was given to all the folks who worked on the Salmon bake. **Mark Wischman**, in his usual style, acclaimed the work of so many volunteers without recognizing his own amazing contributions. Thanks go to **John Frazier and sons** for setting up and taking down the tables, chairs and BBQ, **Curt Nakayama** for a terrific wine selection and for working LONG hours, **Jim Aitken** for getting the salmon, **Pete Mayer** for obtaining the tables at the best price possible, **Dan Madigan** and **Bruce Peters** for set up, **Mark Scalzo** for helping in so many ways, and **Chuck Wishman** for the prime location!!! **Mark Wischman**, the club thanks you for all your work in organizing and carrying out this event.
John Naye spoke about foreign exchange program. **Dave Lindstrom** will be first home family for our girl from Chile. **John** also read some excerpts from emails from **Juliane Klinke** who is now back at school in Germany. She sent her regards and gave us observations of her life back in Germany. Yes, they do have bagels in Germany.

Vali Sommers introduced her son **Adam Bowen** who spent 3 weeks in Switzerland this summer. She then introduced **Andy M.** from a town near Zurich, who has been here for 3 weeks living with the Somers/Bowen family. The exchange has been fun for all.
Trina Westerlund spoke about the work of the Grants and Awards Committee in the "Spotlight on Committees". In case you want to know where our Rotary money goes, the 14 member committee meets monthly at the Community Center and you are welcome to attend the meeting. Just contact **Trina** for the specifics.

The Grants and Awards Committee funds approximately one third of the requests they receive. Last year 11 local grants, 7 regional grants and 7 international grants were awarded. In the past ten years, 89 local grants were awarded totaling \$163,000. 104 regional grants were made totaling \$128,000 and 61 international projects were funded. Grants may only be given to non-profit 501(c) 3 organizations.

Regional requests are for programs throughout the area, across the state, or in the Puget Sound region. International grants have gone to countries including Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Kosovo, Romania, Brazil, Uganda, Ethiopia, India, Guatemala, and South Africa. Local grants have gone to organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Island Players, Mercer Island Arts Council, MI Preschool Association, MI Youth and Family Services, Parks and Recreation, Sunnybeam School, Senior programs, Safe Rides, Adopt-A-School, and the Mercer Island School district for equipment that is not in the budget such as defibrillators and TTY machines (for the deaf).

For information about applying for a grant, go to the website. In the "members only" section, print the application and fill it out. Give it either to **Trina** or to **Bo**. International grants must first go to the International Committee, so give those to **Dave Lindstrom**.

Birthdays

Dorothy Reck----- 8/15
Fred Jarrett----- 8/15
Kevin Bay ----- 8/15
Gay Brook ----- 8/18

Rotary Anniversaries

Gary Smith ----- 35 years

Upcoming Programs

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
Bruns

September 4, 2007

Football Band of Brothers - U of W
1st National Championship
Tom Porter

Announcements

George Chambers – The Waste Energy Show will be Thursday, Aug 23 at the King County Courthouse. See George for more information and for specific times (5:30 or 7:30).

Dave Lindstrom – This is your second-to-last opportunity to pay for wheelchairs for Central America. Next week is the final week. Give your checks to **Dave**. Mill Creek club is the main sponsor.

Dick Chappelle – Recipients of the Vocational/Technical/Community College Scholarships will be here next week. Members of the committee please come a little early to sit with one of the students.

Melinda Booth – The next Rotary Fireside will be on September 12th from 6-8 pm at **Melinda and Paul's** house. Everyone is invited.

Bruce Peters – "The Family of Rotary" - The 2 members with broken hips are getting better all the time.

Gus Raam – The 22 members who had birthdays in July and August, remember to make that "voluntary contribution". You add the two digits of your age and pay that amount. Someone age 59 would pay \$14, Someone who is 60 would pay \$6

Today's Program

Don Walker introduced our speaker, **Joe Breidenbach**, Attorney at Law

Joe presented some serious information in an entertaining manner. Three women members competed against three men to see who knew more about DUIs. We are all wondering why the women won the game. Here is some of the sobering information we all learned:

You CAN be convicted of a DUI with a Blood (Breath) Alcohol Content of less than .06.

If you are arrested it is ALWAYS best to speak to an attorney IMMEDIATELY.

Statements that you make to the police CAN be used against you, even if you were not read the Miranda Warnings and you did not put the statements in writing. Your spontaneous utterances are admissible.

You DO NOT have the right to speak to an attorney before deciding to take the breath test.

If you refuse to take a breath test, you WILL lose your license for up to a year.

You may not take a blood test instead of a breath test. This request will go down as a refusal and there are severe penalties for refusing to take a test.

If you refuse to take the breath test, you will have your license revoked. If you are convicted, you will go to jail longer if you refuse to take a breath test.

You may be convicted of a DUI even if your doctor told you it was OK to drive while using a prescribed drug.

Mandatory minimum penalties for a DUI include: 1 day in jail, fines, loss of license, ignition interlock, insurance requirements, DUI Victims Panel, some form of alcohol education program, and probation.

If convicted of a DUI, the maximum jail sentence on a first offense is 1 year in jail, \$5,000 fees, ignition interlock for five years, DUI Victims Panel, in-patient alcohol treatment (at your own expense), five years of probation, and five years of AA meetings.

Some countries may NOT let you in if you have been convicted of a DUI. Canada is one.

If you are in a car accident, you MUST: give your name, address, insurance company and policy number, license number of your car, display your driver's license, and render reasonable assistance. **Joe** provided us with forms to put in our cars to use in an accident.

Many factors can cause an elevated breath test result including stress, diabetes, anemia, lung disease, mouth alcohol and more.

Mouth alcohol can be caused by burping, blood, diseases of the teeth, saliva, GERD, and much more.

Know your limits! A man weighing 175 pounds can score way above the .08 limit with 5 beers. For more information, contact www.duijoe.com

Bo's thought for the day:

To spot the expert in any group, pick the one who says it will take the longest and cost the most.

Scribe: **Pat Turner**

Rotary Information

Council on Legislation Enactment 07-329-To amend the provisions for qualification for membership

This legislation passed with an 89% yes vote and allows for a fourth qualification for membership-a community affairs or community service background..

Thus Section 2 of Article 5 of the RI Constitution will read:

- a. A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons of good character and good business, professional or **community reputation**,
 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: or
 4. **having demonstrated through personal involvement in community affairs a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary.**

This enactment was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westminster, Colorado and endorsed by the Conference of District 5450 in Vail, Colorado. Past President Cliff Dochterman gave strong testimony urging the passage of this legislation.