

# DAWN



ROTARY CLUB  
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MERCER ISLAND

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## Birthdays

(none this week)

## Rotary Anniversaries

(none this week)

## Event Reminders

12 September 6–8 pm

Fireside at the Booths

## Upcoming Programs

28 August 2007

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

4 September 2007

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

11 September 2007

Electric Plug-in Vehicles  
Steve Marshall.

## 21 August 2007 MI Rotary meeting; scribe Nancy Hilliard

**Guests:** Gus Raaum's wife of 57 years, Claire; Duane Matthews' wife, Lois; potential members Dick Pringle and Andrea Scholl; incoming exchange student Katherine Rodriguez, and outbound student Lillian Bailey, and her mom Sylvia; scholars Monica Jones, Kathryn Moderios, Kevin Osborne, Amber Darling; visitors Helen Martin, and Brenda Finkenbinder.

**Monica Jones**, Ambassador Scholar from Edmonds, said her time in Budapest "was the best year of my life." It allowed her to achieve her master's in organizational communication from Central European University and prepare a thesis in how to negotiate in a multicultural society. She had earned an undergrad degree from the UW in 2004, then worked in PR and marketing for two years, before going to Hungary.

Bonuses were European travel, making international friends, learning firsthand about the history of the Ottoman Empire and the more recent change from Communism to a parliamentary government. She also took part in student council, organized a prom, worked in a soup kitchen, talked to local high schools about the American way and found that Rotaract was more popular in Hungary than here.

The beauty of the Croatian mountains and rivers, the friendships built and a job for a year call her back in September. She thanked Rotary for offering her such a life-changing experience.

Dick Chappelle introduced two vocational scholarship recipients and one institutional scholarship winner.

**Kathryn Moderios**, a hearing impaired single mother of two boys, thanked Gary Smith and Seth Landau for their special support. She plans to find work in the medical field.

**Kevin Osborne**, a sophomore honor student at BCC, thanked us for his second Rotary scholarship to help him stay on track academically, to manage football, and work part time at the community center. He plans to transfer to Seattle U for the next

round. "I thank you for making such a difference in my life and I will give back to all those around me," he added.

**Amber Darling**, who attends UW-Bothell, works at KeyBank 40 hours and attends classes in financial management, said her scholarship “helped me get through the tough parts of life.”

Keri Marino, scholarship advisor at UWB, urged us to continue helping students with family and work responsibilities “who need your extra support.”

**Lillian Bailey**, outbound student, thanked John Naye for his mentorship; and in-coming exchange student **Katherine Rodriguez** will be hosted by the Dave Lindstroms. Both come from and will go to Chili.

**Sylvia and Bill Bailey**, parents of Lillian, were honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship for sharing their home with four exchange students over the years. Duane Matthews also honored his wife, Lois, as a new Paul Harris Fellow, in thanks for her support of his belonging to Rotary for 50 years and four clubs.

Lindstrom asked us to support the Newcastle Rotary Club’s fund-raising breakfast and golf event 19 September. He also called for contributions to the Central American wheelchair project – last chance. Orm Sherwood praised his Rotary visit near Thonon les Bains, France, during his sister-city trip there. Tom Callahan presented a banner from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where he told its club about Mercer Island’s fund-raisers. Patti Darling finished the Danskin Triathlon 19 August to swim/run/bike in Seattle, celebrating the collective fight against cancer.

**Program:** Interim King County Prosecutor **Dan Satterberg**, former chief of staff for the late Norm Maling, said our perspectives of crime often depend on how the news casts facts. “Fear of crime can cloud our reality,” he said. There’s actually been a 10-year decline in violent crimes in Seattle, and we have good laws to deal with sex offenders.

However, until recently, car theft was a bad system. Seattle was the easiest place to steal a car, and the sentencing for it was way too light. It increased steadily in the last 15 years. “A car is stolen every 11 minutes in this state. On MI, only 5 in the last three years.”

Recently, a new car-theft unit beefed up arrests and the prosecuting team works it harder. Arrested car thieves will not be released until a judge hears the case – no more catch and release. A Top 20 car thieves list informs across jurisdictions. Even some “bait cars” are set, which shut down upon entry and take photos of the thief. As of July 22, new sentencing rules force thieves to serve prison terms after the third incident.

Satterberg also warned us of increasing identity theft as well. Information can be gleaned from mailboxes, garbage and whatever you leave in your cars.

**Family of Rotary:** Janie S. recently broke her heel, has surgery scheduled for 22 August at Overlake Hospital, and must elevate it for two weeks thereafter. Cyndy S. told of her finalist status for a new position in southern California; she will know if chosen by Thursday.

*“Good judgment comes from experience, and much of that comes from bad judgment.”* —Bo Darling, President