

DAWN



ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



September 4, 2007

Opening: President Bo

Thought for the Day: **Bob Darling** offered several pearls from the Wit & Wisdom of Mark Twain:

1. It's better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.
2. We ought never to do wrong when people are looking.
3. Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.
4. Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty, and gradually approach eighteen.
5. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.
6. Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.
7. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said.
8. Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by **President Bo**

Song: "When Irish Eyes are Smiling"

Visiting Rotarians: **David Bobanick** introduced **Ron Dailey** from Seattle 4.

Guests of Rotarians:
David Bobanick introduced his son **Ethan**.

The Business of Rotary:

First Harvest work party Saturday September 8. Meet for carpooling at 8:30 AM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church lower parking lot. Address questions to **David Bobanick**
Steve Webert reminded visiting Rotarians and those who bring guests to sign in at the sign-in table.

President Bo reminded us

1. the way to save money is to turn off our cell phones.
2. Individual head sets are available to those who have trouble hearing.

The **Frank Lane Memorial Bike Racks** have been ordered, and will be placed at various places around the Island including Mercerdale, South Mercer Playfield, Luther Burbank Park.

Family of Rotary: **Guy Townsend** and **Janie Stewart** were both present today.

Elizabeth Baska presented **Clint Prescott** his ruby pin and acknowledged his contributions to the MI Rotary.

Announcements:

Dave Lindstrom: a \$7150 check has been sent to Mill Creek Rotary for our joint project providing wheelchairs for Honduras.

Melinda Booth: the coming Fireside is on September 12, 6 to 8 PM at the Booth's home. She will ask for numbers next week.

Dick Elkins: City of Mercer Island Fall Recycling Collection Event on Saturday September 15, 9 AM to 3 PM behind City Hall.

Jim Marich: he and Jane are taking a trip to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, and paid Gus Raaum accordingly.

Sam Sullivan: has received a check for \$360 from Starbucks, payment for the hours Starbucks employees worked for the Rotary Run.

Elizabeth Baska: Rotary Foundation information will be available at the District meeting on September 29, 8 AM to 12 noon, at Lk WA Voc Tech in Kirkland.

Birthdays

Harold Hill----- 9/05

Rotary Anniversaries

Stefanie Thune----- 2 years

Upcoming Programs

September 11, 2007

Plug-In Electric Vehicles
Steve Marshall

September 18, 2007

Road and Transit Package
Regional transportation
Reagan Dunn

Calendar of Events

Fireside at the Booths' 9/12

Rotary Academy sign-up deadline
9/29

District Foundation Seminar 9/29

Andrew Isaacs: his 25th anniversary.

Exchange Student Program:

John Nay introduced **Anna Scott** who has just returned from her junior year in France. Anna told of her year's stay with a series of families and many visits with those families and her own back and forth. She plans to attend college in Chicago this year.

Fables, Foibles, & Fines:

Tom Cameron, being a stay-at-home parent, exulted in the first day of school. **Dave Lindstrom** felt the same way since it is time for his son to return to college.

Seth Landau spoke of a young African man who is finishing his master's degree in law with the help of Rotary, and who has been closely associated with the selection of the next President in Kenya. This young man will help to select the next person to take advantage of Rotary assistance.

Guy Townsend thanked the group and is glad to be back.

Dave Weed offered his last dollar since his son is going to college.

Joyce Hedlund announced that Boys Tennis has begun at MIHS, and her US Open hat was brought to her from two previous student standouts.

Pat Turner reported the School District is in need of an Occupational Therapist and a School Nurse.

Program: Don Walker introduced Tom Porter, author of **[A Football Band of Brothers: Forging The University of Washington's First National Championship](#)** (2007), who related the history of Husky football since the time of Jim Owens in 1957 who brought a philosophy that included an emphasis on team unity, defense, tough physical and mental conditioning, the use of the helmet to tackle and block and punish opponents, and the national championship in 1960. He felt that the era of good sportsmanship has largely diminished, and proposed the camaraderie and teamwork of an athletic team is good training for a business team. One stated reason for writing this book is to publicize the 1960 National Championship legacy weekend on September 28-29, 2007.

Correction: Andrea Sholl's last name was misspelled in last week's Dawn.

Rotary Information: Council On Legislation Enactment 07-330 To allow clubs to elect into active membership Rotary Foundation Alumni even if the classification of the alumnus is filled. All legislation pertaining to Rotary Foundation Alumni passed easily at the Council On Legislation. For this one the vote was 414 yes and 81 no. The effect of this enactment is to temporarily waive the classification cap of 5 active members per classification for clubs up to 50 or 10% of active members in any classification for clubs having more than 50 members and amends Section 2 of Article 5 on membership in the Rotary Constitution to allow this flexibility