

DAWN



ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



October 9, 2007

Birthdays

George Chambers-----10/14
Nancy Hilliard-----10/15

Rotary Anniversaries

Pete Mayer -----6 years
Becca Palm -----6 years
Bruce Peters-----16 years

Upcoming Programs

October 16, 2007

Group Study Exchange to Japan
Sayoko Kuwahara, Dist GSE

October 23, 2007

Social Marketing - More than just a
Dating Service
Nancy Lee

Calendar of Events

October 13, 2007

1st Harvest Luncheon, 1-3

October 17, 2007

Rotary Academy

October 27, 2007

Rotary Park Work Party

Opening: President Bo

Thought for the Day:

Harold Hill shared his grandson Bruce's way with words by reading a lovely essay Bruce wrote when he was 9 years old. The title: "The Importance of Integrity," and the denouement: "If everyone had integrity, there would be no more wars."

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

Song: "America the Beautiful"

Visiting Rotarians:

Bob Ladd from Seattle 4, former District Governor.

Guests of Rotarians:

Rolf Schuette, German Consul General for the NW United States.

Gary Plano, Don Stoullil, Ray Benitez, Amy Engler, Michael Gaberman, Sylvia Bailey, Rick Davis

The Business of Rotary:

President Bo: **John Matthews** has been suggested for nomination for District Governor (2020-2011). In response to this suggestion, the Board passed a resolution to place John's name in nomination, and the next step is for the entire membership to adopt a *Resolution of Nomination*. We will be receiving an email ballot for voting on this resolution. Nominations are still open.

President Bo: The Board is discussing the realignment of the Board and committees to better mirror RI's and District's administrative structure, for the purpose of improving/simplifying communications.

Family of Rotary:

Bruce Peters: Ray Saarela has returned home after an injury, and welcomes visitors. Please call ahead to check with his daughter who is staying with the family. Clint & Nancy Prescott are in need of continuing prayers and good wishes.

Announcements:

President Bo: The MI Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a program with Joel McHale on Monday October 22 at 11:45 AM at CCMV.

President Bo: There are still spaces open in the Rotary Academy.

Blair Rasmussen: the Rotary Park work party is Saturday October 27, 9 AM to 1 PM.

Donna Buckingham: the 4-way test is at IMS Wednesday October 16. All are welcome.

Claude Layman: Apples will soon be available for Christmas and Thanksgiving orders.

Bruce McAuley: October's 1st Harvest work party is Saturday October 13, followed by the 25th anniversary celebration luncheon at Montlake Community Center honoring Mike Shanahan, founder of 1st Harvest.

Gus Raum collected lots of \$\$ for birthdays

Program:

President Bo introduced Doug Simpson who spoke against Proposition 1, on the ballot in November. His talk, "The Truth about Sound Transit and Light Rail" detailed arguments against many of Sound Transit's assertions about the proposition, but offered little in the way of alternatives.

Final Thought:

President Bo: Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Scribe: Mary Kraft

Council on Legislation - Enactment 07-37-To authorize the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club that fails to investigate an allegation that a member violated youth protection laws.

This legislation was proposed by the RI Board of Directors and passed by an overwhelming yes vote. It amends Article 3 of the Bylaws of Rotary which lists reasons why the RI Board

would suspend or terminate a Rotary Club.

The RI Board believes that this enactment could result in a decrease in expenses to RI. The negative public image and legal impact related to even one incident of this nature or allegation could result in substantial damage to RI. The authority to suspend or terminate a club that fails to appropriately address any allegations made against one of its members for violation of laws regarding youth protection strengthens RI's ability to reduce these types of risks and associated costs.

What Paul Harris Said in his address to the RI convention in [Havana, Cuba 1940](#)

"I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance and usefulness."

Rotarians of today are leaving a legacy to the children of the world when we, Rotary, join our world partners in the celebration of the certification of the eradication of polio from the world. More importantly, and I do mean more importantly, is the fact that the Rotarians of today and tomorrow have the opportunity to leave their own legacy of "doing good in the world" for future educational and humanitarian service programs.

Do we dare dream that Rotarians of today not only make it a habit of making an annual contribution each and every year, but leave a percentage of their estate or a one time significant gift to [The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund?](#)

This should be the dream, goal and reality of all Rotarians. They need just look and see and feel and touch the wonderful programs and projects we are continually completing that help the world know a more humane society and a more peaceful world.