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ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



Birthdays

Bonnie Weyhing—22 November
John Gillespie—24 November
Vern Leck—24 November
Steve Litzow—26 November

Rotary Anniversaries

Melinda Booth
22 November—12 Years
Ruth Brook
25 November—4 Years
Gordon Rasmussen
22 November—19 Years
Mark Wischman
26 November—16 Years

Event Reminders

1 December
Boiler Room Clean-up
Luther Burbank Park—9 am–12 pm

7 December
Holiday Party—time TBA

11 December
Don Walker's Life Celebration
MI CCMV—5 pm–8 pm

Upcoming Programs

27 November 2007
Multicultural Scholars Program
Speaker TBA

4 December 2007
Port of Seattle Update
John Creighton, President

11 December 2007
Medical Teams International
(formerly Medical Teams
Northwest)
Dick Frederick, Executive Director
Western Washington

**20 November 2007 MI Rotary meeting;
Reporter: John Frazier**

Invocation: Captain Blue

Pledge: President Bo

Song: Captain Blue

Guests: Tom Castor, Amr Fouda, Charlie Check, Katherine Rodriguez (Exchange Student), Grant Callahan, Troy Thomas, Helen Martin.

Family of Rotary (Bruce Peters):

Don Walker's Life Celebration:
11 December 2007 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, MI CCMV.
Calls/Visits—Ray Saarela, Oley Olsen, Fred May
Calls—Ed Morgan, John Edwards

Foundation (Duane Matthews for Elizabeth Baska):

Team Captains, please encourage your team members to make their contributions.

Announcements:

Salvation Army Bell Ringing—See Captain Blue
7 December 2007 Holiday Party sign-up sheets are circulating. The cost is \$30/head. (The next two meetings will be your last chance to sign up and pay for the Holiday Party. *Please bring your check so we can have an accurate count as to the number of attendees.* We currently have 47 members and guests who have paid.)

27 November 2007 World Community Service (Dave Lindstrom) meeting at 11:30, MI CCMV.

Lions Christmas Tree Sales—see Dave Helsby.

15 November Fireside—Melinda Booth thanked all who attended, including 7 new Rotarians.

Vivian Stumbles announced the calendars to benefit Zimbabwe children suffering from AIDS are on sale, \$11 each.

Kim Stanbery (for Claude Layman) announced apple sales are underway.

Pete Mayer asked for volunteers with helping clean out the boiler building at Luther Burbank, in order to make room for boating gear—1 December 2007, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Thank You's:

Each member of Barker & Son's Catering was thanked for the quality of service they provide.

Our Transition Team, responsible for seeing the move from Holy Trinity to the MI CCMV was also thanked.

President Bo read a letter from Rotary First Harvest, thanking us for our support in providing food for over 1M Washingtonian's.

Fables, Foibles & Fines:

Sam Sullivan paid to talk about his son Dylan's success on the basketball court. His team went 4/5, and won the Championship game.

Bob Lewis announced the rate of cancer mortality has decreased from 2% to 1%. He cited smoking cessation and early awareness as key factors in the decline. He also bragged about the Navy Football Team defeating Notre Dame for the first time in over 40 years—back when Neil Thompson was a cheerleader at Navy? Sergeant at Arms Gustav 'recognized' Coach Hedlund for the ink on her in the Reporter.

President Bo reminded us that scooting is a privilege, and he will take it away if abused.

Program:

Pat Turner introduced MISD Interim Superintendent and New Rotarian **Gary Plano**. This is Gary's 28th year of service in Washington State, and his 32nd year of service in Public Education. His first job in Washington was as a substitute teacher, 30 years ago.

Gary gave us a “simply exceptional” report on the state of the District, including:

Named as an Outperforming District (exceeding statistical expectations), AA+ bond rating, highest writing, math, reading and science WASL scores in the State, Highest Graduation Rate in the country, Best at College Preparation, many Outstanding Scholar awards, State Chess Champions, 2006 WIAA 3A WA State Academic Champions, 2007 highest GPA, DECA State & National Champions, Drama awards, 2006 MIHS & 2003 IMS Blue Ribbon School Awards, 2007 8-time State Champions in Water Polo and 2007 State Champions in Boy's Tennis.

Gary attributed the successes to tremendous community support from organizations like the MIRC, MIBGC, PTA's and the MI School's Foundation. Our District receives over \$1M/year from the PTA's and Schools Foundation alone.

Of Note: No MIRC meeting on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, as both fall on Tuesdays.

Rotary Information: 20 November Foundation Update

Our 2007 Campaign to raise funds for the Rotary Foundation is entering the home stretch. As of 13 November, 96 members had contributed over \$59,000. Your support has been outstanding.

When Arch Klumph established an endowment fund in 1917 with less than \$30, "to do good in the world," little did he realize what he had done. He transformed Rotary from an inward looking, self help body of businessmen to an organization that is one of the most highly respected humanitarian voluntary bodies in the world. We as an organization have touched the lives of millions of people in so many ways that nobody knows or have even heard of.

If you are not one of the 96 who have done so, please write your check soon. Give what you can. Our goal remains 100% participation—help us reach that level. Give your check to your Captain or mail it to:

Mercer Island Rotary Club
PO Box 1
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Three **proposed new members** have met with the Rotary Information Committee and expressed their desire to become members:

Troy W. Thomas—Spouse Kimberly, Mercer Island Resident. Classification Dentist. Proposed by Bruce Peters

Helen C. Martin—Mercer Island resident. Classification Residential Real Estate. Proposed by Gay Brook

Tom Castor—Spouse Louise. Mercer Island Resident. Classification Systems Engineering. Proposed by Bob Lewis

If no written objections are received by the Club Secretary within 10 days, the applicants are eligible for formal induction into the Club.

Final thought from President Bo—*As a child of God, think of prayer as calling home every day.*