

DAWN



ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963

Birthdays



Peter Noone..... 5-Jan
Rick Davis..... 9-Jan
Bob Williams..... 14-Jan

Rotary Anniversaries



Stuart Scarff..... 9
Vyvienne Stumbles..... 13
Mark Scalzo..... 16
John Frazier..... 18

Upcoming Programs

January 15, 2008

A Look at the World
Rabbi Anson Laytner
Exec Dir, American Jewish
Committee

January 22, 2008

Heart Matters
Dr. Page, Dir of Cardiology
University of Washington

January 29, 2008

520 Bridge Replacement
Rebecca Sadinsky, WSDOT

February 5, 2008

Identity Theft
Dan Satterberg, King County
Prosecuting Attorney

Event Calendar

January 12

Rotary First Harvest - 8 a.m.
Holy Trinity Parking Lot
Directions to Warehouse

January 13-20

International Assembly*
District Governors Elect
San Diego, CA

February 9

January 8, 2008 Scribe: Nancy Hilliard Beginning at the end



About 25 Rotarians left after the meeting today to attend the memorial service of **Howard M. "Oley" Olsen**, 93, at Trinity Parish Church in Seattle. Oley, a long-time resident of Mercer Island, died Dec. 29 and is survived by his wife of 38 years, Gidge, his sons Norman Olsen and Martin Olsen and wife, Vicki; his daughter, Kathy Dunn and husband, Al; step-sons Dudley Hart and wife, Lisa, Joe Hart and wife, Maria; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grand children. He had been a member of Rotary for 43 years – noted as a superb joke-teller, Toastmaster and inventive speaker. He began as an office boy with Farmers Insurance, went into the Navy from 1941-5, and returned to Farmers, working his way up to a vice president. While working, he earned degrees from UW and Seattle U. Oley was known to exercise his entire life -- skiing, running, and doing gym work. Karin and Bruce McAuley had sent him a poinsettia in December in behalf of the club, and two days before his death he wrote back: "Thank you for the poinsettia. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday." Since Oley also was a Mason and Shriner, the family suggests donations to Shriners Children's Fund, or Evergreen Hospice.

The meeting opened with **John Naye's** "resolutions and famous last words," such as the 1899 patent commissioner's declaration that everything that can be invented already has . . . the 1981 claim that 640K is enough computing power for everyone . . . and IBM's CEO debunking the copy machine, while Xerox picked right up on it.

Keith Blue led us in singing "Auld Lang Syne," **President Bo** in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Morris and Joselyn Ellison, Rotarians from Tuscon, AZ; Catherine Rodriguez, exchange student from Chile, who thanked the club for the Christmas present of an iPod Nano; Jana Rush, CCMV manager; students-of-the-month and their parents Sam, Jon, Cynthia Franklin and Zoe, Joel, Marilyn Nemerever; MIHS teacher Jan Sayers; Carol Madigan, wife of member Dan, and potential member Valerie Kampe; and speaker Rob McKenna, state attorney general.

(John Scherzo urges members to please sign in guests at the table, for purposes of bookkeeping and DAWN mention.)

Sergeant-at-Arms **Gus Raam** dinged State Rep. **Fred Jarrett** \$10 for switching political parties; City Councilman **Steve Litzow** \$3 for running for Jarrett's seat and potentially stepping down from City Council. Litzow bumped his pledge for a healthier gift to the Foundation.

Seth Landau paid \$5 to update us on the disputed Kenyan elections: on the verge of a new democracy, Raila Odinga was coasting to victory and incumbent President Mwai Kibaki declared his own win and was sworn in for a second term. The elections were severely flawed, say all. Raila doesn't want to share power. Some call for new elections with neutral observers or at least meaningful talks. Or, will terror reign?

Jim Hunt and **Nancy Hilliard** offered joy-money for their grandchildren being named Rotary-of-the-Month Students in Kirkland and Everett, respectively.

President Elect **Bob Olson** announced current revision of the by-laws to realign with the present PR and Foundation emphases.

Family of Rotary news – **Ray Saarela** says he'll be back soon, and was seen using his walker in Safeway. Glad to see **Jim Trombold** back at meetings after his health upset.

Bruce Peters had some "defibrillation patch" therapy to get his heart beating more regularly – still kinda winded, but back in the swim.



Petra Walker was inducted into membership by **Jim Buckley** and **Bob Kaercher**. Petra, help-mate and wife of the late **Don Walker**, has already been active in the club for 15 years, helping plan and deliver programs. "She's had better attendance at meetings than most members, is the best networker in Seattle, and is the only person I know who has chaired a committee before becoming a member," said her mentors. She also is Honorary Consul General for Germany in the Pacific Northwest and is affiliated with John L. Scott Real Estate office on the Island. Petra will continue to chair the program committee.

Announcements:

Sam Sullivan said the Seattle Marathon publicity about the small percentage of its runners'

Interact sponsored Vietnam Luncheon at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

February 23
Rotary's 103rd Anniversary

March 9
An All Club Member Event



[click for information](#)

May 16-18
District Conference
Kennewick, WA



[click for information](#)

*The International Assembly educates, motivates, and inspires district governors-elect to lead Rotarians in their districts.

Through plenary sessions, group discussions, and fellowship activities, future governors get the hands-on information they'll need for the coming year. This training meeting features speeches by the RI president-elect, Rotary Foundation trustee chair-elect, and other senior Rotary leaders, such as past RI presidents, current RI directors, and past Foundation trustee chairs, who share their knowledge and experience. Participants exchange information and ideas with other governors-elect from around the world, creating bonds that foster future projects and a lifetime of friendship and fellowship.

fees actually going to charity caused our club to analyze the percentage of fees from the MI Rotary Half Marathon that go to our charities.

"Our sponsors more than pay for the expenses to put on the event," said Sam. "So, nearly 100 percent of the runners' fees go to charity." He also asked for everyone to volunteer from now through March 9 for some aspect of the event. The goal is to make \$150,000 this year.

Patti Darling, who represents Rotary Park on the city's 24-member levy stakeholders group, told the process to determine what capital projects to put on the May levy ballot to support parks, fields, trails and open spaces. Her priority is shoreline restoration, she said. If you have particular interests, contact her or alternative **Shirley Silke**.

Keith Blue commended the recent Salvation Army bell-ringers at local stores for bringing in a record \$8,974.16 for those less fortunate. Thanks everyone.

Program Jan. 15: "A Look at the World," with Rabbi Anson Laytner, director of current affairs, Seattle Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. He also is adjunct professor with Seattle University's Dept. of Theology and Religious Studies. Formerly he directed Multifaith Works, a Seattle non-profit agency for those with AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Prior, he headed the Seattle Jewish Federation's Community Relations Council.

First Harvest this coming Saturday will be held at a new location in Kent – the Northwest Harvest Warehouse at 22220 68th Ave. S. (an extension of West Valley Hwy). See you there from 9-noon, or meet at Trinity Lutheran to carpool at 8-8:30 a.m.

Rotary Students of the Month **Zoe Nemerever** and **Sam Franklin** were introduced by high school teacher **Jan Sayers**, who noted their "personal qualities of integrity, inquiring minds, and enthusiasm to help the less fortunate."



Zoe talked about being part of "Communities That Care" and "Global Visionaries," which took her to a mental hospital in Guatemala. "These experiences influenced the person I choose to be – compassionate and kind." She will attend Lafayette University to study neuroscience and become a pediatric neurologist.



Sam also has been involved in a variety of outreach to help kids, the homeless, elderly, as a DARE role model for elementary students, an intern at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Institute, a lacrosse coach and team captain and a student traveler in Israel. "Four years ago I witnessed the selfless act of someone intervening with a suicide bomber in Israel, and it inspired me to follow my family's medical tradition in hopes of one day saving someone's life."



Speaker **Rob McKenna**, Washington's attorney general, shared his office's 2008 legislative agenda to improve public safety, consumer protection and government accountability. He hopes for more stringent laws, punishments and convictions for identity theft, child pornography, computer security breaches and fraud. He'll also push for prohibiting the sale of cell phone numbers to marketers and closing in on mortgage foreclosure scams.

He believes government needs to improve its transparency by fewer executive sessions behind closed doors, and greater access to government records. He said he does not believe decriminalizing drugs would achieve the intended results. "Street drugs and related crime in Amsterdam are terrible problems, despite decriminalization there. Furthermore, marijuana today is not a harmless substance – it's 20 to 30 times stronger than the marijuana of a generation ago."

Closing with Bo: "The best sermons are lived, not preached."

Application for membership has been received from **Kirk Felton** in the classification, *Financial Advisory*. Kirk was most recently a member of the West Seattle Rotary Club. His employer *Edward Jones Investments* recently moved him to their Mercer Island office. Kirk and his wife Prem presently live in Renton. **John Scherzo** is Kirk's sponsor.

Absent written objections, Kirk will be inducted later in January.

Rotary Information



Rotary Information notes that are included in the *DAWN* are intended to help all of us better understand 'how Rotary works.' One aspect of Rotary is that throughout the year, several months are designated to help emphasize the programs of R.I.

January is designated as **Rotary Awareness Month**. This is a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities among our membership and throughout the community.

Other months that have special designation are:

February
March

World Understanding Month
Literacy Month

April	Magazine Month
June	Fellowship Month
August	Membership and Extension Month
September	New Generations Month
October	Vocational Service Month
November	Rotary Foundation Month
December	Family of Rotary Month