

# DAWN



ROTARY CLUB  
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MERCER ISLAND

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## March



### Literacy Month

*Message from Don Gregory, Governor  
Dist 5030*

## Perfect Attendance Anniversaries through January 2008



Ray Brook, 3-Jan..... 2 yr  
Tom Callahan, 9-Jan..... 1 yr  
John Frazier, 2-Jan..... 18 yr  
John Naye, 9-Jan..... 1 yr  
Bob Olson, 16-Jan..... 12 yr  
Clint Prescott, 18-Jan.. 31 yr

## Rotary Anniversaries



Kevin Bay, 8-Mar..... 3 yr  
Peter Noone, 8-Mar..... 3 yr  
Cindy Goodwin, 11-Mar ..5 yr  
John Naye, 15-Mar..... 14 yr  
Dale Dunning, 15-Mar. .14 yr  
Roy Simperman, 19-Mar 23 yr  
Claude Layman, 21-Mar 13 yr  
Weiling Li, 26-Mar..... 6 yr  
Dave Helsby, 28-Mar..... 8 yr  
Michael Scruggs, 28-Mar 8 yr  
Jim Trombold, 31-Mar. .16 yr

## Birthdays

March 18, 2008

Scribe: **Dave Helsby**

**Opening:** President Bo

**Thought for the Day:** **Bob Williams** shared an invocation highlighting the international benefits of Rotary service.

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

Song: In a singing celebration of St. Patrick's Day, **John Nelson** led Rotarians in a rendition of "Irish Lullaby."

**Visiting Rotarians:** **Dean Pollock** from Bellevue Breakfast and **Ron Bayley** from Seattle #4 joined the meeting today.

**Guests of Rotarians:** **Seiglinda Julius** was introduced by **Patti Darling**, and Dr. George Mills and Kurt Graupensperger were introduced by **Eva Agrawal**.

**Family of Rotary:**

**Bruce Peters** reported that **Tom Watkins** has a new pacemaker, and that thoughts and prayers of Rotarians should go to **Greg Asimakoupoulos** as he deals with the declining days of his father. Bruce also welcomed back **Bonnie Weyhing**, **Dale Dunning**, and **Ray Saarela**.

**New Member Induction:**

**Chris Tubbs** was inducted as a Rotarian. Chris went through Mercer Island schools, and has been in fire service since starting as a volunteer in 1978. Chris is currently interim MI Fire Chief. Chris is sponsored by MI Police Chief **Ed Holmes**. **Jim Hunt** officiated.

**Business of Rotary:**

President Bo reported that there will be a Rotary Foundation Seminar on April 5 from 8:00 am to noon at Kent Meridian High School. Check the District 5030 website for details.

**John Naye** reported that the Changeover Dinner will be on the last Wednesday of June at the MI community Center. Further details to come.

**Amin Adatia** reminded Rotarians that the Uganda fund raising luncheon will be Saturday March 29 from noon to 2 pm at Forest Ridge Academy in Bellevue.

President Bo also reminded Rotarians that there will be a Rotary Day of Service at Secret Park on the morning of Saturday March 29.

President Bo announced that there will be a Fireside on Thursday April 10 at the Home of **Gay and Ray Brook** – 6 to 8 pm.

President Bo had further reminders that the District Conference is May 16 – 18 in Tri-Cities, and that the Rotary International Conference is in Los Angeles this year on June 16 – 18.

**Elizabeth Baska** presented Paul Harris Fellow plus two (2 sapphires) awards to **Bob Olsen**, **Bob Williams**, **Melinda Booth**, **Dirk Van Der Burch**, and **Amin Adatia**.

**Fables, Foibles, Etc:**

**Gus Raaum** elicited such interesting things as these:

**Melinda Booth** shared a leftover tidbit from St. Patrick's Day that there are 36 million Americans that claim Irish heritage, which is 5 times the population of Ireland.

**Crash Williams** noted that Dick Martin was the only Rotary Run course marshal to be featured with a picture in the MI Reporter.

**John Frazier** reported that he is a God Father now for the seventh time.

**Bruce Peters** congratulated **Elizabeth Baska** for being selected to the International President's Elite Club of Coldwell Banker Bain.

The Rotary Run received kudos from **David Weed** for the number of volunteers, and from Petra Walker for being so well organized.

**Paul Smith** bragged about Kansas being a No. 1 seed in "March Madness." **Patti Darling**, not to be out done, simply claimed that Tennessee is No. 1.

**Program:**



**Eva Agrawal** introduced Dr. George Mills from the University of Puget Sound. Dr. Mills made an informative presentation about UPS. UPS is a small school located in Tacoma, and Dr. Mills noted that Tacoma is being revitalized. The 2600 UPS students are from all over the world, with about 25% from Washington. While UPS is a small school, there are many classes and majors. Writing is emphasized at UPS. One popular new program is "Modes of Inquiry" which focuses on filtering accurate information from inaccurate information available on the internet. UPS is engaged in the Puget Sound Region, participating in habitat restoration in Puget Sound, homelessness policy, and educational achievement gap. Dr. Mills noted that there are two professional schools, Business and Music. UPS is campus oriented, with 90 percent of students living on or within walking distance of campus. UPS is completing a \$100 million



Joyce Wagar..... 5 Mar  
 Dick Martin..... 9 Mar  
 Dennis Shelton..... 15 Mar  
 Charlie Buck..... 19 Mar  
 Chuck Hansing..... 20 Mar  
 Pete Mayer..... 28 Mar  
 Helen Martin..... 30 Mar  
 Paul Smith..... 30 Mar  
 Vyvienne Stumbles... 31 Mar

### Upcoming Programs

#### March 25

*Current State Issues*  
 Brad Owen, Lieutenant Governor

#### April 1

*Fight for Children in Underdeveloped Countries*  
 Dr Brad Berg

#### April 8

*Check Dams in India*  
 Eva Argawal & John Matthews

#### April 15

*Charitable Activities in the Pacific Northwest*  
 David Bley, Gates Foundation

### Event Calendar

#### March 22

*World Water Day Walk*  
 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
 1702 Alki Ave SW, Seattle  
 contact [Joanne Primavera](#)

#### March 29

*Service Above Self*  
 World Wide Event

#### March 29

*Ugandan Luncheon at Forest Ridge*  
[click here for details](#)

#### April 5

*RI Foundation Seminar*  
 Where does the money go?  
[click here for details](#)

#### May 16-18

District Conference  
 Kennewick, WA



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**April 10 - Fireside** 6-8 p.m.  
 Gay Brook's Home

renovation accomplished over the last decade. Dr. Mills emphasized the international focus of UPS graduates, noting that UPS has more members of the Peace Corps than any other small college, and led the nation last year in Fulbright Scholars. The questions that followed the presentation demonstrated the interest generated by this excellent presentation.

President Bo closed the meeting with these words attributed to Ben Franklin (maybe spoken on St. Patrick's Day): "In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria." That about sums it up.

### Clint's Corner

#### President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson on Literacy

Literacy empowers people. It is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and an essential component of poverty reduction, social inclusion, and economic development. Despite the importance of literacy, there are more than 800 million people unable to read or write in the world today, and 64 percent are women and girls.

During the next year, the resource group will raise awareness of literacy issues and encourage Rotary clubs to undertake literacy projects both at home and abroad.

The Literacy Resource Group encourages Rotarians, in cooperation with the [International Reading Association](#), to support literacy projects during Literacy Month in March 2008. In addition, members of the resource group will seek opportunities for alliances with other organizations and [identify major Rotary literacy projects around the world](#).

### Publishing items in the Dawn

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**June 15-18**

Rotary International Convention  
Los Angeles, CA



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