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April



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Rotary Anniversaries



Dirk van der Burch, 1-Apr..... 5 yr
 Guy Townsend, 3-Apr..... 7 yr
 Ray Saarela, 12-Apr..... 39 yr
 Merle Dowd, 13-Apr..... 37 yr
 George Chambers, 15-Apr... 5 yr
 Bill Bain, 18-Apr..... 30 yr
 Donna Buckingham, 20-Apr. 4 yr
 Dan Madigan, 21-Apr..... 16 yr
 Bruce McAuley, 26-Apr..... 3 yr
 Charlie Buck, 30-Apr..... 53 yr
 Dennis Shelton, 30-Apr..... 17 yr
 Jim Stumbles, 30-Apr..... 25 yr

Birthdays



Mike Cero..... 8 Apr
 Nancy Lee..... 15 Apr
 Dick Pringle..... 17 Apr
 Greg Asimakoupoulos..... 18 Apr
 Sylvia Bailey..... 19 Apr
 Tom Ulie..... 20 Apr
 Paul Booth..... 22 Apr
 Bob Herr..... 22 Apr
 John Matthews..... 22 Apr

April 29 , 2008

Opening: President Bo Darling

Thought for the Day:

Janie Stewart observed today is "Zipper Day" and proceeded to relate the history of zipper development, including the evolution from the name of "clasp locker" and "Judson C-curity Fastener", to Separable Fastener" which was patented in 1917. As the number of teeth increased from four per inch to ten or eleven, the speed of use was increased, and in the 1920s and 1930s Clergy deemed clothing with zippers as inappropriate to be worn by women because clothes could be removed too quickly, hastening illicit sexual activity. Today zippers are everywhere, and thousands of zipper miles are produced daily to meet the needs of consumers, whatever they may be.

Janie then read several quotes by inventors, including George Washington Carver: *"How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong, because at some part of your life you will be all of these."*

And Galileo: *"I never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him."*

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

Song: "America the Beautiful", led by **Janie Stewart**

Visiting Rotarians: Alan Kunousky, Len Cereghino, Ron Bayley, and Astrid Berg (Seattle 4).

Guests of Rotarians: Steve Agnew (John Frazier), Sieglinda Julius (Melinda Booth).

Family of Rotary:

Bruce Peters: Jim Trombold will be discharged to home next week, and is hoping to return to Rotary soon. Sue Rasmussen returned home last week and is doing well.

Announcements:



John Matthews: Ruth Brook's contributions to Rotary have personified the goals of Rotary, which have contributed to friendships all over the world. Paul Harris Fellow Ruth was presented with a sapphire, representing a gift in Ruth's name from Ray and Gay Brook.

George Chambers: For those who would like to know more about last week's Waste to Energy presentation, please contact him.

President Bo: Seattle 4 is collecting outdated unwanted cell phones with any accoutrements and sending them for recycling. The proceeds will go to phone cards for our troops overseas. MI Rotary will start to collect cell-hones in June.

President Bo: The next Fireside will be a wine-tasting, Thursday May 8 at the home of John Naye.

Fables, Feats, Foibles, Follies, etc:

Joyce Hedlund: her girls' team lost heir singles match against Bellevue, but won the doubles match. Her Golf-Tennis event will be the first week of June.

Mak Abulhosn: his son's birthday.

Patti Darling: her favorite aunt's 99th birthday.

Brian Jennison: his son enrolled in the BCC Distance Learning Program while in the Army in Iraq, and has now been accepted at Columbia.

Ed Holmes: Mike Cero and Steve Litzow, members of the Public Safety Committee, volunteered to be tazed in a demonstration of new equipment.

Melinda Booth: Katherine Rodriguez is in Hawaii visiting a fellow exchange student this week. She promised not to swim with the sharks.

Harold Hill: Founders' Day of Hill Construction was celebrated at the Brewery.

Gus Raam: his granddaughter is graduating this weekend.

Sylvia Bailey: She will host Tan, the exchange student from Turkey when he arrives.

Program:

Kevin Bocher, Interpretive Park Ranger and Volunteer Trainer, spoke about the devastation to Mount Rainier of the floods of November 2006. He showed slides of the damage, and of

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Upcoming Programs

May 6

Seattle' Music Scene
Music Critic, Melinda Barreen

May 13

520 Bridge Replacement
Julie Meredith, WSDOT

May 20

Law and Order
Hon. Richard Jones
Federal Judge

May 27

Coast Guard Helicopter Rescue Mission
Central Washington Flood
Lt. Scott P. Barton

Event Calendar

April 30

District Leadership Council Meeting

May 8

Fireside at John Naye's
8215 SE 59th St
[click here for directions](#)

May 16-18

District Conference
Kennewick, WA



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May 31

District Assembly
8:00 a.m. - Noon at Bellevue
Community College

June 15-18

International Convention
Los Angeles, CA
Pre-Registration



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recovery efforts completed as of August 2007. Much of the damage was covered by 10 feet of snow, and not known until the thaw in spring/summer of 2007. Seventeen hundred volunteers have participated in the recovery efforts. Many trail routes, Sunshine Point Campground, and the washed out Westside road remain to be repaired. In some ways the floods were a blessing in that the staff, the entire congressional delegation, and the community all unified in working together to repair the damage. The cost was \$27 million, paid with NPSEmergency funds, and the private sector. Kevin noted that this has been one of the five or six wettest winters with 20 feet of snow at Paradise and today when he left his office there was over four feet of snow remaining on the ground. The newly constructed Visitors' Center will open October 5, 2008, and the newly renovated Paradise Inn will reopen in three weeks. Kevin mentioned the Centennial Challenge, a cost-share project, with federal funds matching private contributions. He thought the love and financial support of US citizens for the National Parks should not be underestimated.



Final Thought:

President Bo: The brick walls we encounter are not to deter us from the result, but to remind us how much we want the result.

THINK RECYCLE!!

Watch for more about this from your Planet Earth Committee!

Scribe: Mary Kraft

Clint's Corner

Look for a new international supplement edition in the pages of *The Rotarian* early in the 2008-09 Rotary year. The eight-page supplement, to be produced for all official Rotary magazines, will highlight Rotary's work on the global stage. Ahmet Tükel, editor of *Rotary Dergisi*, the Turkish magazine, says the special edition represents a step forward. "The supplement will help promote a unified and global image of the organization," he notes, "and show how collaboration of editors from different parts of the world can help put together a tool for communicating the strength and appeal of Rotary International."

Member Profile

Guy Townsend (7 years of service)



Guy Townsend was born in Columbus, MS, on October 25, 1920. He graduated from San Jacinto High School in Houston, TX in June, 1939. He attended Texas A&M, studying aeronautical engineering. In October 1941, Guy entered the service as an aviation Cadet in the Army Air Corps. He completed flight training in May 1942 and was commissioned Second Lieutenant.

During WWII, Guy flew 450 combat hours in B-17's and B-29's in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Following are his numerous assignments in the Air Force with promotions in rank along the way:

- October 1945- Pilot and Flight Test officer for 6 years, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.
- 1951- Edwards AFB, with duty station at Boeing, Seattle for Phase I of the B-52 program (including 1st flight). He then conducted Phase II and IV programs.
- December 1955-Named Deputy Director of Operations at Castle AFB in California, and later became Director of Materiel for the 93rd Bomb Wing. (The first wing to receive B-52's and KC-135 Tankers)
- August 1957- Strategic Air Command Senior Representative in Alaska.
- February 1958- Deputy Chief of Requirements, Directorate of Operations, Hdqtrs., SAC at Offut AFB, Nebraska.
- October 1958- Named Chief of the above Division.
- March 1962- Director B-70 Test Force, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB.
- December 1963- Named the Center's Flight Test Wing Commander.
- September 1965- Director, C-5 System Program Office at Wright Patterson AFB.
- July 1968- Deputy of Systems Management, Air Force Systems Command.
- March 1969- B-1 Program Director

General Townsend was the first military pilot to fly the B-47 Stratojet, B-50 Superfortress, B-52 Stratofortress and the 367-80 prototype of the KC-135 Tanker. He also flew the XB-36, XB-45, XB-46, XB-48 and XB-51 aircraft. He has logged more than 10,000 hours, (5,000 in experimental flight testing).

Military decorations include the Legion of Merit, DFC, Air Medal and AF and Army Commendation Medals. He has won the "Doolittle Award" for experimental flight-testing, the Museum of Flight Pathfinder Award and the Aerospace "Walk of Honor" Award.

Guy joined Boeing in September, 1970 and held the following positions before retiring in 1986:

- Director of Operations-Supersonic Transport
- Test Operations and Product Assurance Manager, Space Shuttle Activity

- Deputy Branch Manager- AABNCP Program
- Program Manager- 747 Military Derivatives
- Project Manager, YC-14

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