

# DAWN



ROTARY CLUB  
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MERCER ISLAND

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May



World Community Service Link

Perfect Attendance  
Anniversary through March  
2008



Dirk van der Burch, 13-Mar... 1 yr

Rotary Anniversaries



Dorothy Reeck, 2-May.....	2
Chuck Wischman, 6-May.....	11
Dean Matthews, 8-May.....	24
Mary Kraft, 15-May.....	1
Brian Comstock, 23-May.....	30
Judy Clibborn, 25-May.....	4
Fred Jarrett, 29-May.....	1
Steve Weibert, 30-May.....	2

Birthdays



Earl Payne.....	2-May
Troy Thomas.....	3-May
Bob Darling.....	4-May
Tom Bierlein.....	4-May
John Miller.....	13-May
Fred Mednick.....	13-May
Fred Rees.....	14-May
Bob Christenson.....	15-May
Bill Bain.....	18-May

May 13, 2008 Scribe: Dave Helsby

Opening: President Bo

Thought for the Day: Duane Matthews provided the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by President Bo

Song: Jim Marich led Rotarians in a rousing version of "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy"

Visiting Rotarians: Meg Lewis from University Rotary was introduced by Sam Sullivan.

Guests of Rotarians: KC Sheehan was introduced by Bob Olson, Steve Agnew was introduced by Patti Darling, Ray Brook introduced his brother and sister-in-law Don and Von Nay Brook and Yogi Agrawal, Petra Walker introduced Jim Horn, Gary Plano introduced Judy Chase, Leslie Ferrell, and Janet Frohnmayer, and Chuck Wischman introduced his grandson.

Business of Rotary:

Elizabeth Baska presented to Rand Ginn his 4 sapphire Rotary Foundation award.

Curt Nakakayama announced a tasting of Chilean and Argentinean wines at Pete's Wines in Bellevue on May 28, 6:30 – 8:00 pm - \$10 per person.

David Lindstrom reported that the Mill Creek Rotary Club is organizing a trip to deliver wheelchairs to Guatemala. The trip leaves June 5. See David if you are interested in going.

John Naye reminded that the Changeover Dinner will be June 25. Sign up as soon as possible. Cost is \$25 per person.

Mike Galvin announced that the annual golf outing will be June 6 at 11:00 am at the Bellevue Golf Course – whiskey tasting follows.

President Bo reminded Rotarians that the Rotary District Conference is May 16-18 in Tri-Cities. Bo also extended an invitation to join him and Patti for cocktails in their room on Saturday May 17 at 5:00 pm.

Program No. 1:



Gary Plano introduced Dr. Yong Zhao, Professor of Education at Michigan State University. Dr. Yong spoke on the globalization, and the impact on education trends and requirements. The presentation provided some fascinating and thought provoking observations on globalization and the implications for education in the US. Dr. Yong stressed that it is important for students to gain new knowledge, moving beyond the traditional math, reading and science. Important in globalization are knowledge and skills on interpersonal relationships, arts, creativity and risk taking. It is important today to teach foreign languages, and not just the traditional foreign languages. We must understand differences among countries and cultures, and understand what is important. Dr. Yong expressed the view that standardized tests kill creativity – there must be tolerance for new ideas. This was an interesting and thought provoking program.

Program No. 2:



Petra Walker introduced Julie Meredith and David Hopkins from Washington DOT who spoke about and presented information on the 520 Bridge Project. Julie and David talked about where we are and where we are going on the 520 project. The plan is a 4+2 plan with two regular lanes and one HOV lane in each direction. The 2007 legislation addressed a West Side Mediation Plan, a Finance Plan, a Health Impact plan, and a High Capacity Transit plan. The current schedule is for construction to begin in 2009 with the opening planned for 2014. 2008 legislation addresses possible early enhancements. David discussed the four "Ts", Tolling, Technical and Traffic Management, Transit, and Telecommuting. The plan is to use versatile and innovative tolls that will help manage traffic. Tolling will be used, the only question is how. DOT is exploring ways to partner with businesses, conferring with mayors and city councils, conducting public

Keith Blue..... 19-May  
Craig Clampitt..... 19-May  
Cindy Goodwin..... 24-May  
Merle Dowd..... 27-May  
John Scherzo..... 30-May

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## Upcoming Programs

### May 20

*Law and Order*  
Hon. Richard Jones  
Federal Judge

### May 27

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

### June 3

*State of the State*  
Hon. Christine Gregoire  
Washington State Governor

### June 10

*Law and Order in Uganda*  
Robert K. Goff,  
Honorary Consul to Uganda

## Event Calendar

### 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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### June 26

*Change Over Dinner*  
MI Community Center at Mercer  
View

work shops, and will be providing a report to the Governor. With respect to transit, Julie and David noted that as the price of gas goes up, the use of transit is increasing dramatically. They noted that light rail is in the planning for I-90, but will be up to the voters. Light rail is judged to be decades out for 520, but bus transit is a big part of the planning.

In closing the meeting, President Bo recited a quote from Ben Franklin; "Well done is better than well said."

## Clint's Corner

Did you know that Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

## Member Profile

**Kim Stanbery** (starting his second year of service)



Kim Stanbery grew up in Ohio, heavily engaged in sports. In high school, he played football, basketball and baseball. After high school, he matriculated at Marietta College and was an All-American baseball pitcher there. After graduating from college, he went into the transportation industry, where he worked for 30 years. During that time, he established a business partnership, which he sold after 12 years.

Kim has been selling real estate for Coldwell Banker Bain for 3 years in the Mercer Island office, but says he is willing to work off Island given the opportunity.

Kim is an avid sports fan and is coaching a little league baseball team on which his son plays. He also loves to play golf.

In addition to his work and sports activity, he is a deacon at the MI Presbyterian Church.

Kim and spouse Nancy have been married for 30 years.

## Letters from Zimbabwe

Following is the second in a series of three emails sent to **Jim & Vyvienne Stumbles** describing the present horrors in Zimbabwe.

Dear World,

I am a 16 year old person living in Zimbabwe. I think the time has come for a more direct appeal, and so I am writing to you, the world.

Maybe, just maybe, there might be someone out there who can help us...

It's tough here now. The inflation rate is so high that if you don't change money within 6 hours you could get half the amount of foreign currency that you would have originally received.

We're starving now; people die around us. In the last year alone at least ten people associated personally with my family have died despite the fact that they were only middle-aged. Other people don't make it to middle age. They don't even make it past childhood.

Our once-proud nation is on it's knees. We flee or die. This beautiful, bountiful once-rich land has become a living hell. We have dealt with it until now; we have made a plan. That was the Zimbabwean motto: 'MAKE A PLAN'.

But now we can't make a plan. We're too tired, too broken, too bankrupt. We can't afford life, and life does not cost much, not really. We cannot afford to eat, we cannot afford to drink, and we cannot afford to make mistakes, because if we do we die. We don't have the capital to support ourselves, and those few who do, have to deal with the horror of watching their friends and family fall into absolute poverty as they cannot afford to help them.

We're waiting desperately for a great hand to pick us up out of the dirt because at the moment we are outnumbered by Fate herself, and so we close our eyes and pray. We have fought for too long, and have been brought to breaking point. We simply stand, heads down, and bear it. Our spirit has gone; we are defeated. After a valiant struggle of over fifteen years, we have been broken.

There is no will left, no spirit. Like a horse that has been beaten until it cannot fight anymore; we are the same, and, like that horse, we stand dusty, scarred and alone, with dried blood on our sides and lash marks along our flanks. Our ribs too stand out; our hide is also dull.

Our eyes are glazed, our throats are parched, and our knees struggle to support us so that we stand with splayed legs to bear the brunt of the next beating, too dejected even to whimper...

This is my plea. The thought of picking ourselves up again is sickening; one can only take so many blows before oblivion is reached, and we are teetering on the rim of the bottomless void. One more push will be the end of us all...

There must be someone out there who can do something. There must be someone out there who cares! We are a destroyed nation, and the world sits back and watches, pretending they cannot hear our cries. I appeal to you all...

*HELP US!*

A 16 YEAR OLD ZIMBABWEAN.

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