

DAWN



ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



May



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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 Webert, 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 Reeb.....	14-May
Bob Christenson.....	15-May
Bill Bain.....	18-May
Keith Blue.....	19-May

May 20, 2008 Scribe: Pat Turner

President Bo opened the meeting with a smile and good cheer.

Nancy Lee gave a touching invocation about gratitude and how Rotary fits in.

President Bo led the *Pledge of Allegiance*; John Nelson led us in a robust verse of *America*

Visiting Rotarians:

Gary Connelly from Sammamish
Tara Lange from Sammamish
Janet Graeber from Sammamish
Carl Behnke from Seattle

Guests:

Mary Ellen Matthews guest of Gay Brook; John Frost guest of Petra Walker; Carol Friend guest of Nancy and Terry Lee; David Thompson guest of Bruce Peters; KC Sheehan guest of Bob Olson; Finley Crawford grandson and three time guest of Chuck Wischman; Janet Frohnmayer guest of Gary Plano.

Gus fined Mike Cero, Ed Holmes and Steve Litzow for being tasered at the city council meeting.

The Family of Rotary

Bruce Peters reported that Jim Trombold is "improving by inches, not by feet". He uses a walker and can read a little now and is "coming along just fine".

Susan Rasmussen, Gordon's wife, was so very ill, but she is now home and is recovering slowly but surely.

The rest of the Family of Rotary are doing well.

The District Conference was last weekend and we had 16 club members attend, three gave excellent presentations. Our club also received an award for 100% participation in the Rotary Foundation. Bo noted that our club was top in the district for per capita giving, but the amount of giving is not important. It is the 100% participation that matters!

Dick Pringle, who gave his classification talk, was born and reared in the state of Kansas. He then attended law school and soon became the *State Securities Commissioner*. With that background, Dick was in a prime position to enter the corporate world and became the general counsel for local hotel company. In that role, Dick was a "deal maker" for the company and described how he dealt with the mafia in New Orleans. He is pleased to be in Rotary and to contribute to Rotary's good work.



Special Guests:

Amin Adatia introduced Janet Graeber who has been the leader of the Uganda project for 7 years. Janet thanked the club for supporting the Computer and Technology projects in Uganda. Her club is now also supporting water projects in Uganda and invited our club's Rotarians to join the Sammamish club for jazz, wine and munchies to support the water project. Contact Amin for more details.



Announcements

Rotary International Conference will be in Los Angeles on June 16-18. We have at least 10 members who will be attending, so let Bo know if you are interested.

- The Changeover Dinner will be on Wednesday, June 25th. \$25 per person, sign up now.
- Invoices for dues will be going out in the next week or two. No increase in price this year- such a good deal.
- Dave Lindstrom announced that a group will be leaving on June 5 to take wheelchairs to Guatemala.
- If you know of any international grant requests, please attend the international grant meeting next Tuesday (before the regular Rotary meeting).
- Joyce Hedlund invited members to sign up for our club's golf tournament, tennis match and dinner on June 6th, 2008.
- Greg Asimakoupoulos asked members to please support the Brain Cancer Walk on June 28th at the MIHS track. 9am to noon.

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

Rotary Foundation May 15th Newsletter



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Upcoming Programs

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

June 17

Bad Things Happen
Personal Safety for Adults
Jenn Franklin, MI Police Dept

Event Calendar

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

- Curt Nakayama –The club's first annual wine tasting May 28th at Pete's Wine Shop in Bellevue 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Pete's will give us a 10% discount on any wines purchased that evening. Cost \$10 per person. Contact Curt.
- Bo reminded us to bring our used cell phones and accessories to help provide telephone cards for our military overseas.

Today's Program

Petra Walker introduced the Honorable **Richard Jones**, US District Court Judge for the Western District in Seattle. Judge Jones, a UW law school graduate, also served as King County Superior Court Judge starting in 1994. Judge Jones received numerous awards for community service and professional accomplishments, including the YMCA's AKA award for exceptional contributions to the community. Petra described Richard Jones as "excellent with the law, a wonderful human being, and a truly compassionate judge".



Judge Jones described a scenario of two men breaking and entering a home, shooting a dog, woman and man, then searching the house for drugs, but finding nothing. Another man angry with the judge's decision in that case tries to attack him. This man's lawyer is banned from the courtroom due to unprofessional conduct. The media is outside wanting to see and hear everything. The victim's family members are in the courtroom trying to influence the jury and the attorneys are questioning 150 possible jurors trying to get members who will decide in their favor. Welcome to Richard Jones' world as a trial judge.

Judge Jones shared clips from his journal to show what his world is like.

1994 – I heard gunshots, opened the door and saw woman shot, then a man shot, then 3 other women shot. His journal entry: "I think I have experienced a glimpse of what Viet Nam was like."

1995 – The police rushed in to subdue a violent woman. The judge worked out a unique settlement in this case: the 78 year old, 4'11" woman would leave Seattle, never to return to harass the police again.

1996 – He released a 15 year old homeless boy from custody on his 15th birthday.

1997 – Judge Jones officiated a wedding ceremony for a young couple at the rose garden at the Zoo. The bride's grandfather thanked him for making the day so memorable because the bride was to have cancer surgery on the next Monday.

1999 – Judge Jones received a call from the widow of a murder victim who visited the grave of her husband. She called to say she treasured the connection with Judge Jones especially a hug they shared.

2002 – This case was life changing for Judge Jones, as he was assigned the Green River murder case.

2003 – Another case involved 4 young men who, at age 17, took a crutch and beat another young man. Judge Jones described the case and the challenge of deciding whether to try the men as adults or juveniles. He received hate mail after the decision.

2004 – Judge Jones described a case of a man who was guilty on 4 counts of solicitation to commit murder. He paid \$150,000 to kill his family.

My thoughts after hearing Judge Jones' presentation – I thought my job was stressful, but it is nothing compared to his job.

Bo's thought for the day

Some days it is just not worth chewing through the restraints.

Clint's Corner

Did you know that Rotary and the United Nations have a long history of working together and sharing similar visions for a more peaceful world? In 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science, and culture after World War II. That event was a precursor to UNESCO. In 1945, 49 Rotarians went to San Francisco to help draft the UN Charter. Rotary and the UN have been close partners ever since, a relationship that's apparent through PolioPlus and work with UN agencies. Rotary currently holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

Member Profile

Bob Baker (2 years of service)



Bob is a Christian who strives to live each day such that he brings honor to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Staying in shape is a passion of his because his father died of a heart attack when Bob was 19 years of age. Bob's interests revolve around a moral obligation to leave a world in better shape than he found it to his children. In his view, that is not being accomplished at this time. Therefore, Bob spends a lot of time working with cultural and political organizations to help change the direction in which the world is headed.

In terms of hobbies, Bob is restoring a 1978 Silver Anniversary Edition Corvette. He flies an RV-4 home built aircraft in the *Blackjack Squadron*, performing at multi-plane air shows.

Professionally, Bob is currently an MD-80 Captain flying for Alaska Airlines. In the Navy, he had 750 carrier landings. He was a Navy test pilot, a *Top Gun* graduate, (before the movie was released) and has flown more than 80 different aircraft types.

Letters from Zimbabwe

Following is the third and final email in a series sent to **Jim & Vyvienne Stumbles** describing the political situation in Zimbabwe.

Dear Friend,

In world War II while Hitler was brutally taking over the world, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed time for just one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its' people and peace.

Things drastically changed and well, the rest is history

God is the answer and prayer is the only way for Zimbabwe!

In view of the current state of affairs in Zimbabwe we are organizing a daily one minute prayer time at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. or 8.00 p.m. at any one of these times, please stop whatever you are doing and spend that one minute praying for God to intervene in the affairs of our country.

Someone said if people of faith really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless.

Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Together, we can make a difference.

If you know any others who would like to participate in this powerful exercise, please pass this along.

Thank you,

Zimbabwe

24-hour solidarity vigil

Publishing items in the Dawn

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