

# DAWN



ROTARY CLUB  
*of*  
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



May



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Newsletter from DG  
Don Gregory



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

May 27, 2008 Scribe: Pat Turner

President Bo opened the meeting.

Dirk Van der Burch told the history of Memorial Day, which started after the Civil War and led the club in a moment of silence for those who gave their lives for our country.

Crash Williams read a Memorial Day poem written by Pastor Greg

President Bo led the Pledge of Allegiance

Rod Norris continued the Memorial Day theme by leading the club in two verses of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again"

Visiting Rotarians:

The club warmly welcomed Sally Porter back. Sally is now a member of the the Lakewood Club

Guests:

Mary Ellen Matthews was introduced as the guest of Gaye Brook Mary Ellen has applied for membership.

John Naye introduced Bob Olson's guest KC Sheehan

Finley Crawford grandson and four time guest of Chuck Wischman was reintroduced. Chuck said that as soon as Finley learns to write he will submit his application.

Dave Thompson was welcomed again as the guest of Bruce Peters

Bo spotlighted Joseph Barker and thanked him again for our wonderful food

Melinda Booth reintroduced Catherine Rodriguez our exchange student from Chile.

The Family of Rotary

Bruce Peters reported that Keith Blue had hip surgery and he is recovering nicely at the Covenant Shores health care facility. Keith should be home in a few days, trying to navigate the stairs in his home. He would enjoy visitors so don't hesitate to spend time with Keith.



Curt Nakayama, past president, had the honor of inducting Yogi Agrawal into Rotary.

His sponsor, Ray Brooke pinned on his Rotary pin and badge in congratulations. Ray mentioned that Yogi has lived on MI for 20 years and is a scientist with special a emphasis in water. He is going to be a great addition to this club for many years to come.

Bo introduced president elect Bob Olson who made the following announcements

1. Remember to attend the gala celebration of **Change Over dinner**
2. Get involved in the **District Assembly** at BCC at 8 to noon, this Saturday
3. This is especially for new members, board members, committee chairs, etc. There will be many outstanding break-out sessions such as: grants, group study exchange, fund raising, membership development, international service, and much, much more. Please come
4. The club is reviewing **the bylaws** and making changes and will send them to members in the next few days. We will talk about them next week and will vote on them the next week. The primary reason for the change is to better organize the club to be more effective and efficient.

Announcements

- **Scott Bowen**, Vocational scholarship committee will meet immediately after this meeting
- **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 25<sup>th</sup>. \$25 per person, sign up now.
- **Invoices for dues** have been sent. No increase in price this year- see John Scherzo if you didn't get your invoice.
- **Joyce Hedlund** invited members to sign up for our club's **golf tournament, tennis match and dinner** on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Calling all Rotary men, women and family members!
- **Joyce** also reported that the MIHS **boys and girls tennis teams** won Kingco, the district tournament and made it to the state tournament. Although they did not win state this year, they made an excellent showing.
- **Curt Nakayama** reminded members that the club's **first annual wine tasting** May 28<sup>th</sup> at Pete's Wine Shop in Bellevue 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Pete's will give us a 10% discount on



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  
 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**

**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

**June 24**

*Republican State Governor  
 Candidate*  
 Dino Rossi

**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*

any wines purchased that evening. Cost \$10 per person. Contact Curt if you haven't already signed up. Pete's is at 134 5<sup>th</sup> NE in Bellevue – behind Kinko's.

**Fables, fines, fantasies, foibles,**

**Donna Buckingham** fined **Dean Matthews** \$10 for his cell phone going off.

**Donna** fined everyone \$1 for not bringing a guest.

**John Naye** is going to be a father in September!!! He'll be paying for that for years to come. No fine was levied.

**Dave Weed** proudly announced that her daughter made allstate in Water Polo.

**Today's Program**

**Petra Walker** introduced our Memorial Day program – **Lt. Scott Barton** with the **United States Coast Guard**.



Lt. Barton is stationed in the air station in Port Angeles and has been in the Coast Guard for 4 years. Lt. Barton noted that he was originally a "Navy brat" from Massachusetts, whose father transferred every few years. He was selected to be a Rotary exchange student to Japan, which was the year that changed his life and provided him with a foundation and the direction for his future.

Lt. Barton said that he first attended a one month intensive language course so he could communicate when he got to Japan. He lived with families and eventually the language barrier was removed by his emersion in the culture and in family life. He went to the premier university in Japan and realized that the "soon to be emperor" also attended the same school. Lt. Barton was honored to be invited to the "next emperor's" wedding ceremony. Lt. Barton traveled in the country and in Korea, so international friendships were developed. His main buddies were from Canada, Denmark, and Belguim, and all four young men married women from countries other than their own.

Lt. Barton left Japan to take a 4 year ROTC scholarship in Florida. He became a pilot and was accepted into the Army Aviation Corps. After flight school, he went into flying Apache helicopters and spent 3 years in Germany, 1.5 years in Bosnia, then lived at Ft. Bragg for a while. After leaving the Army, he lived in Florida and became a graduate school instructor.

In due time, Lt. Barton wanted to get back into the cockpit, so he started flying helicopters along the beach in Florida. He missed the military, so soon applied to the Coast Guard, where he was sent to Puerto Rico for 4 years for "counter drug" operations. Last year Lt. Barton moved to Pt. Angeles.

Lt. Barton showed the club photos of the air station and explained the mission of the Coast Guard. Last year the station reported that there were 62 lives saved, 323 lives assisted, \$1,574,043 property saved and over \$7 million property assisted.

The station covers a large area including the entire Puget Sound. The headquarters are in Seattle.

Lt. Barton flies the HH-65C Dolphin helicopter, which is a short range recovery search and rescue helicopter. There are 90 Dolphins in service in the Coast Guard. Missions include search and rescue, law enforcement, drug interdiction, fisheries patrol, marine environmental protection, military readiness and logistical support. The helicopter will now be armed and the newly renovated Dolphins can do high altitude hoists at about 7,000 feet. Dolphin elicopters can land on ships flight decks, and be refueled mid air from a ship, and can fly for 2.5 hours without refueling.

Lt. Barton's recommendations: Don't be cheap on safety equipment! Get a good radio, signal devices, and other rescue devices. etc. You can also volunteer for the Coast Guard auxiliary. These volunteers help serve the needs of the boating public by providing public education, boat checks, and more. If you are interested, Contact Lt. Barton. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Motto: "Semper Paratus" (Always Ready)

Lt. Barton also showed photos of the Chahalis flooding showing considerable devastation. There was not much publicity, but there was a tremendous amount of damage. The airport was flooded too, so the Coast Guard was staged out of Olympia. 268 people had to be hoisted out of danger by helicopter.

**Bo's thought for the day**

From Dave Barry: The one thing that unites all human beings regardless of age, religion, gender, etc. . . deep down inside we all believe we are above average drivers.

**Gov. Christine Gregoire will be here for lunch next week**

**New Member Proposal**

**Application for membership** has been received from **Carol Friends** in the classification, **Community Engagement**. Carol and her husband John, who is a member of the Lynnwood Club, live on Mercer. **Nancy Lee** is her proposer and sponsor.

**Clint's Corner**

Did you know that Humanitarian grants enable Rotarians to support service projects that provide water wells, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials to people in need. Through the Humanitarian Grants Program, Rotarians have received \$1.6 billion in grant

awards since 1947. One example of these humanitarian grants was used to turn the Gobi desert green. 58,000 locally grown trees were planted to build a forest windbreak. As part of the Keep Mongolia Green effort, Rotarians and Rotaractors from all 17 Korean districts traveled to the Gobi to participate in the project, which will help protect parts of Korea and Mongolia from the health and environmental hazards of the Gobi's annual sandstorms.

### Member Profile

**Judy Clibborn** (4 years of service)



Judy met Bruce, her husband of 35 years, in a high school typing class. In addition to raising three of their own children at our home on Mercer Island, they have hosted five foster children.

In 1965 Judy graduated from UW Nursing School and worked as an RN at Harborview Medical Center.

She was first inspired to run for Mercer Island City Council to preserve parks slated for development. She served 12 years on the Council, including four years as Mayor and two years as President of the Suburban

Cities Association, an umbrella group representing cities throughout King County. Judy is particularly proud of the leading role she played in the revitalization of downtown, development of parks for kids, and in building a new fire station for the Island.

A favorite role was serving as Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce Executive Director from 2001 to 2003. Because of time commitments, she had to leave the Chamber. It was a difficult decision, but one that was necessary. In 2002 Judy was elected to the state legislature.

There she has worked on important issues such as education, health care and transportation. In the 2006 session, Judy became House Chair of Transportation. In this role she is working hard to keep the 400 + projects across the state, funded and going forward.

She is also proud that the legislature passed important tolling policy, devised a solution to rebuilding the 520 bridge, and started building new ferries for the largest ferry system in the nation.

On a personal basis, the Clibborns have welcomed their first granddaughter, Whitney, who turns 1 this April 23, bringing a little balance and much joy into their lives. Judy is pleased to be a member of Rotary, thus keeping her involved with the community in a non-political way.

### Publishing items in the Dawn

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