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ROTARY CLUB
of
MERCER ISLAND

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May Rotary Fellowship Month



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Perfect Attendance Anniversary through April 2008



George Chambers, 15-Apr 5 yrs
Eva Agrawal, 18-Apr..... 2 yrs

Rotary Anniversaries



John Edmonds, 2-Jun..... 35
Greg Asimakoupoulos, 6-Jun... 2
Joyce Wagar, 8-Jun..... 15
Jim Aitken, 9-Jun..... 27
Bob Olsen, 9-Jun..... 27
Harold Hill, 10-Jun..... 39
Chuck Hansing, 13-Jun..... 2
Vali Somers, 14-Jun..... 3
Bo Darling, 15-Jun..... 9
Tom Bierlein, 19-Jun..... 19
John Townsend, 30-Jun..... 16

Birthdays

June 24, 2008

Invocation: Gary Smith

Pledge: President Bo

Song: Jim Marich

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians: Dirk Van Der Burch (Brad Fowler, Carol Nygren and Gordon Shannon).

Guests of Rotarians:

Jana Shaw by **Elizabeth Baska**
Clara Booth Munson by **Paul Booth**
John Friends by **Terry Lee**
Trish & Herb Rowe by **Weiling Li**

Family of Rotary: Bruce Peters

Tom Ulie is home from the hospital, and taking visitors, just don't make him laugh.
Denny Morrison is still at Virginia Mason. He is improving, and hopes to come home in the near future.

Gordy & Sue Rasmussen sold their house, and will be moving in to Covenant Shores.
Sam Sullivan's father-in-law has been ill and is still in poor health.
Charlie Buck, after 52 years of service in Rotary, is becoming an Honorary Member.

Inductions:

Mary Ellen Matthews and **Carol Friends** were inducted in to membership by **John Matthews**. **Mary Ellen** was sponsored by **Gay Brook** and **Patti Darling** in the classification Ski & Snowboard Instruction. **Carol** was sponsored by **Nancy & Terry Lee** in the classification Community Engagement

Announcements:

Craig Clampitt needs help with the Pancake Breakfast at Summer celebration, July 13, 2008. Tickets go on sale next Tuesday. See **Craig** and sign up for a job.

Terry Lee is taking pictures for the directory. See **Terry** or get a recent picture to him for updates.

Elizabeth Baska presented Life Vile's containing medical emergency instructions. See **Elizabeth** if you would like one.

Chuck Hansing needs volunteers for the Swedish Hospital Summer Run, July 27. Swedish is the Title Sponsor of the MI 1/2, and they need our help.

Sam Sullivan reported on the state of our principal fundraiser, the MI 1/2. The race will be March 22, 2009. Last year, with help from approximately 300 volunteers, over 4,000 participated, and we raised over \$175,000 for colon cancer awareness and the other causes we support.

For 2009, *sustainability* is the goal. We are: fine-tuning the event, increasing the responsibilities of Orswell Events, recruiting more non-Rotarian volunteers and increasing the involvement of MI Rotarians. At our current size, gone are the days when showing up and holding a course marshal sign will do. **Sam** needs help with jobs big and small, and the time is **NOW**. Please see **Sam** ASAP regarding what you are willing to do.

Program



Petra Walker introduced Senator Dino Rossi, 2008 Gubernatorial Candidate. Mr. Rossi announced his candidacy in October of 2007. So far, he has raised \$5.5M, with an average contribution of \$88. He intends to bring a customer service approach to state government, and believes fiscal and social responsibility are not mutually exclusive. His focus is on: education, public safety, transportation and fiscal sanity.

On Deck: DG Jesse Tam

Bo's parting thought: "My memory is not as sharp as it used to be, and another thing, my memory is not as sharp as it used to be".

Faithful Scribe: John B. Frazier

Time for Fun and Thanks at the Changeover Dinner

The mood and food were festive for more than 150 attending the June 25th Changeover Dinner at the CCMV.



Neil Thomson..... 2-Jun
 Andrew Isaacs..... 6-Jun
 Reid Morgan..... 9-Jun
 Ruth Brook..... 13-Jun
 Trina Westerlund..... 16-Jun
 Bo Darling..... 19-Jun
 Steve Webert..... 19-Jun
 Yogi Agrawal..... 19-Jun
 Dean Matthews..... 22-Jun

**Rotary Foundation
 June 1st Newsletter**



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Upcoming Programs

July 1

Our New Rotary Leadership
 DG Jesse Tam &
 Pres. Bob Olson

July 8

Health Care in Kenya
 'Mama Maria Kenya'
 Peter Kithene, Founder

July 15

*Washington State Holocaust
 Resource Center*
 Ilana Kennedy

July 22

Critical Issues in Health Care
 Kathleen O'Conner
 Code Blue Now

Event Calendar

July 1

The Olson Regime takes over

It was a festival of "quotes-of-the-day" and a "This Is Your Life" PowerPoint for retiring Bo Darling. And a welcome to new President Bob Olson, who promises to "Make Dreams Real," the 2009 theme. Presidents and secretaries (John Naye the former and Elizabeth Baska the new) exchanged pins.



An honor guard of at least 14 past presidents attended for Bo and Bob, including District 5030 Chief Don Gregory and his wife Sharon and former British RI Governor David Judge and his wife, Christine. Judge exchanged club banners with us, and invited us to the RI June 20-24, 2009 convention in Birmingham, England. Gregory mentioned how our club has been recognized for its innovative retention approaches and membership growth.

"Our secret is to lock the doors down," said Bo with his inimitable humor.

His final anecdote related how Rotary makes a difference much the same as the little boy who began returning storm-tossed starfish back into the sea, one at a time. A

bystander told him he couldn't possible make a difference in the thousands that littered the shore. "Well it sure makes a difference to this starfish," he said of the one he threw back at that moment.

John Naye played emcee, Chuck Wischman and other officers delivered thanks and accolades, Dick Chappelle provided poem, John Nelson a limerick, a John Frazier presented Bo a hydro-plane painting. Finale skits by as many as 12 performing members touched on Bo's loves of drumming, boating and Will Rogers-type philosophy. We heard new lyrics to Sousa's Stars and Stripes Forever; sang new words to "Oh my Darlin', oh my Darlin' (Forrester Bushnell – Bo)" and ended with:



Heigh-ho, heigh-ho
 It's bye to Bo and so
 We move to Bob

He's up for the job
 Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, heigh-ho.

Scribe: Nancy Hilliard

Member Profile

Chris Tubbs (In his first year of service)



Chris grew up on Mercer Island and his mother still resides here. He graduated from MIHS, (1979) as did his wife, Kristi, (1981) to whom he has been married for 24 years. Chris and Kristi have three children - Lindsey (22), Rachael (19) and Zach (17). The Tubbs' currently live in the city of Sammamish. They are members of Pine Lake Covenant Church. On MI they were members of the Covenant Church here. Chris has served as a deacon and council member of the church for more than ten years. Chris has lived in a number of interesting places over the years: Pacific Beach, WA., Coronado Island and San Diego, CA., Yokohama, Japan, Brisbane, Australia and Pullman, WA.

After graduating from MIHS, Chris earned an Associate of Arts degree in Fire Command and Administration from BCC. He is a graduate with Distinction of the National Fire Academy's prestigious Executive Fire Officer Program and is currently completing a BA in Fire Service Administration from Western Oregon University.

Chris began as a volunteer firefighter, going full time in 1982. He has held ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief & Deputy Chief. He also is Task Force Safety Officer with the Washington Urban Search and Rescue Force, a part of FEMA DHS. (He worked on the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and spent 14 days in Gulfport, Mississippi after Katrina).

He has many won many awards and commendations as Firefighter of the Year, Fire Officer of the Year as well as other citations and commendations in his field of work.

Chris is a member of many International, National, State, and County Fire Chief Associations.

Clint's Corner

The Rotarian Action Group for Microcredit (RAGM) was formed in 2007 and conducted a workshop at the Los Angeles Convention on June 16.

- 1-Benefits of membership in RAGM include:
- 2-Access "How to " guides and best practices for Rotarian Microcredit projects
- 3-Tools to help prepare revolving loan matching grant applications
- 4-Information and assistance on partnering with NGO's; and Microfinance Institutions
- 5-Access to an on-line Resource Directory
- 6-Access to an on-line database to match projects and funding sources
- 7-Access to a library of video, hand-outs, live teleconferencing, and other tools to promote

Microcredit

8-Opportunity to shape the future of microcredit through advice on policies and procedures to Rotary and the Rotary Foundation

Learn more about this group at their website: www.rotarianmicrocredit.org.

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