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MERCER ISLAND

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July Transition Month



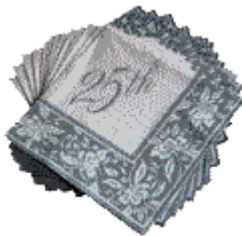
Club Leadership Plan

Perfect Attendance Anniversary through May 2008



- Bruce McCauley, 2nd.. 2 years
- Chuck Wischman, 6.... 11
- Sam Sullivan, 15..... 1
- Trina Westerlund, 22..... 1
- Steve Webert, 30..... 2

July Rotary Anniversaries



- Reid Morgan, 11th..... 42
- Ed Morgan, 11..... 31
- Denny Morrison, 11..... 29
- Dick Martin, 11..... 13
- Gay Brook, 11..... 3
- Duane Matthews, 12..... 42
- Bob Williams, 20..... 31
- Ray Brook, 28..... 10

July Birthdays



- Jim Hunt..... 3rd
- Jim Trombold..... 4

July 15, 2008 Scribes: Pat Turner & Steve Webert

Opening: Bob Olson, President, convened the meeting at 12:20 pm.

Invocation: Chuck Wischman offered the inspirational thought, *When asked how you are ... say, "I'm grateful."*

Song: John Nelson let the Club in rousing, "Oh What a Beautiful Morning."

Visiting Rotarians:

- Morris Ellison, Cape Henry Club of Virginia Beach (Military)
- Jocelyn Ellison, Cape Henry Club of Virginia Beach (Education)
- Ezra Teshome, University District (Insurance)
- Carol Nygren, Seattle 4 (CPA)
- Judy Ginn, Seattle International District (Elem. Ed.)

Guests:

- Farrell Jolly (guest of Judy Ginn)
- Crash William's oldest daughter
- Dana Shaw (guest of Elizabeth Baska)

Announcements:

The Pancake Breakfast was a huge success—congratulations to **Craig Clampitt**, the committee and volunteers.

Bob Olson has new e-mail address for Rotary use: President@MIRotary.org

Please use the above e-mail address exclusively and **please do not use his work e-mail address.**

Committees' membership will be finalized soon. Creation of the printed Club Directory can then begin.

District 5030 printed directories are available at the back table.

Salmon BBQ—Saturday 9 August, Happy Hour 4pm, Dinner 6:30pm
\$20 per person (no charge under age 18). Sign up & pay by 3 August.

Contact **Mark Wischman** (206-909-5559; WischmanMgt@msn.com) if you need additional information.

Family of Rotary:

Denny Morrison—please continue sending cards, letters and notes.
Tom Ulie is doing better.

Short Program:



Bob introduced **Ezra Teshome** (from Ethiopia and a member of the University District Rotary Club): recognized worldwide for expertise and the recipient of numerous awards and accolades.

In 2002, 68 Rotarians participated with polio immunizations in Ethiopia; others have gone from our Club during the last few years. Now, no child in Ethiopia with get polio.

Local Rotarians are working on water projects in Ethiopia. The Mercer Island Rotary Club has provided water for over 2,000 people in a town in Ethiopia already. MIRC has given life to that village. We are going back in October to conduct more polio vaccinations and to continue working on water projects.

Thank you to the Mercer Island Rotary Club!

Farewell:

Bob introduced our 2007-08 Rotary Exchange student from Chile, **Catherine Rodriguez**. This is her last meeting before returning home to Talca, Chile.

Catherine lives three hours drive south of Santiago. She showed slides of Chile, including local Starbucks.

Catherine shared having an amazing year in the United States: improved her English skills, ran cross country, was a coaching assistant, carved pumpkins, dressed in costumes, traveled to Kauai and Canada, visited Disneyland and Sea World, hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, viewed Las Vegas, toured Yellowstone National Park (climbed Half Dome), and went through San Francisco—wonderful!!!

Catherine expressed that she found it difficult to make friends on Mercer Island at first, but now has formed many great friendships. She is glad to see that the United States is not "all-

Brian Jennison.....	6
John Naye.....	7
Dan Madigan.....	11
Pat Turner.....	16
Bob Olson.....	18
Gary Plano.....	22
Ralph Coffey.....	2
Ed Morgan.....	28
Bob Olsen.....	28
Clint Prescott.....	29

Rotary Foundation July 1st Newsletter



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Upcoming Programs

July 22

Critical Issues in Health Care

Kathleen O'Conner
Code Blue Now

July 29

Fisher House - A Place for Veterans,
Cecile Bagrow
VA Puget Sound

August 5

Boeing-New Generation Planes, Drew
Magill
Marketing Director

August 12

Eastside Performing Arts
John Haynes, PACE CEO

Event Calendar

July 27

Swedish Hospital Summer Run
Chuck Hansing for details

Aug 9

Salmon Barbeque
at Chuck Wischman's



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Sept 1

Rotary Academy Registration Deadline

Hollywood." People are genuinely nice in the U.S. and *real*.

"Contributions": **Gus** asked the Club members to put one dollar on their tables in honor of Catherine.

Main Program:

Petra Heussner Walker introduced **Ilana Cone Kennedy**, Director of Education (e-mail: IKennedy@WSHERC.org) from the Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center.



Ms. Cone Kennedy emphasized, "How Big the Holocaust is! There is so much to learn from it." The Holocaust is about the *best* and the *worst* people can be. The Holocaust Center is in downtown Seattle, a small non-profit whose mission is teaching and facilitating learning for humanity.

Why teach about the Holocaust? The Center teaches about history, human rights, genocide, tolerance, social responsibility, etc. "We work with people from grade 5 through adults." Teaching about the Holocaust is overwhelming for teachers. It is daunting and complex. It confronts moral and ethical issues and requires historical accuracy.

The Holocaust history is taught from in difference subject areas and from many different perspectives: victims, rescuers, children, 2nd generation, liberators, etc. "Our mission is to connect the lessons of the past to the present and the future ... *teaching and learning for humanity.*"

The Holocaust Education Resource Center provides: 1) teacher training; 2) classroom Teaching Trunks (materials are loaned to the schools to use while they are learning); 3) education resources (eg, books, DVD's, magazines, website, documents, artifacts, exhibits, curricula); writing and art contests; 5) community programs and partnerships (for example, "we have a Holocaust Remembrance day on Mercer Island" and "put on a multi-day session in Sitka, Alaska); 6) speakers bureau conducting 200 classes and community groups directly educating 20,000 people.

Up coming programs include:

Teacher training in Seattle (November 2008);

Exhibit on Polish rescuers at the University of Washington (June 2009).

"Remember, the Holocaust is just an example of the bigger issue of genocide. The Holocaust lasted *twelve years.*"

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Member Profile:

Fred May (41 years of service)



Born and raised in Santa Maria, California, (North of Santa Barbara on the Central Coast), Fred attended the University of Oregon, studying Journalism and Advertising. Harvard Business School came later, courtesy of the Navy and the GI Bill. He was employed by an Ad agency, later moving to Sales and Sales Management. His company transferred him to the Seattle area in 1962.

After a number of years, he entered the political arena, serving on the Mercer Island City Council and then becoming a House Representative in the Washington State legislature. Fred has two sons who reside in Bellingham and Bellevue, and five grandchildren. His favorite Rotary club service was the Rotary Foundation because "it does so much good around the world." Fred's father was a charter member of the Santa Maria club. Most of Fred's outside service work revolved around political activities.

Fred has been relatively inactive in the past few years and is now an Honorary Member.

Clint's Corner:

Benefactor and Bequest Society

Anyone who notifies the Trustees in writing that he or she has made provisions in his or her will or other estate plan naming The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary, or who makes an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Permanent Fund, is recognized by the Trustees as a Benefactor. Benefactors receive a letter of appreciation, a commemorative certificate, and an insignia that may be attached to a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Individuals or couples who have placed the Foundation in their estate plans for a minimum of US\$10,000 are also eligible for membership in the Bequest Society. Members may elect to receive an engraved crystal and a Bequest Society pin reflecting the level of their bequest commitment.

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