

# DAWN



ROTARY CLUB  
*of*  
MERCER ISLAND

Serving our community since 1963



## 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

**July 22, 2008 Scribe: Mak Abulhosn** (our new cub reporter)

**Setting:** Meeting held at MI Recreation Center on an overcast day with temperatures around 55 degrees Fahrenheit at our noontime meeting. President **Bob Olson** was out today, so we had the pleasure of the impromptu leadership of past president John Frazier. We are in for a treat today!

**Invocation: Shirley Silke**

**Song: Keith Blue** – Leads us in singing America the Beautiful. We all sounded great, but the Rev could be heard especially loud and clear today...and in tune too!!

**Visiting Rotarians** (4): Kathleen O'Connor – Intl. District(speaker)

Morris & Jocelyn Ellison – Cape Henry of Va. Beach

Meg Lewis – University Club

Guests of Rotarians (2): Liz Ulloa – guest of Helen Martin

Jennifer Sik – guest of visiting Rotarian O'Connor

**Family of Rotary: Bruce Peters** announced that **Denny Morrison** is resting at home in the midst of his 2nd round of Chemotherapy. His lovely wife Mary has relayed to Bruce that he is doing OK and holding his own which is encouraging news. The MI Rotary did send him a box of chocolates made by our very own **Tom Callahan**. **Eva Agrawal** then presented to us **Jim Stubble** who joined us at our meeting today. He has been a longtime member, but has been battling a degenerative auto-immune disorder which makes it difficult for him to make meetings. She reminded us all to assist him in any way that we can so that he will be encouraged to come to as many meetings as he can!

**Announcements:** Past President Frazier reminded us all that dues are now OVERDUE! He also reminded us of the Salmon Bake at the Wishman household which will be 8/9/08 and cost \$20/person. He finished with a note on the Int'l Rotary meeting in Birmingham, England to be held Jan 21-24, 2009.

**Program – CODE BLUE NOW: Rand Ginn** introduced our speaker Kathleen O'Connor



who incidentally was former president of the Fremont Rotary and is currently an active member of the International Rotary Club. Her background includes a variety of places she called home as the daughter of a Military Man. She received a dual degree from the University of Washington in Japanese and Government. Further accomplishments include the writing and publishing of the book, "The Buck Stops Nowhere" and she considers herself a HealthCare Journalist. She created the organization Code Blue Now to try to bring to light the public's role in health care reform. Part of the focus of Code Blue Now is to do extensive

research to determine what the people of this country truly desire out of healthcare and how to build a movement from within to actually create reform. Her organization believes is up to the PEOPLE to make change as all other attempts have failed throughout history. The program began early and ended early but there were numerous questions for Ms. O'Connor at the end.

**Post Program Notes: Dave Lindstrom** stood up and made us all aware that Joyce celebrated her 50th anniversary yesterday. Acting leader Frazier then ended the meeting early – apparently having nobody else to give a hard time. A thought of the day was presented and the bell was rung.

**Interesting** (or not) MI Rotary Trivia:

Answers at the bottom:

Who has the longest last name in our club? The shortest?

There are at least 3 members whose last names start with the letter 'B' which are also nouns in the English language, can you name 3?

Does any member of our rotary share a last name with a US President? If so, who?

Trivia answers:

1) Asimacoupoulos is the longest...the shortest shared by the Lees.



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

**August 19**

*Outsourcing Work*  
Jay Lenon CEO  
[csgopenline.com](#)

**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**

- 2) Brook, Baker, Booth
- 3) NO

**Member Profile:**

**John Nelson** (21 years of service)



John joined the Mercer Island Rotary Club in 1986. He served as club president in 1994-95 and among other activities has been race director for the Mercer Island Half Marathon and announced that event for several years. At the district level, he has been district conference song leader, district conference worship leader, coordinated memorial services, hosted GSE members, served as District Governor in 2000-2001, served on the DGN Nominating Committee and the District Service Fund, was co-chair of the Rotary Academy and represented our district at the 2007 Council On

**Legislation.**

He was chairman of the Council of Governors this year, and was a member of the District Budget and Finance Committee.

At the zone level, he was the literary coordinator for Zone 23, served on the District Governor Training Committees, was treasurer for the Far West Breakfast at three conventions, and was the acting Zone 23 Coordinator for the health, hunger and water initiative. He was treasurer for the Long Beach Zone 23/24 Institute and was the project coordinator for the multi-zone Clean Water Initiative Project.

He is a major donor and benefactor of the Rotary Foundation and has perfect attendance since joining Rotary in 1986.

**Education**

John has a BA in History from Cal-Berkeley and also graduated from the Defense Intelligence School in Anacostia, Md. while in the Navy.

**Work**

He was a sales rep. for Hallmark Cards, A Navy Officer and a civil servant for the US Department of Health and Human Services both in DC headquarters and the Seattle Regional Office.

**Family**

John and his wife Jane have two grown children, Andrew and Susan, and one granddaughter Haley, an honor student at Einstein Middle School in Shoreline.

**Civic**

John was a founding member and past president of the Mercer Island Arts Council, The MI PROBUS Club and the MI Community Fund and also served as president of the Congregational Church where he has been a choir member since 1973. He was the Rotary liaison to the MI Youth and Family Service Board, and also a member of the boards of United Way and Radio Station KUOW. He served a four year term on the Mercer Island City Council. He was Mercer Island Citizen of the Year in 1991.

**Clint's Corner:**

There are now close to 1.1 million Paul Harris Fellows in the world today. These men and women have indeed devoted themselves to the attention of the world's needs by raising over one billion dollars for The Rotary Foundation since 1957. Is it not right that we have used the Founder of Rotary's name to recognize these worthy men and women because our Paul Harris Fellows reflect the thoughts and hopes of Paul Harris himself?

It is a truly wonderful honor to be named as a Paul Harris Fellow; to accept that pin and medallion which contains the image of Paul Harris. Yet for all of us, and I mean ALL of us, **it is only the beginning of a journey** – a journey to even greater commitment to donating our excess dollars to helping others. Is that not what Paul Harris is talking about here?

How many of us have enjoyed the even greater pleasure of naming someone we love as a Paul Harris Fellow? Recently, I had such a privilege. When we name someone as a Paul Harris Fellow, we honor that person and honor the name and memory of our Founder. As a Rotarian, there is no greater feeling than to present the pin and medal to someone special.

Rotarians are indeed men and women of character who devote themselves to giving service and their excess dollars to helping our fellow human beings. Paul Harris would be so proud of the Paul Harris Fellowship – our most successful fund development tool.

Let's make 2008/09 the best year ever for giving to The Rotary Foundation and giving in the name of Paul Harris.

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