



August Membership & Extension Month



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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

August Rotary Anniversaries



Dave Weed, 8/4..... 21
 Tom Watkins, 8/7..... 24
 John Miller, 8/12..... 27
 Gary Smith, 8/20..... 35

August Birthdays



Jim Aitken..... 8/6
 Vali Somers..... 8/8
 Jim Stumbles..... 8/13
 Mak Abulhosn..... 8/14
 Dorothy Reeck..... 8/15
 Fred Jarrett..... 8/15
 Kevin Bay..... 8/15

August 12, 2008 Scribe: David Witus

Opening: President Olson

Invocation: Chuck Wischman

Pledge: President Bob

Song: America the Beautiful, led by Jim Marich.

Introduction of Visiting Rotarians: Gary Plano

Rotarians with Guests:

Jennifer Sik, by Rand Ginn

Aaron Kornblum, by Sam Sullivan

Stan Johnson, by Bruce Peters

John Haynes (program speaker) and Dana, by Bo Darling

Family of Rotary, by Bruce Peters

Curt Nakayama - His father-in-law passed away.

Bruce Thompson - Sustained injuries due to a bicycle accident.

Gordon Rasmussen - Back from hospital and is in Mercer Island Care Center, Room #216, all visits and cards are welcome

Pastor Greg led the club in a moment in silence and a prayer for **Denny Morrison** who passed away on July 31.

Announcements

Tom Callahan presented a banner from the Rotary Club in Uniontown, PA, which he visited last week.

President Bob noted that **Tom Castor** undertook a project of taking digital photos of all the banners that the club has received over the years, many of which are stored away, and that the next step is to put the photos on the club website and on screen at club meetings so that members can see some of the remarkable banners collected by our members over the last 35 years.

President Bob then reported on the board meeting earlier in the day.

The board is working on finalizing committee assignments so members are asked to respond with any changes or corrections in their assignments (in reply to email from **Tony Vedrich**) by this Friday (August 15).

Elizabeth Baska is taking suggestions and ideas for what type of grant the club should apply for a District Simplified Grant. This is a matching grant for \$3500 to \$5000. In the past, we have received the matching grant for projects involving the Mercer Island Boys and Girls Club; the recently-installed gate at Luther Burbank Park; and a multi-cultural scholar program between MIHS and Rainier HS. If anyone has ideas, please direct them to Elizabeth. The board will vote on which proposal to make at its September 9 board meeting.

The board also approved five grants recommended by the Grants Committee.

John Edmonds, a club member for 35 years, requested changing his status to honorary member, due to health reasons.

President Bob also noted that the board also circulated a draft of club policies - in an attempt to codify the "oral history" knowledge of club members on what the club policies are.

Lastly, the deadline for applying for **Rotary Academy** is September 1. Please contact

Melinda Booth if you would like to apply. If you complete Rotary Academy, you get RAG (Rotary Academy Graduate) after your name in the Directory.

Duane Matthews asked the club to give a standing ovation to **Mark Wishman** for making what could have been a disastrous salmon bake (due to the rain) wonderful, and club members were happy to oblige.

Fables, Foibles & Fines

Sgt. at Arms Donna Buckingham asked everyone who did not bring a guest to the meeting or did not help out at Rotary First Harvest over the weekend to contribute a dollar. She noted that **Jim Marich** in particular did an amazing job at Rotary First Harvest and she was pleased that she got her daughter to spend a "Rotary day" with her, coming to both the volunteer event in the morning and the social event (the salmon bake) that evening.

Donna Buckingham also announced quite a few August birthdays.

Blair Rasmussen asked if anyone knew of a family that was in need due to a loss caused by fire. A friend of Blair's also had a recent fire loss and received \$15,000 in funds that he did not need, but that he would like to pass along to someone who does for a similar loss, so if anyone knows of such a situation, they should contact Blair.

Eva Agrawal announced that her "number 1" daughter will be getting married and made a generous contribution to the club to honor the event.

Donna Buckingham honored President Bob for doing RAMROD - the ride around Mt.

Rainier in One Day. **President Bob**, who contributed \$15, described how the ride is 154 miles with a 10,000 meter vertical ascent. He said he went a lot slower than **Stuart Scarff**

Gay Brook..... 8/18
Bob Lewis..... 8/21
Orm Sherwood..... 8/30

Rotary Foundation July 1st Newsletter



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Upcoming Programs

August 19

Outsourcing Work
Jay Lenon CEO

August 26

Tacoma's LeMay Car Museum
Dominic Dobson

September 2

Nepal - Rotary at Work
Robert Rost

September 9

Center for Children & Youth Justice -
Bobbe Bridge,
former Supreme Court Justice

Event Calendar

Sept 1

Rotary Academy Registration Deadline

Sept 10

Rotary Academy Orientation Meeting at
MICC
7:00-8:30 PM

June 21-24



Rotary International Convention
Birmingham, England

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who was "smoking" the whole way.

Program

Bo Darling introduced John Haynes, Executive Director of PACE (Performing Arts Center Eastside) and noted his illustrious background as an arts professional, with experience in Minneapolis, San Diego and University of Notre Dame. John began by noting that he was introduced as a guest but is actually a fellow Rotarian, at the Bellevue Downtown club. This was in fact his third Rotary meeting this week so he hasn't been paying for lunch lately, and his 30th speech to a Rotary Club audience.



John began with an overview of why the presence of performing arts are so important for a vibrant and healthy community, noting that creative workers are the decisive economic force of our time. With Bellevue now clearly becoming "the eastside's downtown," and because as a metropolitan region, the eastside would rank in the top 35 in the entire country (right up there with cities like Sacramento and Albuquerque), it's important that it not neglect its investment in the arts to advance the community's overall quality of life. In fact, looking at examples like China (for which John has served as cultural consultant), it's critical for the east side to stay competitive by being agile, adaptable and creative. So the goal of PACE is to bring a world-class performing arts facility that will further support the Eastside's emergence as a cultural power in its own right (similar to how Minneapolis evolved next to St. Paul). PACE will be on a scale comparable to McCaw Hall or Benaroya Hall in size and nearby amenities. John also noted that Mercer Island has a "unique position" being suspended between" Seattle and the Eastside and that it too will benefit by a richer cultural offerings on both sides of the bridge.

John delved into the demographics of the Eastside, noting its diverse population, the presence of major employers, and its second-highest median income in the entire country. He said PACE will have a transformational impact in adding to the area's already exciting mix of terrific schools, world-class employers and bountiful natural resources. He noted that organizations that have had longstanding homes in Seattle, including PNB and the Seattle Symphony, are interested in using PACE because "decreasing regional mobility" is causing them to see some erosion in their eastside audiences.

John gave us a look at the plan for PACE, on the northeast quadrant of the "Superblock" planned between Bellevue Way on the west, 106th NE on the east, NE 8th on the south, and NE 10th on the north. The hall will have a seating capacity of 2,000 but it will also be designed to accommodate smaller audiences for more intimate performances, like those by a string quartet. John noted that the PACE facility will be certified to the silver standard for environmentally sound construction. The team behind PACE includes some of the area's leading professionals, including Kemper Freeman, Brad Smith and Randy Talbot. The Project Team has world-class architects and leading experts in the fields of acoustics and theater design.

Lastly, John described the current status of the capital funding campaign. The campaign's overall goal is \$160 million and they are now in the lead gift phase of \$1 million or greater. Overall, John summarized the "value equation" for PACE, which is community building; the inherent value of the arts; the arts as a partner for education and the arts as part of the overall cultural ecology of the area. For more information about PACE, visit www.pac-eastside.org.

Date to Remember: None in particular noted at meeting end, but see above for **Rotary Academy** (applications due September 1) and **District Simplified Grant** (Board to decide by September 9)

On Deck: Outsourcing

Quote of the Day: "Do not wish to be anything but what you are and try to be that perfectly."

Clint's Corner:

What do Rotary and the Olympics have in common?

Frank King, Rotarian in Calgary Canada and Chief Exec of 1988 Calgary Olympic Games says: "Rotary and the Olympics are the two greatest do-it-yourself movements in the world because of their global reach and volunteering spirit. It's in the nature of their objective: you define what is right and what is wrong, and the development of the person and the body to its ultimate... Why would anyone want to be a Rotarian? Why would anyone want to be an Olympian? The opportunity to do something truly world class."

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