



The Backwash



The Rotary Club of Edmonds

January 18, 2005

Reminders

- Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:30 a.m., Club Board of Directors Meeting
- February 3, 2005, Rotary Centennial District 5030 Dinner
- **February 23, 2005 Rotary's 100th Birthday**
- **March 13, 2005, Club Auction and Dinner**
- The District Centennial Celebration in Vancouver, BC is scheduled for April 29–May 1, 2005
- **June 3-5, 2005 Rotary Club of Edmonds Waterfront Festival**

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Tsunami Victims Fundraiser at Royal Palm Collects Over \$18,000

In a quickly organized effort to raise money for tsunami victims The Rotary Club of Edmonds pulled together to help stage an event that netted over \$18,000. The plan to help the victims took wings when club member Kayanee Swenson agreed to donate every penny her Royal Palm restaurant collected between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5th.



Kayanee “Meena” Swenson asked the club for assistance in promoting the event. Thus, on very short notice Larry Thronsen produced hundreds of flyers and posters while Vern Chase was able to get free media coverage from nearly every radio and television station in the area. Free notices were also published in the Seattle Times and the PI. As a result, patrons started lining up as soon as the restaurant

opened. By dinnertime the line of customers ready to pay \$15 for a delicious Thai meal stretched out the door down the stairs and around the corner. The restaurant which probably seats 80 people served over 1100 meals.

International Chair Carol Kinney is flying to Bangkok to work with The Rotary Club of Charon Nakorn, our sister club in Thailand, to help determine exactly how the money will be distributed.

Waterfront Committee Heads Seek Volunteers to Help Now

At the January 14th meeting, Waterfront Festival Chair Karen Wiggins reminded the members that in this year the club is going to stage the event with “in house” volunteers rather than pay a professional events coordinator. To accomplish the goal she had each of the

14 committee chairs outline the scope of their responsibilities and asked that each member join one of the committees now, during the planning stage.



A list of all the committees and their respective

Chairs is outlined on page three of this publication.



Kayanee "Meena" Swenson delivers a moving invocation at the January 4th meeting.



Student-of-the-Month Kevin Kim accepts award from President Elizabeth

"We are seeing an extraordinary effort, probably unique in the history of mankind"
 Jan Egeland
 UN Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

In Case You Missed the Meeting

The January 4th meeting opened with heartfelt invocation by Kayanee Swenson, who spoke of the good fortune she has enjoyed since she emigrated from Thailand to America. But now she said it is time to remember the people who need our support. We simply must help them quickly and for a long time to come.

President Elizabeth and Kayanee then outlined the brilliantly organized plan to raise money for the victims. (See story on page one).

Coincidentally during "happy bucks" Carol Kinney read the application letter from Nattaporn Pongprasirt one of the Thai students who won one of the twenty scholarships the club had awarded. Her translated letter is reprinted on page three of this publication.

The featured speaker was Evie-Wilson Lingbloom, Managing Librarian, Edmonds Public Library. Her topic was "What's Going on at the Library These Days?" She began by trying to dispel three common myths: 1 That Librarians still wear their hair in buns, 2. That their primary job was to "sush" the patrons and 3. That libraries were no longer needed .

Evie pointed out that libraries are becoming even more popular. She noted that the Edmonds library circulates an average of 33,000 books and other items per month.

The January 11th meeting was the club's first opportunity to unveil the results of the tsunami fundraiser and to celebrate the spirit of Rotary that exists in our club.

Bill Toskey introduced Sue Wolff from Meadowdale HS who in turn described the accomplishments of Kevin Kim, the third Student-of-the-Month to be honored this Rotary Year and Tammy Jahrman, the first Teacher-of-the-Quarter to be honored. Kevin and Tammy were each given a gift certificate.

In lieu of having a featured speaker, the balance of the meeting time was devoted to discussing the Waterfront Festival as a group. Festival Chair Karen Wiggins introduced each of her committee heads and asked each of them to briefly explain their areas of responsibility in hopes that they might recruit volunteers to serve on their committee.

To learn more about the waterfront festival, visit www.edmondswaterfrontfestival.com

January Speakers.....Arranged by Pam Halsan

January 4th Evie Wilson-Lingbloom, Managing Librarian, Edmonds Public Library

January 18thDave Bobanick, Executive Director, Rotary First Harvest

January 11thClub Assembly
 Topic: Planning the Waterfront Festival

January 25th Kathy Hand, State Coordinator for "We the People

2004 - 2005 Club Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs

BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Elizabeth Crouch
 Immediate Past President.....Vern Chase
 President ElectMichael Kealy
 Vice President and Waterfront Festival Chair.....Karen Wiggins
 Secretary.....Don Henderson
 Treasurer.....Mike Meeks
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Larry Thronsen
 Director, Club Service Chair.....Alex Hopkins
 Director, Community Service Chair.....Rod Norman
 Director, International Service Chair.....Carol Kinney
 Director, Vocational Service Chair.....Kathy Dahlstrom
 Membership Committee Chair.....Joan Longstaff

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Waterfront Festival ChairKaren Wiggins
 Auction Committee Chair.....Bill Moran
 Scholarship Committee Chair.....Warren Bradbury
 New Member Orientation Chair.....Carl Swenson
 Centennial Project Committee Chair.....Bill Toskey
 Rotary Cares Co-Chair.....Pam Halsan
 Rotary Cares Co-Chair.....Sally Hyde
 Rotary First Harvest Chair.....Janice Freeman
 Assistant Secretary, Club Webmaster.....Kirk Greiner
 Homeless Youth Foundation Chair.....Sharalyn Ramm
 PublicityVern Chase
 Editor of *The Backwash*.....Michael Kealy

Membership Update.....Don Schmutz Moves to Blue

At the January 4th meeting, sponsor Bill Moran did the honors of presenting Don Schmutz with his blue badge. Although Don was a Rotary member in Spokane, he reverted to a red badge when he joined our club. Thus, he

agreed to complete a series of tasks geared to help him become involved in club activities. Don has recently accepted the position as Advertising Chair for the Waterfront Festival and he is also a beer-brewing team member.



Libby Freese to Host Next Fireside on January 26th

Libby and Ralph Freese have graciously offered to host the next Fireside at their home complete with dinner on Wednesday January 26th at 6:30 p.m. It will be a BYOB (bring your own beer, booze, etc) affair plus a few people will be encouraged to bring a dessert. The Fireside topic will be

“Acquisitions for the 2005 Rotary Auction.” If you have not already signed up but would like to attend, please advise Club Service Chair Alex Hopkins (425) 481-4735. Spouses are also invited to this second Fireside of the current Rotary year.

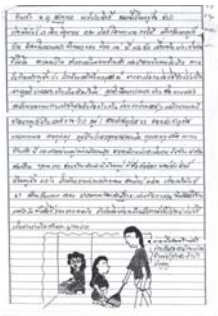
January 18th is the Deadline for Auction Table Choice

The 2005 Auction Committee is offering auction patrons an opportunity to reserve a specific table in advance. Under the new guidelines, anyone who buys a table prior to January 18th will be entitled to reserve the table of their

choice. In prior years, tables were unassigned making it especially difficult for larger groups to sit together. The new arrangement seems to be working since Larry Thronsen and Alex Hopkins have already paid for tables of eight.

Translated Letter From One of the Thai Scholarship Winners

“My name is Nattaporn Pongprasirt. I am in grade 5. I was born on June 13th, 1993 at Ratchavitee hospital. I have one older sister. Her name is Kanitita Pongprosirt. She studies at Bangpakokwittayakom in a Math Science Program. My father has a bad temper. He always abuse my mother and destroy things at home until my mother couldn't stand him anymore. So she decided to escape from him. We moved to other place to live. We



moved to ...Bangkok. It is just a small place but we are very happy to live without my father. My mother's salary is 7,000 bath per month. It is not much money we have to be very carefully to spend the money. We had an agreement to spend 200 bath a day and save some to pay the rent of 2000 bath per month. I drew a picture of me and my sister cleaning.”

Waterfront Festival Committee Heads

Food Garden	Sharon Peterson
Arts and Crafts	Pat Thorpe
Traffic, Volunteers, Maritime Events	Vern Chase
Scheduling and Gates	Don Henderson
Money	Brent Hagen and Bill Moran
Facilities	Larry Thronsen Kathy Dahlstrom
Beer Garden	Rod Norman
Advertising	Don Schmutz
Entertainment	Sherry Ramm
Street Signs	Carl Swenson
Information Booth	Pam Halsan
Sponsorships	Michael Kealy

Make Up Meeting Days/ Sites / Times

MONDAY

N. Seattle—N. Seattle Community Collage	12:00
Lake City—Elks Club.....	12:00
Kirkland—Woodmark Hotel	6:15 pm
Southcenter—Red Lion Hotel, Southcenter Mall.....	12:00

TUESDAY

Shoreline—Shoreline Center.....	12:00
Ballard—Anthony's Shilshole.....	12:00
Everett—Everett Yacht Club.....	12:00
Edmonds Daybreakers— Yacht Club.....	7:00 am
Fremont—Hale's Brewery.....	5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY

Seattle 4 Call 206 623-0023.....	12:00
Bellevue Overlake—Harbor Club.....	12:00
Mill Creek—Mill Creek CC.....	12:00
Lake forest Park—Presbyterian Church.....	7:00 am
Shoreline Breakfast—Shoreline Center.....	7:30 am

THURSDAY

North Shore—(Bothell) Inglewood CC	12:00
Lynnwood—Lake Ballinger Golf Course.....	12:00

FRIDAY

University District—Seattle Yacht Club.....	12:00
Alderwood—Stevens Hospital Cafeteria.....	7:00 am

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Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL**
and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all
concerned?

Upcoming Duty Roster

Invocators

1/18.....Larry Thronsen
1/25.....Bill Toskey
2/1.....Karen Wiggins
2/8.....Tim Beltz

Greeters.

1/18.....Steve Saunders
1/25.....Don Schmutz
2/1.....Pat Shields
2/8.....Tom Shilling