



The Backwash



The Rotary Club of Edmonds

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A Mouse Click Away

by Kirk Greiner

If you are viewing this online, the photographs will be in color and you can enlarge them by clicking on them with the left button of the mouse. It won't work for the printed copy. (No kidding). Our thanks to our official photographer, Larry Throndsen for the many photos we enjoy.

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President's Corner

by Alex Hopkins

Even though the books are not yet closed on our Running of the Balls event, I wanted to give everyone an update as to where we stand in terms of our success. First of all, I think everyone would agree that we have started something big with Sno-King this year. In under three months we had an event put together complete with not only the running of the balls but a healthy vendor fair, 5K fun run/walk, eBay auction, sports clinics and entertainment for the attendees. So far the event has raised approximately \$4,500.00 and the eBay auction has turned into an online store located on the Sno-King website. We have over \$5,000.00 worth of goods in the store and we expect to sell most of it in the coming months. Rotary will get 40% of the overall income and then we will donate 5% of that back to Sno-King in a show of good will and partnership. Ultimately, this event hasn't done as well as first expected, however we did have over \$30,000.00 of "in kind" donations, local celebrities came to support the event (including Rick Steves) and we had lots of volunteers from our club, Sno-King and the local high schools. This is a great start to a new event in Edmonds and next year it will be twice as successful!

I want to thank everyone in the club who supported this event. Several members donated lots of time and energy to this project as well as auction donations and tennis balls. I will keep you posted on the results of the online store and when we eventually close the books we'll be able to report our final financial gain.

Nominations

by Kirk Greiner

The first reading of nominations for the 2006-2007 officers and directors was made at the meeting on the 21st as follows:

President elect:	Doug Purcell
Vice President:	Pauline Gubbels
Treasurer:	Susan St. Germaine
Secretary:	Pam Lemay
Sergeant at Arms:	Dennis Gallagher
Club Administration:	Pam Halson
Service Projects:	Don Schmutz
Membership:	Mike Kealy

Future Speakers

Nov 28 2006

Dave Weaver
"Ethiopia"

Dec 5 2006

Unk
"The Story of Our Local Food Banks"

Dec 12 2006

Jan Parker
"How's Your Closet"

Dec 19 2006

None
"Christmas Music program"

Dec 26 2006

No meeting
"Enjoy Christmas with your family"

Jan 2 2007

President Alex
"Club Assembly"

Jan 9 2007

Joice Barnard, Seattle Art Museum
"SAM's new Sculpture Park"

Upcoming Events

2nd Reading, Slate of 2007-2008 nominees

Nov 28 2006

Annual Christmas Shopping Spree

Dec 2 2006

3rd Reading, Slate of 2007-2008 Nominees

Dec 5 2006

Election of Club Officers and Foundation Director

Dec 12 2006

Annual Edmond Foundation

Meeting Dec 12 2006
Club's Annual Christmas Party Dec 13 2006
Dollars for Scholars Auction Mar 11 2007

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Pat Shields, the chairman of the Edmonds Rotary Foundation nomination committee, initially proposed Susan St. Germaine for the open director's position but when it was learned that she was nominated to be the club's treasurer, and would thus be on the Foundation board anyway, Brent Hagen was asked and accepted the nomination to the open position.

Fireside
by Kirk Greiner

The Fireside held at Doug Purcell's home on November 15th explored two subjects; scholarships and our Foundation.

Warren went through the process of selection and received a number of suggestions. He has been heading the committee for scholarship selection for over 20 years. He responded knowledgeably to all suggestions and left everyone feeling the selection process was in good hands. No changes were anticipated.

Kirk and Doug discussed the Foundation. Doug went over the history of it which cleared up some questions and provided good background. Kirk and Doug then discussed the handling of donations. When a donation is made, if it is in excess of a certain amount (not yet set by the board), the donor can establish an endowment for a specific purpose. If the board approves it, the donation is accepted for that purpose and an endowment is established. There will also be a non-specific endowment established where the income can be spent for such charitable purposes as the board designates. A donor can choose whether his money is added to an existing endowment, to an existing program, or donated to a general fund.

Kirk said that the recent presentation by the Bainbridge Club on wells in Uganda had caused him to rethink his proposal for solicitation of donations from the public. At the present time, the club has no large project which could be used to attract donors. Until the club develops such a project, he felt that the solicitation of funds would not be successful.

Kirk reiterated his opinion that the purpose of the Foundation is to obtain funds to be spent on specific charitable projects of the Club.

The fellowship of the evening was enjoyed by all.

November Board Meeting
by Kirk Greiner

The club's board met on November 21, 2006. To read the draft minutes of the meeting click [>HERE<](#). To read the financial report, click [>HERE<](#).

Wells in Uganda
by Kirk Greiner

Joanne Crogham, our luncheon speaker on November 14th, was a past president of the Bainbridge Island Rotary Club. She told us about a club project which started out as providing one well for a small town in Uganda. This came about because of a visit by her to Uganda and the realization that the women of the town were making numerous trips each day of up to 5 kilometers to bring water back for cooking, drinking, bathing and irrigation. Further, this water was contaminated and the villagers were suffering from it.

She asked why the village had no well and was told it would cost about \$6000 USD and they could not afford it. After several unsuccessful attempts, she finally convinced her Rotary club board to approve the funding of the well. When the well came in, several Rotarians were there to celebrate the opening and learned there were 80 additional villages in the area with similar problems. To make a long story short, they have now spent \$500,000 to put in many more wells and will have wells in all the needy villages in the area in five years. This ambitious goal started in 2002 when the club had a membership of about 40 - similar to our club. The club has now grown to about 100 members perhaps because people could see what the club was doing. Support was obtained from other clubs and through matching grants from the District and RI.

Many of our members were impressed by the success of the Bainbridge Club in meeting a water crisis in one part of Uganda.

We have just completed the Trinity project and the financial aid offered to the tsunami victims in Thailand. Is it time for us to see if we want to undertake a similar project to aid people in some third world country? First, we must identify a project.

Then we have to examine the sources of funds. A project of the nature of the Uganda project would be sure to attract new members, local publicity and donations from outside our club. This is where our Foundation would serve the project since donors would want to take advantage of the tax benefits when they donate to the Foundation. The same benefits are not available when people donate to the club directly.

Matching grants are a specialty of Elizabeth Crouch and hopefully she will have an article for our newsletter soon on that subject so we can see how our money can double and possibly even quadruple.

Are we ready for such a project???

Veteran Speaker and Artist

by Kirk Greiner

Our speaker on the 7th of November, Michael Reagan, was very appropriate in memory of all those veterans who we remember on Veterans' Day. A Marine combat veteran of Viet Nam and an artist, he was asked by a family of a deceased soldier if he would draw a portrait of their son. This request was the start of a new gratifying course in Mike's life.



He has now painted 481 portraits of deceased soldiers of all services with 76 more to do for the 8th Marines. These portraits are given to the survivors without charge. You can get additional information from his web site at www.fallenheroesproject.org. He emphasized his view that whether or not you agree with the ongoing conflict or the politics of those in Washington, you owe our soldiers your respect. They are there to serve the needs of our great nation. Welcome them when they return and thank them for their sacrifice and service.

Mike talked about one soldier, SSG Christopher Falkel who died in Afghanistan on 8 August 2005, whose name meant "falcon." The portrait drawn of him by Michael, shown on the right, shows a superimposed falcon.

Blue Badge awards

by Kirk Greiner



Lamin Manneh and Frank Yamamoto, shown together with their sponsor Dennis Gallagher (center), received their Blue Badges at the November 14th meeting. We wish them well and look forward to working with them in Rotary.

Recruit, Recruit

by Vern Chase

Is our club doing a community service project? Invite non-Rotarians to participate in the project. Show them the fellowship of Rotary and how we come together to service the community. Invite them to a meeting and let them see for themselves the benefits of being a Rotarian.

Bookers Dozen

by Pat Shields

Greetings fellow Rotarians. I wanted to remind you as we approach the Holiday Season that there is a way to support both a local business and benefit the needy *and* not cost you a thing! The Edmonds Book Store at 111 Fifth Avenue South in downtown Edmonds has a Frequent Buyers program that provides a free book after every 12th book purchased. Mary Kay Sneeringer, the owner of the bookshop calls it the "Bookers Dozen"! We have established a Rotary card at her shop and are accumulating books to be donated to a cause of the Club's choice. If you make a purchase at the store, just ask that it be put on the Rotary card, and we will be one book closer to a donation. This is a great local business and Mary Kay and her staff are knowledgeable and fun, and the store has a great selection plus will order books for you. I encourage you

to support this local business and Rotary programs during the holidays and throughout the year.

Convenient Make-up Clubs and Times

by Doug Purcell

MONDAY

N. Seattle at N. Seattle Community College:	12:00 noon
Kirkland at Woodmark Hotel :	6:15 pm
Southcenter at Red Lion Hotel, Southcenter Mall:	12:00 noon

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

North Shore at (Bothell) Inglewood CC:	12:00 noon
Lynnwood Nile CC until further notice:	12:00 noon
Seattle Northeast Lake city Elks Club:	7:00 am

FRIDAY

University District at Seattle Yacht Club:	12:00 noon
Alderwood at Stevens Hospital Cafeteria:	7:00 am
S. Everett Mukilteo at Holiday Inn 128 th :	12:00 noon