



# The Backwash



The Rotary Club of Edmonds

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*by Kirk Greiner*

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## Future Speakers

### Aug 8 2006

[Liz Meeks](#)  
"Working in pediatric burn center, Bolivia"

### Aug 15 2006

[Laurel James](#)  
"Land mine removal and farm land restoration "

### Aug 22 2006

[Kirk Greiner & Pauline Gubber](#)  
"Our club Foundation and the Albuquerque Foundation"

### Aug 29 2006

[Susan Collins, from Dale Carnegie](#)  
"Improving Memory Skills"

**Presidents Corner**  
*by Alex Hopkins*



Once a month (every second issue of the *Backwash*), I will share with you some of my thoughts.

We're in the second Rotary month and so far so good for the Rotary Club of Edmonds. Here are some highlights, so far we've had three new members inducted into the club and two more are scheduled for later this month. The picnic in the park lunch meeting that we share with the Day Breakers went very well and we were honored to be given an award from Lisa Dittmar in recognizing the club's efforts with the Uruguay Computer Project that we supported last year. I made a presentation on my experiences with the Rotary International Convention and passed out information regarding Salt Lake City where the convention is to be held in 2007. Also, thanks to Kirk our Backwash is being published on a regular basis with hard copies available.

Most importantly, our involvement with the Sno-King Youth Club and the "Everyone Gets To Play Day" has officially begun. Ryan Flynn the Director of Development gave the club a snap shot of what's going to take place on September 23rd (next month). The day will feature a 5K run, a health focus complete with vendors and activities, an eBay auction and the feature event will be the Running of the Balls! Our club will share equal press with the youth club on the website, posters and all advertisement throughout the region. It is my hope that we can raise significant funds that will not only contribute to the support of the youth club but also add to our budget and reserves for years to come. Please be as supportive as you can.

**Newsletter Correction**  
*by Kirk Greiner*

One of our Club Members pointed out that there was an error in the last newsletter. The Club did get the President's citation, but only as a paper certificate. The yellow felt disc was not given out this year to any club. This also occurred in 1998 and 1999. But the Club did reach all the lofty goals set by the District Governor, and should be justly proud of it. Our reader also believes we have received this award every year since 1988. (Thanks PT)

Read more about this in the next issue of the Backwash.

**Welcome Pauline Gubbels**  
*by Kirk Greiner*



On July 18th, Pauline Gubbels was sworn in as a new member to our Rotary club.

However, Pauline is anything but new to Rotary. She comes to us as a transferee from a large club of over 300 members in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was the Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque from 1986 to 1993, and from 2002 to 2006 she was the President of the Albuquerque Rotary Charitable Foundation. While as President of the Foundation, the net worth of the Foundation climbed from \$677,020 to \$1,136,000 in April of 2006.

She has also served as a New Mexico State Representative for seven years and as President of the Albuquerque City Council for one year.

She and her husband, Matt, a retired mechanical engineer, recently moved to Edmonds.

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We are pleased to have her as a new member of our club and look forward to all the experience she brings to us.

### **Snohomish County Economics**

*by Kirk Greiner*

Our speaker on July 18, Tim Raetzloff, is an economic statistician. He shared with us how the county has grown economically over the past decade and some of the companies which have contributed to that growth.

### **Our Foundation**

*by Kirk Greiner*

The Edmonds Rotary Club Foundation Board held its first meeting of the new club year on July 10th. All members were present. The minutes of the meeting are available in the Website Annex. From a balance of \$25, 816, \$16,000 was approved for scholarships for 14 graduating high school students selected by the Club in June, 2006.

### **Rotary Club Web Site**

*by Kirk Greiner*

Lost your login Name or Password? Not a problem. When you bring up the web site, click on HELP (upper right corner) and then select Getting Started. You will find all sorts of information including how to recover your ID and Password.

The HELP section contains information for not only the beginner but for use of the site by Directors and Officers.

Don't forget there is a new ANNEX section which contains information on the Club as well as on the Club's Foundation. To get to it, login and then go to View Club's Documents. You will find the link to the ANNEX there.

### **2005 - 2006 Rotary Year-In-Review**

*by Michael Kealy*

At the Club Retreat on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005, 20 goals were proposed by our president, Michael Kealy, for the 2005- 2006 Rotary Year.

The following is a brief outline of those goals and the results we were able to attain.

1. Increase membership my Net Four. This was met. We officially started the Rotary Year with 42 members and finished with 46 members.
2. Induct four new younger members. We actually inducted two new "younger" members.
3. Shorten the meeting time. This was met. Previously, although RI showed that our meeting started at noon, the bell was not rung until 12:30. By year end, the meetings bell was rung at 12:00 noon and the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.
4. Reduce meeting costs. This was not accomplished. There is some consolation that the meeting cost did not increase for members.
5. Introduce theme meetings. This was met. The club had meetings that encouraged members to wear something appropriate for "Your Favorite Team," "Valentine's Day" and "St. Patrick's Day."
6. Program no more than 2 meetings per month on a topic relating to the monthly Rotary Theme. This was met.
7. Present at least 12 classification talks. This was met. The club heard 6 classification talks by new members and 6 by longer term members.
8. Fill-A-Banner with 25 new club flags. The membership turned in 26 new banners as a result of their combined visits to other Rotary Clubs.
9. Increase make up attendance by 20%. This was met, but primarily because the club was more attuned to giving those who attended Rotary related committee meeting (which lasted more than one hour) with a "Make Up" slip.
10. Award Perfect Attendance to 25% of membership. At last count perfect attendance pins were expected to be presented to close to 40% of our membership.
11. Organize 2 "Fun Trips." This was met. On one trip, a few club members met at a resort near the Gorge and on the second trip, 14 Rotarians ventured to Whistler, BC for the District Conference.
12. "Make a fuss" over visiting guests. A new position of "Guest Host/Hostess" was created and became a part of the weekly duty roster.
13. Raise \$50,000 Net, including \$16,000 for scholarships. This was almost met. The club raised almost \$30,000 at the Waterfront Festival and almost \$15,000 (for scholarships) at the Annual Auction.
14. Make sure every member was assigned a specific job. This is up for discussion. Although all members worked on one project or another, not all were assigned specific duties.
15. Change By-Laws to reflect "The New Vision for Rotary." This was accomplished. A majority of the membership voted to change the By-Laws in October, to become effective July 1, 2006
16. Do not initiate any new major projects without 60% "buy-in" by the membership. No new major projects were introduced.

17. Raise the level of awareness for the Rotary Foundation. At least twice a month, Rotary Foundation Chair, Kathy Dahlstrom presented a "Foundation Minute." Every member was regularly advised about the important work being done as a result of Rotarian contributions to the Rotary Foundation.
18. Encourage at least 25% of membership to become Paul Harris Fellows. Currently, nearly 50% of our members are Paul Harris Fellows.
19. Earn a Presidential Citation. This was accomplished. The club was awarded a Presidential Citation (in paper form rather than the traditional felt patch form) as a result of meeting the RI and District goals. The goals included:
  - a. Increasing membership by Net 1
  - b. Participating in a Literacy Project
  - c. Participating in a Clean Water Project
  - d. Improving the Club's Public Relations efforts
20. Receive "Special Recognition" at the District Conference. The Conference did not offer prizes (as was the case in the past) to the clubs with the best percentage of attendance by its members or best display. This was unfortunate because many believe our club would have won in both categories. Nevertheless, the club was singled out for having the highest percentage of contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Our Club reached 281% of its Rotary Foundation goal. In addition to reaching specific goals, the Club's most notable accomplishments included:
  1. Paying for and installing a \$32,000 Children's Play area at Trinity Place
  2. Being credited with initiating the effort to create a Port of Edmonds Weather Station and having it named after former Rotarian Harold "Babe" Bucklin.
  3. Raising approximately \$15,000 at the Club's Annual "Dollars for Scholars" Auction.
  4. Raising approximately \$30,000 at the Waterfront Festival
 All in all, it was a very good year!

### **Duty Roster**

*by Kirk Greiner*

The Duty Roster consists of three functions; Greeter, Invocator, and Host. These functions are assigned to the members in rotation.

The host is the person who greets non-members, answers their questions and sees that they are introduced to someone and seated. These are considered important functions and if you are absent when a particular duty has been assigned to you, the club suffers. Please, if you are going to be unable to perform an assigned duty, arrange for a substitute - perhaps exchange duties with someone else.

Your personal duties are printed at the bottom of the newsletter which is emailed to you. You can also review them by clicking on "Duty Roster" at the top right of our website home page.

### **Q & A Column**

*by Kirk Greiner*

Do you have a question about the web site, our Foundation, or Rotary, send the editor an email at [kirk@maritimeconsultant.com](mailto:kirk@maritimeconsultant.com) and we will publish it and an answer in the next issue of our newsletter, the *BACKWASH*.

### **From the Editor**

*by Kirk Greiner*

The Backwash is a collaborative effort of many members.



I greatly appreciate the help of those members upon whom I have called for articles of current events, or subjects which I think will be of interest to our members.

I know you will find this hard to believe, but many hours that went into editing this issue were done in a tree-house, some 40 feet above the ground. My wife and I are entertaining two of my grandsons in southern Oregon where you can rent a tree-house. The surprising thing is that they also have Wi-Fi so I'm working on line. The photograph is of "my" tree-house from which this is being edited and written.

### **Scholarship Feedback**

*by Warren Bradbury*

Two letters have been received from students who received scholarship awards in 2005 but have been unable to appear before the club. Excerpts of these letters follows:

Olivia Brent-Fielding (Meadowdale HS Class of 2005)

"..past year has been very busy and insightful.." ..had ups and downs.." .. come to the

unfortunate realization that to study what I want, I am going to have to move down to California... (Brooks Institute of Photography).. to pursue photojournalism." "I am very excited and nervous for this big change" "I am fortunate for the help I received from the Edmonds Rotary, the scholarship helped me to have a great year at the UW where I could enjoy class and study hard, rather than just how to pay for tuition".

Ashlee Malkuch (Edmonds-Woodway HS Class of 2005)

"..with the help from the Rotary Scholarship, I was able to take courses in primarily two majors, Communications and International Studies. Particularly interesting to me was the course Introduction to Communication, which focused on topics within international communication, political communication, and communication technology and society. My favorite and most challenging course, however, was Cultural Interactions in an Interdependent World. This course is a prerequisite for the International Studies major, which I am considering pursuing.." " I have been involved in several community activities..two neighborhood clean-up days." "I have had an awesome opportunity to be a leader in (the) church's Junior High Youth Group, called the ROCK. Working with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders all year was a blast and I am planning on being a leader again next year." "This summer I am a Children and Family Ministries Intern at .. church"

### Rotary Ambassador Scholar

*by Carol Kinney*



Lisa Dittmar, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Montevideo Uruguay in 2005-2006 presented a plaque to Michael Kealy, past president and Alex Hopkins President, at the July 24 Picnic in the park meeting.

The plaque, from the Rotary Club of Pocitos (District 4980) in Montevideo, expressed appreciation to the Rotary club of Edmonds for participating in the computers for the world matching grant that provided computers to schools in MontevideoUruguay. The project was funded jointly by our club and the Ballard club, each putting up \$2500. A matching grant of \$5000 was obtained from the District and RI chipped in \$7500. The Pocitos and Caretas Rotary Clubs of Uruguay contributed \$850 and assisted our efforts. The total budget was thus \$18,350

Lisa traveled with John Keithly of Ballard Rotary, 4 students from BallardHigh School and 8 students from RainierHigh School to initiate the computers for the world program in Uruguay. One hundred sixty computers and 200 monitors were shipped from Seattle to Uruguay in the spring of 2006. Lisa had worked with more than 14 Rotary clubs in Uruguay during her year of study, to identify the schools and other facilities that would receive the computers.

Although it was a disappointment that the computers were held up in customs and were not in Uruguay when the team was there, they were released the day after the students returned home. However, the International and cultural understanding afforded by such an exchange was invaluable to Lisa and the students. The students were able to appreciate and begin to understand the culture in Uruguay and interact with Rotarians and students in that country. This type of exchange always leads to better understanding between the people of different countries. We have since received notice that the computers are now in the hands of the Rotarians and are being distributed. The computer programs are in Spanish and the students will have access to the Web. Thank you to Lisa Dittmar and John Keithly for their diligence in making this "Computers for the Word" project a success.

### Convenient Make-up Clubs and Times

*by Doug Purcell*

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### THURSDAY

North Shore	(Bothell) Inglewood CC:	12:00 noon
Lynnwood	Nile CC until further notice:	12:00 noon

Seattle Northeast ☐ Lake city Elks Club:	7:00 am
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
University District ☐ Seattle Yacht Club:	12:00 noon
Alderwood ☐ Stevens Hospital Cafeteria:	7:00 am
S. Everett Mukilteo ☐ Holiday Inn 128 <sup>th</sup> :	12:00 noon