



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 Thronsen for the many photos we enjoy.

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President's Corner

by Alex Hopkins



FONT face=Verdana size=2> It is with a renewed sense of Rotary Spirit that I thank all of you from the club that supported the "Running of the Balls" event this last weekend. The rally cry was heard and I thank those who purchased balls (we had several club winners), donated auction items and volunteered to work the event. There are numerous individuals who went the extra mile in putting in several days worth of time, I thank Vern for covering the various promotional booths prior to the event, Staser for getting tennis balls, Frank for setting up and conducting the 5K run/walk, Elizabeth & Dave for set up and take down, Larry & Carl for pre auction set up, Larry & Ollie who mapped out the field and directed the set up and Kirk who continues to help orchestrate the eBay auction which will be a success. If it wasn't for everyone's support this event would not have been a "home run." Now the word is out and we should expect double the success for next year, everyone had a great time and most importantly the kids had fun. Remember to check out our eBay auction by going to our website and linking to the Sno-King site. From there you'll see our eBay auction which has already generated almost \$2K in the first day! Thanks again for your support and I am truly honored to be the President of the Rotary Club of Edmonds!!

Find a Young Person & Invite them to a Meeting

by Kirk Greiner

Do you know how to make it easy to bring in the younger Rotarian? Get together with other Rotarians and find 4-5 young prospective members and invite them to a meeting with an interesting speaker. Let them sample the fellowship of Rotary and help them understand the advantages of becoming a Rotarian. Then ASK them to become a member. Remember if you don't invite someone your club will not get younger.

Shop for a Cause

by Vern Chase



Rudy Jones, Lemin Mennah, Carol Kinney and Vern Chase covered the last shift on Saturday, September 16 at the mall entrance to Macy's at Alderwood Mall. Sixteen Rotarians staffed a display and sold coupons to shoppers. It was all part of Macy's national day of support for non-profit organizations in our

Upcoming Events

Trinity Work Party
Sep 30 2006

Trinity Work Party
Oct 5 2006

Fireside
Oct 10 2006

District Seminar - Membership & RI Foundation
Oct 21 2006

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community. When shoppers made a \$5 donation to Rotary, and other charities, they received a coupon to save 20% off their purchases. Almost everyone in the club helped with the pre-sale of the coupons. The tally is not in yet but Chase estimated that the club made a profit of about \$1400.

Rotarian Merchandise

by Kirk Greiner

If you are interested in merchandise which contains or displays a Rotary logo, there are several dealers who have significant online inventories. One such dealer distributes a newsletter specifically for Rotarians. If you are interested, logon to their web site at www.ruh.com/rotary, see their online inventory and, if desired, subscribe to their email newsletter.

Alliance for International Women's Rights

by Kirk Greiner



Our speaker at the September 16th luncheon was Lisa Herb, sister of Carolyn Douglas, a club member. She brought to us an inspiring story of how she and her husband, secure in their jobs here in the Seattle area, decided to go to Mongolia. From this trip grew the Alliance for International Woman's Rights. Lisa, a seasoned lawyer, is the president of the Alliance. Its mission is to support women's rights organizations in developing countries, with an initial focus on Central Asia, by developing a network of professionals who are willing to share their skills and experience with women's rights organizations in need of assistance.

An example of this was the women in Mongolia who were qualified for aid by didn't have the means or experience to know how to get it.

The Alliance is seeking armchair volunteers who can assist without going to these countries through email and web research. The second type of volunteer they are seeking are those willing at their own expense to go to these countries to provide hands on assistance for weeks or months.

Lisa's presentation was well received.

Slide Shows of Rotary History

by Kirk Greiner

The Rotary History section of the Annex to our web site contains a number of slide shows regarding the ideals, goals and history of Rotary. These were large files and loaded slowly. The files have been changed to load faster. With a fast Internet connection they will start in about ten seconds. With a telephone modem, the first slide will appear in about a minute, but the following slides will be downloaded during the viewing of the preceding slide and thus the transition will be much faster for the following slides. They cover all aspects of Rotary and would be instructive to new members.

Foreign Student Cruise

by Kirk Greiner



Hundreds of foreign students poured aboard Argosy's Spirit of Seattle Sunday afternoon. The day was perfect. The mountain was out. Carl Kinney and Kirk & Jackie Greiner represented our club. Kirk and Jackie became involved in loading and serving the dinner of vegetarian salad, pasta salad, potatoe salad, delicious chicken salad, fried chicken, vegetarian pizza, cookies and drinks. Everyone had a slice of the cold pizza, the most popular dish.

Most of the students had only been here a week or two. They came from countries all over the world - China, Korea, India, Germany, France, England, , and one even signed in from Antarctica (we wondered about him). Discussions with and between the students were lively. It was interesting to hear what courses they were taking, and to point out various parts of the city. Kirk of course wanted eveyone to see the

three Coast Guard ice breakers moored at the Coast Guard dock.

The cruise was sponsored by the University District Rotary Club.

PolioPlus

by Kirk Greiner

Polio is still alive and crippling people . and Rotary is still committed to eradicating it from the earth. Unfortunately, for many of us, it's out of sight and out of mind. Please consider renewing interest - and informing your members about "just what is Rotary doing about polio, now?" The attached material - especially the newsletter - is particularly useful. Please consider posting it on your club's newsletter and website. Best wishes and Lead the Way!

Mike Montgomery
District Governor

Motivation and Fitness

by Kirk Greiner



Ogie Shaw was certainly a fascinating speaker. We don't have a story but we thought you might like to see how one member was so motivated he started his fitness program right before us. Way to go, Dave.

New Member - Lamin Manneh

by Lamin Manneh

Have you ever heard of the smiling coast of Africa? It is The Gambia, West Africa, the smallest country in the continent- slightly less than twice the size of Delaware.

It was a hot and rainy day when I was born in the North Atlantic coastal village of Brufut, 25 miles from the capital city Banjul. Tradition has it that the first-born son be named La-min, meaning "The Honest".

I went to St. Augustine's High School and graduated with distinction in Economics and Business studies. I also completed my Advance Level education (an equivalent of two year community college) in the same school in 1994. There was no university in the country at that time and I attained the highest tertiary level of education. My parent could not support me in pursuing higher education in UK or Nigeria.

I served as an Administrative Area Returning Officer responsible for voter registration, civic education and the conduct of elections in Central River Division until 1996 when I moved to the U. S.

In the US, I worked for Provail, a non-profit organization taking care of people with developmental disabilities. I have been with them since 1997 and currently manage programs in two Shoreline homes. I also have wide experience in home care and adult family home management.

I like traveling, site seeing and sports.

Early this year, I got married and live with my daughter and wife in Lynnwood.



Rotary Hits the Ball

by Kirk Greiner



Led by our President, Alex, our Rotary Club came though with a home run last Saturday in the Running of the Balls.

While slow in the first innings, when time was short, they hit a home run. Numerous members showed up to help in the event jointly sponsored by Sno-King Youth Club and The Edmonds Rotary Club. It was a unique event catering to children, and the actual Running of the Balls had many kids in the street batting, kicking and swatting the balls as they poured down 7th Ave towards the finish line.

Rotarians were also the big winners. Doug Purcell won Sonics tickets in the third heat as his ball (5072) was one of the first two to enter the winning gate.

Dennis Gallegher won 9th prize, Sonics pre season tickets; Sharon Peterson won 8th prize, a \$550 photo package; and Carol Kinney placed 10th and will be hosted by Rick Steven for a coffee meeting.

Congratulation to all; those who helped, and those who won.

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