



The Backwash



The Rotary Club of Edmonds

June 15, 2004

Reminders

- Don't forget to make your reservations for the Centennial Celebration Meeting in Chicago, June 18-22, 2005
- Next Art-walk is scheduled for Thursday, July 22
- Please fill out and forward your member profile forms to Michael Kealy
- The next Board of Directors Meeting will be Wednesday July 21 at 7:30 a.m.

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Vern Chase Steps Down as 2003/2004 Club President

On June 22, 2004 Vern Chase thanked the members for their support throughout the year and adjourned his final regular meeting as Club President.

In lieu of holding Vern's last regular meeting at the Yacht Club on Tuesday June 29 as usual, Club Members elected to move the venue to Edmonds Landing and restructure the meeting to include a Demotion Dinner given in his honor. Accounts of the dinner festivities will be reported in the next *Backwash*.

A week earlier, at his final Board of Directors Meeting, Vern took time to recount the specific contributions that each Board Member had made to help the club during his tenure. Then, he presented each member with a



Vern adjourns his final meeting as 2003/2004 Club President

beautifully framed photo (taken by Rex Klein) of the M/V Walla Walla docked in Edmonds at sunset.

Student of Month, Shawn Woo, Wows Audience

Shawn Woo, the Meadowdale HS Junior, who was honored as June's Student of the Month, impressed the membership with his extremely eloquent acceptance speech.

Shawn's family moved to the US from Korea when he was thirteen years old. He did not speak English. As testimony to his drive, he

recently scored in the 97th percentile for the verbal portion of the SAT.

His school counselor revealed that Shawn has logged over 200 hours of community service and has volunteered to write "The history of the Seaview Neighborhood." She mentioned that any input he can get from former or current residents would be appreciated.



*"We all may have come here on different ships, but were in the same boat now."
MLK*

In Case You Missed the Meeting

The June 15 meeting featured Tony Ventrella, a motivational speaker who is perhaps best known in the Seattle area as the Sports Director for King 5 TV from 1982 to 1992.

Tony's message mainly centered around his feeling that in order to make the world a better place we (collectively) need to be more understanding of each other's needs. To emphasize his point Tony suggested that everybody should "Be more like their dog." He pointed out that, "Dogs stick their head out the window to smell the fresh air, they greet you like they are really happy to see you and they are forever loyal."

He closed his remarks with a quote he attributed to Martin Luther King, who said, "We all may have come on different ships but we're in the same boat now."

Since the June 22 meeting was the last regular meeting for Vern and all his officers, many of the "Happy Bucks" contributors paid in change (mostly pennies) to humorously irritate Mike Meeks, the Club Treasurer, who reportedly hates counting change.

The featured speaker was Farrell Fleming the Executive Director of the South County Senior Center on Railroad Ave. in Edmonds.

He explained that the most challenging part of running a Senior Center was trying to understand and ultimately trying to satisfy the needs of so many folks who have all experienced life a little differently.

Farrell encouraged our members to visit his center to see first hand the vast array of opportunities and activities that are available to the folks who take advantage of the facility.

July Meeting Speakers (RI Literacy Month)

July 6.....Installation of Club Officers
Followed by a Club Assembly

July 13.....Karen Davis
Executive Director of the Snohomish County Literacy Project (for illiterate adults)

July 20Brigitte Beliafi
Literacy Curriculum Coordinator for the Edmonds School District

July 27Picnic-in-the-Park
Scotty's Salmon shared with the Daybreakers

Correction:

The 6/15/04 edition of *The Backwash* mistakenly reported that the new President of RI for 2004/2005

was **James Lacy**. In fact, the new President will be **Glenn E. Estess, Sr.** a current RI Board Member and former District Governor from Alabama.

2003 - 2004 Club Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs

BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Vern Chase
 Immediate Past President.....Sally Hyde
 President Elect and R.I. Foundation Chair.....Elizabeth Crouch
 Vice President and Waterfront Festival Chair.....Karen Wiggig
 Secretary.....Sharon Peterson
 Treasurer.....Mike Meeks
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Larry Thronsen
 Director, Club Service Chair.....Pam Halsan
 Director, Community Service Chair.....Alex Hopkins
 Director, International Service Chair.....Sherry Ramm
 Director, Vocational Service Chair.....Michael Kealy
 Director, Membership Chair.....Joan Longstaff

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Waterfront Festival ChairKaren Wiggins
 Auction Committee Chair.....David Sterns
 Membership Committee Chair.....Joan Longstaff
 Scholarship Committee Chair.....Warren Bradbury
 New Member Orientation Chair.....Carl Swenson
 Centennial Project Committee Chair.....Bill Toskey
 Rotary Cares Co-Chair.....Carol Kinney
 Rotary Cares Co-Chair.....Don Henderson
 Rotary First Harvest Chair.....OPEN
 Assistant Secretary, Club Webmaster.....Kirk Greiner
 Homeless Youth Foundation Chair.....Sherry Ramm
 Editor of *The Backwash*.....Michael Kealy

Member Input.....(David Stires Sends His Regards)

David Stires, long time member and former editor of *The Backwash* recently emailed Vern to announce that he has settled into his new condo in Eugene, Oregon and is really enjoying life. In his words, "We love it here. Open, friendly



people, beautiful scenery, good jazz in inexpensive clubs, and the fantastic Saturday Market. It is minutes by bike to downtown via the Willamette River bike trail."

For further updates, you can contact David at dwstires@comcast.net.

Getting to Know More About.....Karen Wiggins

Full NameKaren Marie Wiggins
Place of BirthSeattle, Washington
Birth DateMay 4th
SpouseWidow
Joined Rotary.....Not sure
SponsorJoan Longstaff
ClassificationGeneral Contractor
Past Office/Committees:.....Waterfront Chair
 2004-2005Waterfront Festival Chair

Favorites:
Favorite Singer/Entertainer.....Pavorati
BooksJonathan Livingston Seagull
Sports TeamMariners
TV ShowNone
Vacation SpotHawaii
Movie(s)Sound of Music
Food(s)Asparagus, Ice Cream
Hobbiesmy kids, Gardening



Karen Wiggins

Getting to Know Rotary's History

The Rotary Emblem

Rotary's early emblem was a simple wagon wheel (in motion with dust). It was designed by Montague M. Bear, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, who was an engraver. He felt it represented civilization and movement. Most clubs adopted it in one form or another.

In 1922, the organization decided to create and preserve an emblem for the exclusive use

of Rotarians and the following year the present emblem, a gearwheel with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted. A keyway was added to signify the usefulness of the gearwheel.

The official description of the emblem was adopted at the 1929 International Convention.

The emblem is owned by Rotary International. It is registered in more than 35 countries and is protected by the international association.

Make Up Meeting Days/ Sites / Times

Monday

N. Seattle—N. Seattle Community Collage12:00
 Lake City—Elks Club.....12:00
 Kirkland—Woodmark Hotel6:15
 Southcenter—Doubletree Hotel.....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 Ales.....5:30

WEDNESDAY

Seattle 4 Call 206 623-0023.....12:00

Bellevue Overlake—Spazzo's.....12:00
 Mill Creek—Mill Creek CC.....12:00
 Lake forest Park—Presbyterian Church.....7:00am
 Shoreline Breakfast—Shoreline Center.....7:00am

THURSDAY

North Shore—Inglewood CC12:00
 Lynnwood—Lake Ballanger Golf Course.....12:00
 Mountlake Terrace—Lake Ballanger GC.....7:30am

FRIDAY

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

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The Rotary 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Upcoming Duty Roster

Invocators

7/6.....Kirk Greiner
7/13.....Brent Hagen
7/20Pam Halsan

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