President Lyle opens meeting 4647 with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a reflection of Lent as the thought for the day offered by Kris Brynildsen-Smith. Mark Valentine and Kathryn Goforth then appropriately provided some “cowpoke” tunes for the opening song.

Visiting Rotarians included Michael Campbell from Seattle #4 and Chris Covington from Port Gardner. Guests included Brian Hollingsworth, David Ashby, Dan Morrison, Barbara Bardin, Judy Kirkus, and Dave Franke.

Jerry Dykstra introduced new member Melissa Reilly. Melissa who is the manager of Ben Bridge and she has a classification of Jewelry Sales. Welcome to the Everett Rotary Club, Melissa!

Student of the Month was presented to Lauren Bardin from Archbishop Murphy, Amanda Franke from Cascade High (January recognition) and John Hoof from Everett High. Lauren appreciated the invitation and the lunch. She hopes to attend Duke, University of Puget Sound, or Willamette University. She is the ASB treasurer and member of the honors program and National Honor Society. Amanda is also the ASB treasurer. She is very interested in journalism, but explained that she is not working on the school newspaper right now due to some “complications” with the school administration (Cowboy Roy was later happy that he and the school board were politely unmentioned!). Amanda went on to say that she is learning a lot from the experience. Finally, John also thanked the club for lunch and the recognition. He said that he was involved with Interact Club, scouts, track, and cross-country. Thanks to our members introducing students: Kaye Phinney, Bob Terwilliger, and Bob Wells.
Committee Reports
During committee reports and announcements Tom MacIntyre asked for assistance with Career Fair and noted there are many open spots available, particularly with presenters, set-up, and take-down. The Career Fair will be on Thursday, March 30th at EVCC. Please contact Tom at tomm@ccsw.org to volunteer. Steve Hatloe reported that the Environmental Committee will be having a cleanup on April 29 with more details to follow. Please contact Steve if you are interested in helping. There will be a Wheelers meeting on March 7th at 11:15, just before the regular meeting. There will be a board meeting at the 3rd floor Chapel, Bethany at Pacific, on March 17th at 7:30 a.m. Scholarship presentations will be made on May 16th. Finally, there were order forms for Rotary logo clothing items left on the name tag table.

Happy Bucks
Among those that are happy or celebrating birthdays were: Janet Prichard for raising enough money at “The Sopranos” to vaccinate 10 rooms filled with children; Bob Bavasi for spending his anniversary with his wife Margaret in Austria; Marc Baker for the donation of a truck by Tiz's Doors for deliveries; Roy Yates for his birthday and the success of the fund raiser; Kevin Nasr for his daughter getting her drivers license; Al De Tuerk for his anniversary; Carl Zapora for the Community Cares celebration and the success of United Way; and Kim Bedier for the upcoming boat show at the Events Center.

Amy Norman thanked everyone for the great raffle gifts that have been coming in. Prizes today included coffee, Blockbuster moving passes, a Best Buy gift certificate, a Seahawks poster, and boat show tickets (donated by Michael Campbell with NW Marine Trade).

Program
Dick Lyons introduced the program, an inside view of what really happened with the Enron debacle. Mary Morrison, a retired CPA and author, explained that the problems were really not with poor accounting audits but instead involved poor business practices at Enron and with the banks making loans to Enron, and with poor government oversight and control of the problem. Mary warned that because there has been no action to improve oversight there may be more Enron-like disasters on the way. Mary invited contact at morrisondm@comcast.net.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Career Fair Committee Mtg, EVCC, March 1st 7:30am
Fellowship Silvertips Hockey, March 1st 5:30pm
Wheeler's Mtg, March 7th 11:15am, Speaker: Tom Rainville, History and Traditions
Board Meeting, 3rd Floor Chapel, Bethany at Pacific, 3/17/06 7:30am
Career Fair, Thursday, March 30th at EVCC
Rotary Park Clean Up, April 29th contact Steve Hatloe to volunteer
Scholarship Presentations, May 16th
President Lyle turned the meeting over to Cowboy Roy and Fat Masterson to wrap up the Annual Fundraising Drive. Cowboy Roy first extended thanks to Judi Edwards, Bill Dobler, Judy Kirkas, and Jim Haugen. He then gave thanks to his group of deputies, Deborah Wright, Marc Baker, Linnea Covington, Kim Buie, Mary Brueggeman, David Chan, Geoff Goldfinch, Betsy Baker, Steve Miller, Kevin Morris, Dale Packard, Peter cattle, April Wilson, Carl Zapora, Jerry Tucker, and Janet Prichard.

The dancehall girls were given a very special thanks (and a lot of applause): Kim Bedier, Julie Willie, Carol Whitehead, Kaye Phinney, and Tom Gray.

Cowboy Roy acknowledged Rose Goulet for her previous work on the fundraiser, Dave Surface for his help with the fundraiser, Bob Bavasi who was instrumental with the donated air miles, Larry Byers for his future work, Barb McCarthy for all of her help, Lyle Ryan and Frontier bank for their help, and Don Senter for his efforts to write the script and theme for the fundraiser. Cowboy Roy also thanked Michael Campbell for continuing the $1000.00 sponsorship for our scholarship fundraiser.

Finally, a very special thanks to those donating or coordinating this year’s prizes: Jim and Ann Hayes (Condo in Whistler), PJ and Lyle Ryan (Condo in Cabo San Lucas), John Haugen (Airfare to Cabo), Fontelle Jones (Airfare for cruise), and Ron and Belinda Jacobs (Discount cruise).

And with all of that out of the way, Cowboy Roy could announce the amount we raised ($79,500.00) and the winners of the fundraiser drawing:

- Rose Goulet- 1 week condo in Whistler
- Bob Bavasi- I week condo in Cabo with airfare
- Adolph Rygg- 1 week Holland America Cruise with airfare.

Congratulations to all!

With that the meeting wrapped up. Cowboy Roy faded off into the sunset, and somewhere a young voice was heard: “Roy, come back, come back, Roy.” And from in the crowd another voice asked, “Who was that masked man?” To which, of course, came the reply, “That was no masked man, that was Tom Gray in drag!”

Next meeting topic: Addressing the Housing Crisis presented by Ed Petersen
March 14th – Meeting the Needs of Washington’s Children presented by Paola Maranan introduced by Lee Trevithick
March 21st – Personal Path to Authentic Leadership presented by Donna Beal introduced by Scott Casselman

President Lyle, announced that next week’s meeting will be held in the first floor gymnasium located near the fast food restaurants in the Common’s Building.