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Kathy De Tuerk, Rotarian



Rap Artist Mark Valentine

ROTOPLAST!

PG Kathy De Tuerk gave a resonant "Thought For The Day" with a reflection on the special event occurring some years ago that transformed her from a "member of a Rotary club" into an active Rotarian. (We could use more of these testimonials.) Dr. Mark Valentine shared his musical talents, and Mary Brueggeman managed the introduction of visitors.

Membership Development Chair **Janet Prichard** again urged more member recruitment. PP **Dick Lyons** reported that the final assignments of members to hosts were distributed on the tables and requested all members to RSVP to their assigned host their attendance at the upcoming club-wide Fireside of March 17th.

PP **Dick Schlosser** made a desperate appeal for another 20 volunteers to help in the 10:00-12:00 time slot of the March 23rd *Career Fair* being held at EVCC for about 600 students.

President Jim read a letter from the commanding officer of Naval Station Everett thanking the Everett Rotary Club for providing transportation services for sailors returning on the USS Abraham Lincoln. PP **Mark Nesse**, who coordinated the service, had the volunteers stand for a round of applause and noted that PP **Larry O'Donnell** logged the most trips.

President Jim read a letter from civic notable *Idamae Schack* that stated:

"Thank you for including me in your 100th anniversary celebration. It was a wonderful party. My family and I will cherish the Paul Harris Award, the certificate and the beautiful plaque. Please use the enclosed check (\$1,000) in John's memory and to enhance the Everett Youth Scholarship Fund. Thank you again, and "Happy Birthday!"

Haul of Fame Chair Rose Goulet announced that as of last week the total contributions to the EYRF campaign totaled



\$55,800. Each contributor has a little garbage can affixed to his/her club badge, and each solicitor has his/her name in the drawing today for a Omega watch and/or Delta Airline tickets for two anywhere in the continental US or Alaska.

Chair **Goulet** made it clear that under the rules of the campaign only successful solicitors were participating in any of the draws, and that a partner of a donor conceivably could win without having made a contribution. Achieving 100% donor participation in this campaign would avoid any appearance of unfairness...Rose urged prompt action on the part of all solicitors to remind partners to make their EYRF contribution before the Grand Prize draw at the next meeting.

With that, the *Goofy Garbage Guy* drew a name and awarded the Delta Airline tickets to **Joe Gaffney** and the choice of men or women's Omega quartz watch was awarded to PP **Steve Saunders**.

After *Happy Bucks*, the Goofy Garbage Guy revealed why he thought he was selected to be the *Haul of Fame* Mascot. *"After the divorce*," said Larry Larson, *"I'm now officially recycled."*

The *Duran Duran* concert tickets were won by **Greg Lineberry**, much to the chagrin of **Susan A-S**.



Sailor Transport volunteer Ralph Quaas reported he was forced to accept a \$15 tip from a



passenger, which he donated to the EYRF. **Bob Biel** was similarly forced to accept a \$20 tip that the sailor wanted donated to Rotary.

Tim Hornbecker was a few bucks happy to announce Sherwood Community Services was having a Bowl-a-Thon this Sunday at Westminster Lanes (164th) that features **Tom Gray** (as a pin, ball, or pro?), and thanked **Andy Skotdal** for his helpful KRKO radio spots about the event.

Rotoplast Adventure



Will McMahan introduced South Everett Mukilteo Rotary member Jackie Kendziorek and Chilliwack Rotary member Assistant Governor/Past President Larry Stinson, who together gave an excellent program detailing their adventure with the 35 member Rotoplast team mission to Chengdu, Sichuan Province of China, in May of 2004. The mission of **Rotoplast International** is to provide free reconstructive surgery and treatment for underprivileged children worldwide, to provide education, and to advance research in the prevention of cleft lip and palate. It is not a Rotary

Foundation program but more like the Wheelchair Foundation. Jackie explained there are certain words that are unique to each culture and therefore impossible to translate. For example, the phrase "to be or not to be" has yet to find its Chinese equivalent. The word yuan is one of these words. Yuan is part destiny, part karma and part fate; it describes the connection between people or between people and the events of their lives that are to be treasured forever. Yuan is one of those bedrock words in the Chinese language that defines certain immutable aspects of the Chinese culture and civilization. It is not the same as Yuan, the Chinese currency unit, though that is always treasured! If there is yuan, you are a thousand miles apart but you will meet. If there is no yuan, you are face-to-face yet you will miss each other. Chengdu, a city in southwest China, is constantly shrouded in mist. A gaggle of student nurses bearing flowers met the team at the airport. The team was expected to attend a welcome and orientation meeting at the hospital followed by a tour of the hospital facilities. In China, face-to-face meetings and sharing a meal are essential components of the yuan. Arriving at the hospital the next morning, the team was greeted by the hospital staff and 200 plus prescreened children with parents, aunts and grandparents, of which 170 patients were screened and 140 were scheduled for seven operating days. A mysterious event

Louise Stanton-Masten arose with *no* dollars in hand to make a 3 minute Everett Chamber announcement. (*When did our club's Happy Bucks segment morph into a community bulletin board?*)



Larry Byers was several bucks happy that the Puget Sound Kidney Center branch at Smokey Point was now open.

PP **Marc Baker** was \$20 happy, partly because he was selected as GSE team leader (successful in his third attempt) for the 2007 GSE team exchanging with either Italy, Africa, or Mexico. The other happy part was being able to greet 1963 HS classmate Mike Gregiore as he accompanied his governor wife to the USS Abraham Lincoln ceremonies.

Tom Gray was \$20 happy for some phone booth thing. **Rich Szymanski** had some happy/sad dollars to announce his appointment as Director of Support Services for the Boy Scout Council of Portland, OR (*which is their gain and our loss*).

PP Larry O'Donnell was happy to report his aranddaughter is of the opinion that her grandpa "knows everything that's not important." Larry went on to say he disclosed to past guest Karen Russell (daughter of B-ball legend Bill Russell) that her dad had played a basketball game in Everett. Bill was part of a post-high school team from California that was enroute to Canada but stopped in Everett on Feb 5, 1952, to play the Everett Seagulls basketball team. "It was a game that wasn't over until the opening horn", said Larry," and the All-Stars eeked out a 73-22 win over Everett." One of the Everett players was PP Bill Dobler, so PP Larry forked over \$24 to the ERYF as representation of the combined points scored by **Dobler** and Russell, stating it would be inconsiderate of him to disclose that Russell scored 24 points. (This is the kind of stuff we like to hear during Happy Bucks!)

Jim Roosma was happy to be back in Everett after spending last week at the Columbia Presbyterian Hospital (NY) worrying about his granddaughters open heart surgery. Jim was also happy to report that as of this morning his granddaughter was being

flown back to Everett. **AI De Tuerk** confessed to being late to the Sailor Transport assembly point (he misread the visitor pass). As he arrived, PP **Mark Nesse** stuck a Rotary taxi sign in his hand and a few seconds later a Navy photographer approached AI and asked



to take his picture (as a good-looking guy doing good service). "Like a Seagull circling a shiny car, " said AI, "Nesse came sprinting over and conned the photographer into taking his picture as well."

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The Rose Report

President Nominee Rose Goulet, -Chair

Grand Prize Drawing 3-15-05

Route members: We are striving for 100% participation. Thanks to all who have participated! Your Foreman will be following up with those who haven't checked in. Thank you all who have made your donations to the Haul of Fame! Way to go to support the Rotary Youth Foundation. The garbage can sticker on your Rotary badge is a small sign of thanks for your donation. Your donation puts your partner's name in the drawing. Continue the fellowship; contact your partner to THANK them for their donation to enter you in the drawing! (If your partner hasn't donated, get them to match your donation!) All solicited donations earn you an entry in the drawing for every \$50 you solicit. The more you solicit the more chances you have to win! All donations to the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation are 100% tax deductible!

Want to Ride on a garbage truck? Well, Tuesday March 15th might be your opportunity! Place your bid to take a ride on a garbage truck and your dream could come true!



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Meet New Member Dana Duncan

etsy Baker introduced new member Dana Duncan (Classification: *Pharmaceutical Sales*) with a caveat that she couldn't reveal how she met Dana without breaking a number of privacy laws. Betsy is impressed with Ms. Duncan's desire to get more involved with the Everett community. Ms. Duncan graduated from Metropolitan State College (Denver, CO) and moved to WA to work for 10 years as an engineering consultant for the Everett Transit project, and she also consulted with Sound Transit. When Ms. Duncan transferred her energies to Eli Lilly as a pharmaceutical sales representative, she began to miss her Everett community contacts and



relationships. Her current sales territory covers most of District 5050, which Betsy believes to be a nice fit for a club member. Dana has been married for 10 years and enjoys skiing, biking, softball player, and Betsy simply likes hanging out with her. Welcome to the club, Dana Duncan!

More Happy Bucks

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Kathy Moore rose to point out a distributed brochure about the Leadership Snohomish County program. Inside were testimonials from Randy Lyman (100% attendance) and Joyce Olson (40% attendance) as graduates of the leadership development program. More at www.leadershipsc.org

Chaplain Mike Hakanson explained how the sailor transport service provided succor to a human tragedy. As the carrier docked, a sailor learned that his pregnant wife had just passed away. The sailor and his father were quickly escorted to be the first to disembark and the Rotary taxi service expedited the sailor out the gate and drove him to where he needed to be. Chaplain Hakanson thanked the club for being at the right place at the right time.

PP Dick Lyons was \$5 happy to have been a driver and takes great joy in talking with his military passengers. Bobbie Stephens was \$10 happy for her grandson's tenth birthday, which she stated was amazing since she is only 42! (in Venutian years, people)

Pastor Paul Stoot arose to confess that he came today without any money and wanted to thank AI **De Tuerk** for buying him lunch, and to thank **Fred** Safstrom for loaning him a \$1 so he could give a happy buck, and promised repayment next week after Sunday's offering.

Mary Brueggeman offered the ERYF \$75 in combined birthday bucks for herself and her daughter. President Jim auctioned off his brother's Sonic tick-

ets for \$100 to Larry Byers, with Pastor Paul belatedly offering \$110, to which AI De Tuerk protested that he didn't have that much in his wallet to lend.

Missing Members

Attendance for the first six months ending 12/31/04

Rich Anderson	0%
Sylvia Anderson	8%
Earl Bardin, M.D.	0%
Joe Bullis	8%
Pam Daniels	32%
Pat Dillon	36%
Tom Ehrlichman	8%
Joyce Olson	40%
Jeff Riddle	4%
Anthony Stetler	28%
Bob Terwilliger	36%
Sid Tobiason	28%
Colleen Tracy	12%
Tim Twietmeyer	0%
Steve Uberti	40%

ROTOPLAST Program

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occurred the second day in the recovery room. Everyone was feeling a burning sensation on the neck and face. The mystery of burning faces and necks in the recovery room was solved by the team quartermaster, Larry Stinson, when he noticed that the lights in the recovery room looked very much like UV lights. They were, and switching the bulbs with regular fluorescent lights solved the problem. As a practicing lawyer, Larry was invited to lecture in English at the prestigious Sichuan University Law School about international trade issues that Canada is experiencing.

By the end of the 8th day of surgery, of the 172 patients screened at the opening clinic, 146 children had surgery, 269 procedures were performed, and the 35 team members were bushed. The program was high tech, interesting, and not for the squeamish.

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Future Programs

3/15 Fred Safstrom	EVERETT HAWKS Sam Adams
3/22	Educational Pathways
Linnea	Partnership
Covington	Doug Roulstone
3/29	PUD & ENRON
Fontelle	Mike
Jones	Gianunzio



