The 4404th meeting of the Rotary Club of Everett got underway with President Bob Bavasi leading the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to Kathy Moore’s thoughtful invocation, she read a paper written by an eight year-old boy who was given the assignment to explain God. It was an endearing piece, indeed.

The talented 14th Street Band (Larry Byers, Kathryn Goforth, Tim Hornbecker and Mark Valentine) presented the opening song and invited club members to sing along as they performed the James Taylor original, “Shower the People.”

Jerry Tucker introduced our two visiting Rotarians: Art Collins (Fortuna, CA.) and Paul Blowers (Marysville, WA). Guests of Rotarians were Peter Cattle of RE/MAX Real Estate, Peter Harvey of Edward Jones, Al Boren of the YMCA of Snohomish County and one name I couldn’t make out.

President Bob lamented that the club’s inventory of mislaid reading glasses had disappeared just prior to the fissure of his own. He reminded club members to sign the get-well card for club member Jim Hatch and offered condolences to club member Tom MacIntyre for the passing of Tom’s brother-in-law.

Next up was Steve Hawes for his classification talk. Born and raised in Bellevue (fun fact: in 1949 the population of Bellevue was 912 people), this “Husky” has been with The Herald since 1996. Currently, Steve serves as the Advertising Director and is responsible for the advertising revenue in all of their products including: The Herald newspaper, The Enterprise Group (four weekly newspapers in South Snohomish County), The Pickle Press, Everett Navy Dispatch and the Snohomish County Business Journal.
Steve pointed out that over the years The Herald has grown to be much more than just a daily newspaper. “Our website, Heraldnet, is the most trafficked local website in this county; we’re about four or five years into it now, and we get about three million hits a month,” he said.

Joe Copeland sponsored Steve into the club prior to Joe’s departure to the Seattle PI. Steve and his wife Kathy have been married 28 years and have two adult children.

Herald segue: During his classification talk, Steve made reference to past President Larry Hanson. If you’ve been wondering what Larry Hanson has been up to, President Bob mentioned that he’s been teaching a college class on Journalism for Central Washington University each Tuesday around noon at Edmonds C.C. Larry told Bob that he’ll be back as soon as they fire him.

Mark Nesse spoke about our club’s Strategic Planning Survey. As of today, approximately 100 members have completed the survey, which should take no longer than five minutes to finish. If you haven’t taken the survey, please call toll-free 1-877-468-0585 and enter extension 1502. The deadline has been extended until April 28th.

Mark also mentioned that we’re looking for more volunteers for the Rotary/USS Abraham Lincoln taxi service. Volunteers will be asked to pick up sailors from the pier and drive them anywhere they want to go within reason (e.g., SeaTac Airport, okay). The specific date of the Lincoln’s return is unknown, but the time of the return will be 10:00 a.m. Whenever it is, volunteers will need to report to the pier at 9:00 a.m.

Todd Spradlin reminded club members to please complete and return Rotary Run commitment forms.

Laura Gumnick reminded those planning to participate in the clean-up of Rotary Park (this Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) to please fill out RSVP and waiver forms (stay tuned as Laura submits today’s double-entendre a little later in our show).

It looks like President Bob may be the sole club representative in Vancouver on May 2nd for the visit of RI President Bhichai Rattakul. Regarding the rescheduled event Bob noted, “he stiffed us once; he was going to show up a month ago but the King (of Thailand) was coming to some bridal shower...I dunno, I can’t keep up with him.”

Program note: The May 20th “Scholarship Day” meeting will start at 11:30 a.m.

On to happy bucks...here are some of the highlights. (We apologize if your announcement or name has not been noted).

Pete Baffaro gave kudos to the 10 Education Committee members who convened last Saturday to meet 39 outstanding young women and men. The committee was delighted with the number of quality candidates they interviewed from local area schools. Pete gave special thanks to Rich Perette and Randy Hansen for their efforts in leading the interview teams.

Jack Robinson was happy to extend an invitation to everyone, to attend the Everett Medic One Foundation’s breakfast, which will be held right here at the Everett Yacht Club on May 8th.

Marian Krell gave 45 anniversary dollars. Congratulations!
Susan Auchterlonie was happy because Jim Hagen allowed her eight year-old “little sister,” Emily, to watch her pictures being developed at Crown Image. Later, Jim made some business cards for Emily with her picture on them. What a guy!

On behalf of Sherwood Community Services, Tim Hornbecker hosted 49 Boeing employees on their Boeing Community Service Day. Tim was astounded how these gifted engineers were able to modify a cat proof sand box, cut down a tree and move a shed.

Dave Surface contributed some encouragement bucks for Jim Hatch. Jim found out 13 days ago that he has cancer--had surgery last Wednesday--and was told last Monday that the cancer has spread to his lymph system. To boost his spirits, Dave wants to introduce Jim to people who have had this form of cancer, and survived. If any club member has a friend, family member or knows someone who has faced this experience and survived, please contact Dave Surface at his office (425) 258-5437.

Mark Valentine contributed 28 anniversary bucks.

Paul Elias was happy to announce that he’s become a grandfather for the second time.

Mike Holcomb bestowed 37 dollars for his April 22nd anniversary, 61 for his birthday and two more to make it an even hundred.

Laura Gumnick: “I forgot an important part of my announcement about the Rotary Park clean-up on Saturday; we have such an overwhelming number attending--which is going to be really fun--that I recommend that you maybe bring a favorite tool, or maybe not your favorite tool, but a tool that you like to use…because I think that the...uh...oh dear.

President Bob: “Do you mean, like a gardening tool?”

Laura Gumnick: “Thank you, President Bob, that’s exactly what I was trying to get at.”

Amen.

Pastor Paul Stoot was happy to extend an invitation to join him and everyone from the Greater Trinity Missionary Baptist Church for a banquet at the Everett Holiday Inn, on Friday April 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Ron Jacobs was happy because even though his daughter Rachel just turned eight, she acts like she’s fifteen. Conversely, or inversely--however you want to look at it--Scott Casselman mentioned that he has a sixteen year-old daughter--also named Rachel--who often acts like she’s eight. What are you gonna do?

A club member (sorry about the name) contributed six happy dollars because he’s made it six months with his current girlfriend.

Tom Koenig announced that club member Jeff Green--who is still very ill--has gone home to Kansas City.

Our resident sociologist, Chaps Colson, threw in four happy bucks. He told us that his mother has been somewhat uneasy of late due to the fact that she had four Colsons in the Persian Gulf at the same time (two nephews, one niece), including him. At present, Chaps is the only one of the four to have come back. Once recognizing this fact his mother replied, “you’re the only a$$hole I don’t miss.”
Pinch-hitting for Dr. Carol Whitehead (hope you feel better) was Jim Angell, who introduced our program entitled “21st Century Leadership” presented by Dr. William P. (Bill) Robinson, President of Whitworth College in Spokane. Dr. Robinson assumed his current duties in 1993, after previously serving for seven years as president of Manchester College in Indiana. He said that his scholarly work has focused on organizational, small-group, cross-cultural and interpersonal communication.

Dr. Robinson’s presentation gave us a sneak-peek into his book entitled “Leading People from the Middle--The Universal Mission of Heart and Mind,” which addresses 20th century leadership assumptions, the new dynamics of 21st-century leadership, and how leaders can change to meet the demands of today's organizations.

While offering several interesting insights, it was Dr. Robinson’s notion of paradoxical demands on businesses and leaders that seemed particularly noteworthy. “When you walk into Cascade Bank you want two things to happen as a customer,” he said. “You want to be dealing with somebody and feel ‘I’m the only person that matters; this is a small bank and I love it here because it’s small.’ But at the same time you want to know, ‘I’ve got a billion dollars behind me.’ So, it wants to be big and small at the same time.”

Dr. Robinson’s relaxed attitude and sense of humor made the presentation very enjoyable. We hope he’ll eventually be able to take care of those late fees at Blockbuster.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wheeler’s Meeting, Moss Adams, 5:00pm, April 24th Speaker: Buzz Miller, Topic: Service Opportunities
- Board Meeting, 4/25/03, Cascade Bank Downstairs Conf. Room, 7:30am
- Rotary Park Clean Up, April 26th 9-1pm – Laura Gumnick Contact
- Rotary Run Committee Mtg, April 29th 11am @ Marina
- Rotary Fun Run Committee Mtg, after Rotary April 29th
- Henry Cogswell College, 4/29/03 6-8pm-Dick Doughty hosting
- District Conference, May 1-4, 2003, Harrison Hot Springs
- RI President Visit, rescheduled to May 2nd in Vancouver
- Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner, May 16th, signups are on the table
- Scholarship Day, May 20th early start, arrive @ 11:30am
- RI Convention, June 1st – 4th, Brisbane, Australia
- Past President’s Dinner, June 10th, Past Presidents RSVP with Judi
- Wheelchair Distribution Trip, June 21st, Mexico – Mary Brueggeman

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