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# Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Kevin Vitulli introduced our visiting Rotarians: Bill Kmet from the Arlington club, classification: Gemologist, and Keith Wilson, also with the Arlington club, classification: Attorney. Louise Stanton-Masten's guest was Roberta **Hubble**, who is an Allstate agent in downtown Everett. Barbara George presented Lisa Powers and Felicia Freeman, who are both with Deaconess Children's Services. Pastor Paul Stoot, Sr. introduced his guest, Darius Washington, a football star and recent graduate from Eastern Washington University. Also in attendance was Carl Zapora's guest, Dr. Dennis Smith, the executive vice-president of the Snohomish County chapter of The United Way.

#### Odds & Ends

Including happy dollars (\$296.00) birthday bucks (\$60.00) and the raffle (\$212.00), our club raised a total of \$568.00 for the Everett Rotary Youth Foundation on May 24th.

## Plenty of Class(ification)

Two for the price of one this week as we heard two Classification Talks.

#### Carl Zapora

Carl is the president of The United Way of Snohomish County and has been with The United Way for 25 years. He has been a part of Rotary for a good part of his life and career. Last

summer, Carl, his wife Cheryl, and their parrot "Edsel" relocated to Snohomish County from Chicago. Cheryl is a retired Ford Motor Company Executive. Among other endeavors, Carl was in the business of producing corrugated boxes; he owned and operated a restaurant in Reading, Pennsylvania, and was the vice-president of marketing for a software company in Moline, Illinois. Carl admits that his lifestyle has changed somewhat; lamenting the loss of his two-block commute to the office in downtown Chicago. We're glad to report that Everett seems to have become his kind of town. There's no word as to whether Carl is secretly hoping for a Cubs-White Sox world series, although it would be pretty cool (give yourself five bonus points if you caught the obscure Frank Sinatra reference).



#### Charlie Langdon

Charlie is the executive director of Deaconess Children's Services and chose to – most appropriately – give his classification talk on an important subject – he is very concerned

about disappearing fathers. He told us that 35 percent of children in our country are born outside of marriage, and about fifty percent of children by mid-adolescence lose their father by separation or divorce. Charlie fervently believes that something must be done to change this unfortunate situation and more men need to learn how to become better fathers. As a result, Deaconess Children's Services has started a "Father of the Year" campaign, in which the public is encouraged to nominate men who serve as positive role models for their children. For information on how you can support this worthy cause, please contact Charlie Langdon or log on to: www.deaconesschildren.org.





## **HAPPY BUCKS**

Dale and Susie Pool Moses were happy to report that they have accumulated sixty years of marriage – thirty apiece. Pastor Paul Stoot, Sr. announced that CNN was scheduled to come to his church to produce a feature on one of his parishioners that had recently passed away. Connie Wittren had some happy

bucks and had a big thank you for **Jim Hayes**, for his personal impact on our scholarship day last week.

Fred Safstrom's daughter, who is a senior at Everett High School, is playing in the district fast-pitch softball tournament in Monroe. And continuing the athletic theme, Rose Goulet's oldest son recently came home from Boston College for the summer and Rose was happy to report that he is on the Dean's list again. Rose's youngest son is one of 34 high school boys in the country to be invited to try out for the Junior National Crew Team. Sharon Hemmat had some proud bucks on behalf of her son who graduated from the University of Rochester with honors, and her other son who recently graduated from law school.

Randy Lyman missed a previous club meeting because he was "stuck over in Hawaii for a wonderful wedding and a ten day honeymoon." Carol Whitehead contributed some proud dollars for all of the successful students and educators who were present on scholarship day. Bill Hoffman was happy about a trip he's planning in early July. Mark Nesse was happy that our speaker showed up, so that he doesn't have to listen to the President's adlibs instead. Mary Brueggeman was pleased to announce that the Howard Trust and the EverTrust Foundation recently made sizeable donations to the Everett Symphony's capital campaign. Bobbie Stevens is happy about the purchase of a new boat. Jim Angel spent last weekend in Canada with 200 members of the Explorer Middle School Marching Band. King James I is happy that his son has a real job.

## This Week's Program

Washington State Attorney General **Rob McKenna** gave the club an insightful presentation on the dangers of identity theft, how his office plans to make this crime more difficult to commit, and how we as citizens can protect ourselves. McKenna plans to work with the criminal justice and business communities, consumer and victim advocates, and the legislature to hold perpetrators more accountable.



Left to right: Randy Lyman, Rob McKenna, King Jim

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Janet Prichard** reminded us that we are in the home-stretch in the reign of **King James I**; and accordingly, our deadline to add new members is June 9th. The current membership of the club stands at 219, which is six members short of our 2004-2005 goal. "Let's not let down our royal highness," declared Janet. Let's get to 225!

According to **Janice Ellis** we have a chance to do something really big for our exchange student, Margarite, who turns 18 on Tuesday, June 7th as we'll have the honor of celebrating with her at our meeting that day. So with that in view, Janice has proposed that each club member take a little bag and put a little something in it to help Margarite celebrate her big birthday in a big way.

Larry Byers asked those who have not signed up for the changing of the guard on June 25th, to please do so. See Judi Edwards for an invitation.

**Bob Leach** reminded everyone that the District 5050 golf tournament will be held Friday, August 12th and we're looking for two teams of golfers. If you're a golfer, please consider signing-up and contact Bob.

### Now That's the Tops



Club historian Larry O'Donnell issued an important reminder to us about how things change. "Forty-nine years ago today," he said, "My cousin, who lived in Mount Vernon

was getting ready to get married the next day, and his wifeto-be took a lot of time to select the finest establishment that they could find to spend their wedding night. How things change...the place they selected: North Everett's Topper Motel.

## Thought of the Week

Jim Frerichs recalled his roots as he shared some wisdom courtesy of one of Nebraska's greatest purveyors of wit and wisdom. So, from the land of the "big red" and the words of Warren Buffett: "Someone is sitting under a tree today in the shade, because someone planted a tree a long time ago." Jim asked us to make sure that the trees we plant, are indeed, worthy of the next generation.

