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Leading-Off
In the spirit of volunteerism and helping others Carl Zapora thought that it was apropos on Election Day to spend a few moments talking about the freedoms that we have in our country. Among other things we have--the freedom to vote, the freedom to assemble and the freedom of religion--we also have the freedom to do nothing, but as Carl pointed out, “we don’t do that in this country…we all get involved and we all do a lot of great work, as does Rotary.” Carl then added this quote from Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859), one of the major political thinkers of the nineteenth century and a founding father of modern liberalism. “I must say that when I have seen Americans make great and real sacrifices to the public welfare, I’ve noticed a hundred instances in which they hardly ever fail to lend faithful support to one another.”

Visiting Rotarians & Guests
Prior to the introduction of our guests, and following another solid opening song by Larry Byers (who performed the 1965 hit, “Love Potion Number Nine”), Randy Hansen commented, “when I was about eight years-old, my grandmother told me that I had this beautiful singing voice and that I should sing in the choir. About five years ago, I was mentioning this story to my mother, and she told me that Grandma was just trying to be nice.” Randy introduced Bill Lewis who was visiting us from the Everett Port Gardner club. Connie Wittren introduced her guest, Sarah Funkhauser, who is a native of Everett, but has recently relocated to Everett after living in California. Fred Sjoholm introduced Kippy Murphy who is the marketing manager at Hascal, Sjoholm & Company.

Classification Talk: Kathy Webber
Kathy grew up in north Everett and went on to attend Gonzaga University. In college, she had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, Greece, Israel and Egypt. As much as she takes pleasure in seeing new places, though, Kathy has always appreciated coming home. After law school at Gonzaga University she returned home to Everett, and in keeping with her family tradition, Kathy went into the practice of law. Like her father and uncle, she began her career at the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, and after 18 years she’s still proud to call herself a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Throughout her successful career she’s handled everything from DUI to homicide and says she’s surrounded by colleagues who are “motivated by integrity and the desire to see that the right thing is done. Despite the subject matter of some cases, they never fail to maintain a sense of humor.” Kathy also values her opportunities to help citizens traverse a sometimes frustrating and confusing legal system in an attempt to uphold justice. Welcome Kathy! You can take that red tag off your name badge now.
Committee Reports

Fellowship Committee: Bob Leach reminded us again that the next event will be held at Wicked Cellars on Thursday September 29th at 7:00 p.m. Again, the special start time will allow Kevin Nasr to close the store and get it well stocked for our group. There is limited space for this event (about 30 people), so you are encouraged to sign-up soon. (drink wine = good fellowship + Rotary make-up). The approximate cost is $20 per person. (Editors Note: For those of you learning about this in this edition of The Log for the first time, it’s probably too late, though you can contact Bob just in case). Youth Services Committee: Julie Willie told us that the reason she’s back and on the agenda is because she has to figure out a way to increase her attendance, so she’s having a committee meeting on October 4th at 11:30 a.m. after our regularly scheduled club meeting, in which all committee members are asked to attend, and in doing so, will receive a make-up. Speaking of make-up opportunities, President Lyle reminded us that the September 16th board meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, September 23rd at Bethany Northwest at Pacific, third floor, at 7:30 a.m.

Happy Dollars/Birthday Bucks

Perhaps in lieu of purchasing make-ups, which are no longer available, Zak Parpia generously contributed some “I’ll be gone for a few weeks bucks.” Charlie Langdon offered happy bucks on behalf of a new motion picture “Heart of the Game,” which tells the story of Seattle’s rowdy Roosevelt Roughriders girls’ high-school basketball team and one player’s fight to regain her eligibility to play. A terrific film indeed. Kim Buile is very proud that he recently helped his 18 year-old daughter move into the dorms at Western Washington University. Kim and his daughter are very close, and ever since she’s had a cell phone, she’s called him everyday. Since dropping her off that day at WWU, he hasn’t heard a thing. Barbara George gave appreciation bucks on behalf of club member Jack Kelly, for selling her tickets to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Betsy Baker will be gone for four weeks traveling throughout France, Italy and Spain. She’ll also be “faking the lifestyles of the rich and famous on a 100 foot yacht on the French Riviera.” On behalf of her family, Kaye Phinney donned a clown nose and thanked Jack for his efforts in organizing the circus outing.

President Lyle Ryan told us that last week, Frontier Bank announced its eighth acquisition, growing their number of branches in Western Washington to 43.

Randy Lyman from the Sergeant-At-Arms Committee was quickly on hand to squeeze a few dollars more out of Lyle. After a summer of free-agency, Julie Willie happily reported that she has landed back at the YMCA and has received a promotion to boot. Jim Hayes asked Betsy Baker who was going to take care of her dog while she was away on vacation. Between happy/birthday bucks our club raised $420 today.

Program: “Tsunami Aftermath” presented by Kelly Miller

Kelly Miller is the Relief Director for Seattle-based World Concern, which is a faith-based non-profit organization providing humanitarian aid to impoverished families, children and orphans in more than 30 countries worldwide. Kelly chronicled the specifics of how his agency partnered with other Christian-based relief agencies to airlift and distribute medical supplies, blankets, water containers and tents to the victims of the tsunami throughout Asia. World concern is now moving from immediate relief efforts to recovery, helping victims to regain their livelihoods, while rebuilding communities through housing and loans for individual and vocational retraining.