October 11, 2005

Carl Zapora and United Way take the Stage

LEADING OFF
Today we were greeted by the smiling faces of Parker Fowlds and Tom Gray. President Lyle Ryan rang the bell at 12:10pm, beginning meeting #15 of the Ryan regime, and #4629 of The Rotary Club of Everett. After the flag salute, Ted Wenta brought us our Thought of the Day with a history of TAPS, dating back to the Civil War. Ted also recognized another piece of history – Reid Shockey turned 60 years old. The club sang Happy Birthday to Reid and he forked over his birthday bucks. Tim Hornbecker introduced Gerry Wilkes who sang a beautiful rendition of The Star Spangled Banner. President Lyle commented that the song reminded him that he was happy that the Yankees had lost the ALDS. Based on the applause, the membership

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS
Greg Tisdel introduced visiting Rotarians and guests. Visiting Rotarians were, Vern Keller (Real Estate) from San Carlos, CA, Eileen Johnson (Dental Hygienist) from La Conner, Richard Johnson (General Dentistry) also from La Conner. Chris

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Larry O’Donnell announced the District 5050 Foundation Dinner on Saturday, November 12th in Langley, BC. Sign up sheets are on the tables, and the club is considering chartering a bus to take attendees up and back. I was sitting next to Marc Baker, who heartily endorsed going to the dinner.

NEW MEMBERS
Pam Richards introduced new member, Dawn Bergau, classification - Restaurant Management. Dawn is the manager of Anthony’s Woodfire Grill. She graduated from Washington State University, and has been with Anthony’s for 11 years. She has been married to her husband, Randy, for 13 years. They have 2 sons, Braden (2) and Reese (6)
NEW MEMBERS, continued

President Lyle Ryan introduced new member, Michael Hawks, classification – Youth Services/Boy Scouts. Michael was originally from Alameda, California, graduated from Berkeley, and got his masters degree from BYU. He’s been married to his wife, Donna, for 28 years, and has 5 children ages 20-27. 3 boys are Eagle Scouts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations Committee: Barb McCarthy has Rotary items for sale – hats for $10, vests for $15, and sweatshirts for $20. All are available for purchase before and after the meeting.

Vocational Service Committee: Tom MacIntyre announced the date for the next Career Fair - Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Fireside Committee: Kevin Morris announced the next Fireside will be held at Boeing on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 10:00am. Kevin promised a real fun and interesting time, so if you can make it, please consider going.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Lyle announced an opportunity for a make-up by attending the District Membership Seminar on Saturday October 15th in Canada.

President Lyle also announced that the club is now exceeding its lunch quota. People are eating, which is good news for the club!

HAPPY BUCKS

Tom Gray had 70 Birthday Bucks, plus what he referred to as “Cumulative Years of Marriage Bucks”. He also stated that he couldn’t remember all of their names. Don Loken had bucks for 51 years of membership in the Rotary Club of Everett, and also 50 years of perfect attendance. Marc Baker wanted to know what 1 meeting did Don miss!

Janice Ellis wanted everyone to know that Dan Squires is very excited about his new “Dream Job” with Boeing, working on the next generation of airplanes. Mark Nesse had $5 for the celebration of Reid Shockey’s birthday. Reid took umbrage that it was only $5. David Chan was happy that he won the primary for fire commissioner. He stated that since he had won, he will have to keep the campaign sign in his car, which means - keep the car clean, no tailgating, and no fingers! Lee Trevithick was happy that Cocoons House had raised $55,000. Henry Newton was happy that the huskies didn’t lose! Parker Fowlds had 65 Birthday Bucks. Mary Fears was happy that a friend of hers had won a coveted Monte Cristo Award. Marc Baker gave us the Betsy Report: Betsy is currently on a 4-day cruise of the French Riviera. She hated Naples, and will be off to Rome and Spain. She is due back October 22nd.

Connie Wittren had $20 to thank Hospice sponsors Frontier Bank and Rubatino. There are still 12 seats left. Dave Surface got called out for some press about the 90’ x 10’ mural of northwest wildlife and sea life along his driveway. He ponied up $60. Pam Richards was happy that she will be (or is) a Grandma. Jim Hayes met a hiker at Stevens Pass who was hiking from Mexico to Canada. Mike Kight was happy about twin grandsons. Zak Parpia was $20 happy to be back from Europe. Visiting Rotarian Vern Keller reported that he had the shingles and lost sight in his left eye. But an amazing doctor cured him and he regained his sight.

RAFFLE

Amy Norman and Noni LaLone ran the raffle with the usual charm and poise to which we have become accustomed. Dave Surface donated 4 Seahawks tickets that were won by Tom Gray. The Everett Events Center donated 2 tickets to the Michael Flatley show, which were won by visiting Rotarian Eileen Johnson. Michael Hawks donated Boy Scout Popcorn, which was won by visiting Rotarian Vern Keller. Vern asked Amy to auction it. Amy started bidding at $20, Marc Baker said SOLD! In an attempt to get Amy to pay. Dawn Bergau donated a 2002 Syrah from Anthony’s, which was won by Henry Newton. Louise Stanton-Masten won a bottle of Tequila, and David Chan won a Rotary hat.
PROGRAM

John Gustafson, director of external communications at Verizon Northwest, introduced today’s speaker – our own Carl Zapora. Carl’s program was titled United Way From Z to A. He started off the program by donning a Stetson hat and recalling a United Way poster in Abilene, TX that depicted a gruff, mean looking cowboy and simply said “Fork it Over!” Carl informed us that all of the United Way chapters are independent, local entities. United Way of Snohomish County is working on building a better Snohomish County. Their website volunteer center gets 4,500 hits a month. Effective February 2006, we will have a 211 call center based in Everett to help citizens with non-emergency help, such as human services. The call center will be run by Volunteers of America, who have trained and certified referral specialists. The service will also be connected to 911 for any emergencies. Carl also discussed United Way’s involvement with other charities and relief agencies. He stated that in Snohomish County the agencies have a reputation of cooperation and the ability to work together. The United Way has offered to take a leadership role in Senator Patty Murray’s statewide disaster preparedness program. Carl wrapped up the presentation by discussing the United Way’s overhead, which is 15% - an admirable number.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wheeler’s Meeting November 8th, 11:15am, Everett Marine View Conference Center. Speaker: Dale Moses, Topic: Service Opportunities

Board Meeting Friday, October 21st, 7:30am, Bethany Northwest at Pacific, 3rd floor Chapel

THE ROTARY MINUTE - History of the Rotary Foundation

In 1917, Arch C. Klumph, Rotary’s sixth president, proposed to the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, the creation of an “endowment fund for Rotary…for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service”. A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of $26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA. In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to “hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property… as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI”. Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of US $500 to International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC – created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen – later grew into the Easter Seals organization. Throughout time, support of the Foundation grew tremendously. Since that first $26.50 donation in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than US$1 billion. More than US$70 million was contributed in 2003-2004 alone. To date, some 914,792 individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows. Such strong support and involvement of Rotarians world wide ensures a secure future for the Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace. Our club continues to be of the best in the nation in supporting our foundation.