November 22, 2005

Everett Rotary Has Huge Paul Harris Sale

Visiting Rotarians
Janice Ellis presented the visiting Rotarians, Chuck Morrison, Disaster Management, from Everett Port Gardner, Chris Covington, Structural Engineer, Everett Port Gardner, Sandy Nichols, Travel, Everett Port Gardner and Tom Brothers, Podiatrist.

Announcements
Larry O'Donnell ran the Paul Harris auction. His goal was to auction off 20 Paul Harris's at $800 each to be matched with $200 from the proceeds of the dart throwing to raise a total of $20,000. Larry was a successful auctioneer and completed his auction with only a small amount of gentle cajoling to reach the goal of 20. Congratulations Larry on a job well done.
(ps Judy was keeping track of the names of the 20 bidders.)

Committee reports
Fellowship:
Bob Leach reported that the fireside at Woodfire Grill went very well. He commended the Woodfire grill for their hosting the fireside. He stated that the Woodfire Grill was a great facility. The fireside was attended by 21 to 22 Rotarians but with guests the total attendance was closer to 30. They had great fellowship and a good time.

Food Drive:
Still looking for about 8-12 folks to fill out the schedule. Please sign up.

Giving Tree:
Tom Layne reported on the success of the giving tree so far. The program is to help Deaconess Services. The gifts need to be delivered the Wednesday after our 1st December meeting. Please bring the gifts unwrapped with a gift bag if possible. Tom has received some questions regarding the parent’s names and this is so their children can have the joy of giving their parents something for Christmas.

Community Service:
Kim Buike reported that next week is our Wheel Chair Foundation Changing One Life at a time program. This is a terrific meeting to showcase our clubs service and we are encouraged to bring guests to this program.
Happy Bucks/Birthday bucks:
Fred Saftsrom was happy his 14 year old son was successful standing line to get a voucher for an XBOX 360.
Betsy Baker was happy to be 35.
Tom Robinson was $60 dollars happy $52 for his birthday the rest is because his son has been reunited with his wife after a tour of duty in Iraq.
Pam Daniels was $10 happy because her son made it home from Eastern Washington University.
Mary Fears was happy to be back. She reported that she has been battling walking pneumonia.
Jim Frerichs was happy the hostages were released in Tacoma.
David Chan reported he is 364 votes ahead in his Fire Commissioner race.
Kim Buike was happy to see Bernie Weber.
Kris Brynildsen-Smith was happy about something other than Archbishop Murphy football. Their girl’s soccer team was successful at state. But she was mostly happy that her husband had a successful knee replacement surgery.
Peter Cattle was happy about the Cougar victory at the Apple Cup. That’s two in a row for you Husky fans. He also donated a can of Cougar Gold cheese along with the article form the newspaper for the auction and graciously offered to help any Husky that won the cheese to come over to their house and for a small fee “cut the cheese”.
Ron Jacobsen was happy to celebrate his 15th wedding anniversary.
Dottie Piasecki was $110 happy. $100 was for Larry throwing the dart for her last week. Although he reported that he missed. She was also $10 happy because next Tuesday night is the opening of the Festival of Trees.
Marc Baker was happy to be reminded of his daughter Betsey’s birthday, and to remember that he mustered out of the navy 35 years ago.
Kevin Morris reported he, another dad and 3 boys sat in the heart of the Tyee club during the Apple Cup. He gave 5 crimson dollars for that experience.
Bob Leach was happy his son is having the opportunity to participate in an economic leadership conference with 175 other students. The students were chosen from over 1000 applicants from 15 countries and 35 universities.

Program
Dale Moses introduced the program “Homeland Security/ARC presented by Chuck Morrison and John Turner.
Chuck Morrison is the Executive Director of the Red Cross in Snohomish County. John Turner is former Police Chief in Mount Lake Terrance and Marysville and currently Homeland Security Program manager under contract with the Department of Emergency Management with Snohomish County.
Chuck reported on his experiences in dealing with two major hurricane disasters earlier this year. He reported that over 562,000 homes were destroyed and another 250,000 were damaged. 2.5 million people are not able to live in their homes as a result of the hurricanes. He reported that 225,000 volunteers including Red Cross staff assisted with the aftermath of the disasters. He also reported we have 425 evacuees living in the Everett area.
John Turner spoke on Snohomish County’s Homeland Security preparedness. A key note to us as individuals is that no matter what happens government can not be there to provide everything you need. The old guideline of preparing for 3 days is not adequate. A more realist timeline is to plan to be able to take of yourself for 7 days to two weeks. Homeland Security here in Snohomish County has looked at what we need here in the county. But also because 1/3 of Snohomish County’s population works in Seattle we have to work well with the people in Seattle and share resources and work together in our planning.