

**The Rotary Club of Snohomish, Washington
Rotary International District 5050**



The Rap Sheet



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Reflections of King Richard the Only –

A quote from Abbas Ibn Al-Ahnaf (c. 750-c. 803) Poet:

“Four things come not back – the spoken word,
the sped arrow, time past, and the neglected opportunity.”

In reminding me of it being time for this article, Bob wrote, “As you know, August is membership month.” Well, moi did not know. For me, like Jim Walters, August is anniversary month; three years in Rotary completed on the 13th.



President Richard Bridges

As such, however, reflecting on those three years in the general context of the quote above and with specific reference to Rotary, I am given pause over “neglected opportunities” where Membership is concerned. There have been quite a few people with whom it would have been easy to share the good feeling that comes with being a “ROTARIAN.” But, alas and alack, the sin of rationalization reared its cute little head and winked me into abstinence.

My main “excuse” was the time it would take for follow-up. Then there was the whole rejection thing. [yes, even for me.] Of course, not all of the referenced people would have been able to join our club, so another reason to delay was the sad notion of not helping other clubs to grow. And the word “delay” is correct since another sad notion was “will do it later.”

Welllllll, August offers us all a couple of unique promotional opportunities that should really, really not be neglected. One is Big Foot Soccer (at Stocker field). Part of the staffing should include someone outside with brochures, pictures, whatever, whose lot in life is to answer questions, etc. The other is the Fountain dedication. Had hoped for this to be part of KLaHaYa but the artist’s timing and mine did not match. For this one, besides providing information, newspaper items and advertising seem a natural fit.

Let us all resolve with strength that for August we will NOT rationalize away any opportunity to grow our membership; or that of Rotary in general.

Closing thought from Charles Buxton (1823-71) Philanthropist:

“Sometimes success is due less to ability than to zeal.” Selah

Upcoming Rotary and Community Events

July

27 Club Program: Mary Brueggeman, Development Officer, The Museum of Flight

August

3 Club Program: Rod Thomson, Governor for Rotary District 5050

10 Club Program: Dennis Scherting, Nurse Manager, Puget Sound Kidney Centers, Clinical Ed.

17 Club Program: Amy Black, GSE Team Leader & Monroe Rotary Club member: An Update on Monroe's Miracle League

17-20 (Thursday-Sunday) Club Snow Cone Sales at Big Foot Soccer Tournament (Stocker Field)
(Note the corrected dates of Big Foot Soccer)

24 Club Program: Ryan Cowper: What was his experience like at RYLA (Rotary youth leadership)?

28 Board meeting at 6:00 PM

31 Special Club Program: Club Assembly: A time to share about club business and programs

September

Programs to be announced

October

28 (Saturday: 2 pm & 7 pm) Langley Ukulele Ensemble at the SHS Performing Arts Center

Club Presentation: Voting By Mail



**Carolyn Ableman,
Chief Deputy
Elections/Voting
Department
Snohomish County
Auditor**

On July 20, 2006, Carolyn shared with us some of the reasons for changing to a voting by mail system and the ways to deliver the completed ballot.

She said that the electronic voting, at polling sites, is more expensive: cost of the machines and poll workers, and the requirement to set up an audit device.

There are 350,000 registered voters in Snohomish County. 84% voted in the presidential election and 47% in the 2005 election.

Ballots are mailed out 20 days before the election day. They will be able to be dropped-off at 21 to 30 locations, including Snohomish, which will always have two people. The box will be taken to the Auditor's office each night. She said that there are a lot of check points in the system.

**Snohomish Rotary Club's
International Chili Cook-off Team**



Jim Walters (L), Jim Church, Dwight Knechtel & Richard Bridges

Happy a August Birthday!!!!!!!



**Joe Garrett - 8/1
Todd Smith - 8/5**

Annual Installation of Club Officers and Board of Directors

Members, family and friends, of the Rotary Club of Snohomish gathered together on June 30, 2006, at Mill Creek Country Club. Special guests included District 5050 Governor Harv & Jan Jubie and Assistant District Governor Larry & Linda Jubie.

The evening was guided by Club President-elect (2007-08) Lisa Caldwell. Club President (2005-06) Rick Homme presented many recognition gifts to club and board members for their service during his Rotary Year. A sampling is noted below.



Dwight Knechtel
Club's Webmaster



Began club meeting with a meditation
Lynn Hurley (l), Lisa Caldwell, Pat Knight,
Marureen Loomis, Pete Reeder & Bob Knight



Club Rotarians of the Year (05-06)
Past Club Presidents Pat & Bob Knight



Appreciation plaques presented to
DG Harv Jubie & ADG Larry Jubie



Incoming Club President
Richard Bridges presenting a
Thank You plaque to Presi-
dent Rick Homme



District Governor Harv Jubie pre-
paring to install Richard Bridges
as Club President; his final official
function as District Governor.



2006-07 Snohomish Club Board
Jim Church (l), Shannon Parthe-
mer, Maureen Loomis, President
Richard Bridges, Kathryn Wata-
nabe, Brian Berard, Jim Walters,
Lisa Caldwell, Rick Homme and
Bob Knight. Not pictured is
Thom Engel.



District Governor Harv
with Charlotte Ann and
Richard Bridges.

Snohomish Rotary Club Reaching Out to Others

During Snohomish Rotary club's annual dinner and installation of board members for Rotary Year 2006-2007, Rick Homme shared a list of some of the ways in which our club has reached out to others during the past Rotary year through a combination of financial and in-kind support. They included:

American Red Cross Snohomish County Chapter, Angel Flight, Boy Scouts of America (Snohomish area scouts), Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish, Arts of Snohomish, Children's Hospice, Edward Jones SafetyFair, Imagine Children's Museum, Jeff Starr Memorial Service, Operation Home Front, Rotary International and Local Rotary Clubs (including Port Moody (BC) disaster relief, Mississippi via Pete Reeder, Rotary Youth Leadership Award sponsorship, Senior Services of Snohomish County (including Meals on Wheels), Snohomish City Park System, Snohomish Food Bank, Snohomish School District schools and students (including AIM High School, Emerson and Seattle Hill elementary schools, Bickford Safe Driving Program, Students of the Quarter for the three high schools and the two middle schools and Caitlin Parket-Arnet study trip) and Snohomish Senior Center.

Snohomish Rotarians Reaching Out to Others

Editor's Note: The above is a list of the many ways in which the club provided services. What is not often recognized is the involvement of club members in other community and international services, e.g. as serving on boards and committees. The following is just a partial list of some of the organizations that I have been made aware (please let me know of any non-profit groups in which you are involved):

American Red Cross, Belltown Business Association of Seattle, Bethany of the Northwest Foundation Board, Combined Federal Campaign, Community Advisory Committee (Snohomish School District), Community Coordinating Committee (Snohomish C of C), Deaconess Children's Services of Everett, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Evergreen Manor board, Extreme (Soccer Club) Snohomish United, Friends of Snohomish Library, Kla Ha Ya Days Committee, St. John's Episcopal Church board, Monroe and Snohomish Chambers of Commerce, Snohomish Carnegie Foundation, Snohomish City Council, Snohomish county United Way Vision Council, Snohomish Festival of Pumpkins, Snohomish Garden Club, Snohomish Senior Center, Snohomish Women's Network, Venturing (Boy Scouts of America), Washington State Council on Aging, ...

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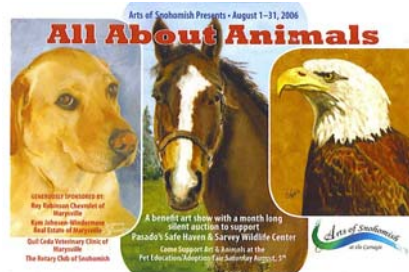


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Meetings: **Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**
Collector's Choice Restaurant

Arts of Snohomish Gallery

August 1 - 31, 2006



Silent Auction & Animal Education

Saturday, August 5, 2006
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Rotary Drinking Fountain



Have you and your friends donated to this project?
Still need \$5,000

Donate to Snohomish Rotary Charitable Foundation
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