

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



The Rap Sheet



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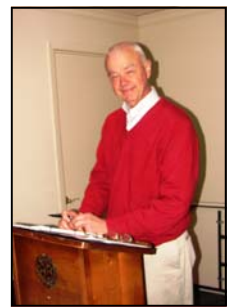
Berry Sales: Lynn Hurley

Fellowship: Pete Reeder

Snowcone Sales: Melody Clemans

Club President's Reflections

The holidays are over and life's routine is back on track. During the past six month, the first half of our Rotary Year, we have been very active. During the late spring and summer months we were busy with our major fundraisers - berries and sno-cones. As we moved into fall we implemented a new fundraiser; we received a \$4,000 District Simplified Grant; we hosted our first Snohomish secondary school's Student of the Quarter breakfast; and we initiated conversations with the city to allow the installation of a Rotary drinking fountain on First Avenue (refer to page 2 of the Oct-Dec. '05 edition of the *Rap Sheet*).



Rick Homme

Now is the time to pause, look back, evaluate, and determine our goals for the next six months. As we set those goals we need to remember why we became Rotarians. For most of us the answer is simple - we wanted to put something back into our community. But when we became Rotarians we became aware of the four-way-test and the motto of "Service above self".

January is Rotary Awareness Month. We should all spend a few moments remembering why we became Rotarians, and how the principles of Rotary have affected our lives. As far as our community being aware of Rotary, I would like to commend the efforts and results of Bob Knight and Shannon Parmether. During the past three months our club has received more media mention than in any comparable time period that I can remember. With the projects and activities scheduled for the next six months, I am confident Bob and Shannon will help assure that our club's visibility remains high.

Rick Homme

Snohomish Rotary Club Officers for 2006-2007

Congratulations to the following persons who have been elected to serve as next Rotary year's club officers:

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| Club President (2006-07) | Richard Bridges |
| President-Elect (2007-08) | Lisa Caldwell |
| Secretary | Thomas Engel |
| Treasurer | Brian Berard |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | James Walters |
| Past-President (2005-2006) | Richard Homme |





Vocational Classification Talk by Dwight Knechtel

On December 15, 2005, news club member Dwight Knechtel provided Snohomish Rotarians with a very interesting vocational classification talk. He shared an overview of a very eclectic lifestyle which has taken him from working at age 8 in a Belltown auto repair shop, established by his grandfather, to shoveling poop at their Snohomish horse ranch. Dwight is an Eagle Scout and has a love of the outdoors. He shares his dad’s passion for boating, and a few years ago they cruised in the waters of Alaska. His family camped a lot and he tries to ski as much as three times a week.

Professionally, Dwight has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Washington, with a minor in ski bumming. After graduation he accepted a position in Los Angeles, California, with a consulting engineering firm where he spent a year designing a large chemical plant. He became frustrated that the company didn’t want him to think - they just wanted a robot in a suit and white shirt. He escaped to a large manufacturer responsible for valves used in nuclear power plants. There he found lots of cool engineer stuff – molten metal – huge machine tools – computers – R & D labs! But then it again got to be pretty boring. He began looking for a technical sales job.

Dwight found himself on the leading edge of biotech, calling on microelectronic companies where they were trying to figure out how to make computer chips. He commented that today the tiny features inside the current Pentium chip are now the size of 0.08 microns and we now filter down to the molecular level. A few stray particles or molecules hitting a wafer of Pentium chips now cost Intel well over a million dollars. Along the way, they had their first son, Jeff. Deciding that southern California was not the place to raise a family, he found a position with a Northwest distributor for the same filter products. They moved to their new home in Mill Creek, Washington.

Dwight shared that he loves to do new things and solve new problems. That has included forming new companies and learning to fly so that he could connect with customers located in four states. When he retired and left that “baby company” it had expanded to 11 offices in 13 states, with yearly sales just shy of \$90 million. For a while life for Dwight slowed down. They moved to the country outside of Snohomish where his wife, Jenice, could raise her horses. However, after a few years he found himself helping a buddy found another small company. If that wasn’t enough, he got into web development. He is now the webmaster for www.snohomishrotary.org.



Dwight being inducted as a new Snohomish Rotary Club member by Brian Berard (l) and DG Harv Jubie @.

Club’s Christmas Celebrations



December 17 Christmas party at the home of Richard & Charlotte Bridges



December 22 Christmas club meeting
Dee served us mimosas and
Judy Reeder accompanied us for carol singing

**Snohomish Secondary Schools
Students of the First Quarter (2005-06)**



Back Row (left to right): Bryanna Plog, Abby Vaughn, Andrew St. Marie, Chris Jorve, Stefan St. Marie, Brad Perry, Molly Miller, Tommy Rollins, & Joanna Balin; Front Row (left to right): Elizabeth Kalina, Karli Poage, Brady Coad, Gregor Troost, Amanda Keithley, Colters Henry, & Kyle Hamlin

The program was held on December 8, 2005, at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Snohomish. The students were from Centennial and Valley View M. S., the Freshman H.S., and Snohomish H. S. Pat Knight, Vocational Service Chair, coordinated the event. The breakfast was catered by Collector’s Choice Restaurant.

**John Patterson was Inducted as a New Member
During the December 22, 2005, Club Meeting**



Brian Berard sharing with John what it means to be a Rotarian.



Jan & John Patterson, Brian Berard, & Snohomish Rotary President Rick Homme

Rotarian Helps with Katrina Recovery

Pete Reeder traveled to southern Mississippi with a group from the Marysville Methodist Church to work on re-constructing buildings. While there, Pete presented a check for \$500 from Snohomish Rotary to assist with Picayune Rotary (D6840) Christmas basket program.



Banner exchange with President Reggie Hanberry

Calendar of Events

Snohomish Rotary Club & District Events

January

- 5 Program: Daryl Bertholet, Assist Planner , City of Snohomish: “Promoting Our Community
- 7 District 5050 P.R.L.S., Surrey, B.C.
- 9 Club board meeting, 4:30 pm at Collector’s Choice
- 12 Program: Richard Bridges : “Trip to Bavaria”
- 19 Program: Dr. Don Dillinger, “A New Way to Approach Medical Services”
- 21 District 5050 Rotary Foundation Seminar, Surry, BC
- 26 Program: TBA

Other District and Rotary Internationsl Information

Refer to these web sites:

www.district5050.org and www.rotary.org

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Happy January Birthday!!!!!!!



**Kathryn Watanabe - Jan. 7
Thom Engel - Jan. 27**

Some of our Wonderful Club Program Speakers for 2005



Dave Banks
Maker of fine guitars
and talented
performer



Colleen Hill,
President ,
Snohomish Chamber
Of Commerce



Dr. Bill Mester
Superintendent ,
Snohomish School
District



Candace McKenna,
President of KSER
Public radio station



Mayor Liz Loomis
spoke about changes in
the City of Snohomish



Coach Mark Perry
talked about SHS
football & education



Gail Glasgow,
Director of Arts of
Snohomish gallery



Robert Kazmi talked
about his Eagle
Scout Project



Jim Church

Director of Club Programs

It is to Jim Church that thanks can be given for the quality of program speakers who educate and entertain our members and guests each and every Thursday morning.

He would appreciate receiving recommendations for future program speakers. Send Jim an e-mail with those ideas to him at:

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What do you know about Rotary?

The Mission of Rotary

The Mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Objective of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.

Sources for Information about Rotary

Visit the Rotary web site at www.rotary.org and read *The Rotarian* magazine.