

The Rotary Club of Snohomish, Washington
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The Rap Sheet



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Pres. Richard Bridges

King Richard's Miscellany October 2006

“Those who travel the high road of humility are not troubled by heavy traffic.”

Alan Simpson, politician

Wonder if he was speaking of or to other politicians?
 Or of or to Richard?

Am glad there is spell check – humility is not a word I use very often.

As I write this, my thoughts turn to this afternoon's (9-21-06) visitation at Monroe where our club will provide a support check for their Miracle League project. Why think of it? Don't know – the drive there, I guess, coming on the heels of yesterday's commute from hades. But also just to finally visit them and ascertain if they have as much fun as some people say they do.

Thinking, of course, is something I rarely do – and it is even rarer for me to have coherent thoughts – but have also been wondering about membership. It would be really nice to have about 7 more active members so as to decrease the possible burnout factor. Wonder how Lake Stevens managed to add 10 last year? Wonder, too, if they are all still active.

You know, Rotary is tough. You gotta want it. To make it work for you requires solid commitment. Commitments, if made, should be treated with trust, respect, and care. An “attitude of service” – not of self – is also helpful. Which makes you wonder why I committed, huh? Well, for me, there was also the challenge that is Rotary – of interacting with and being part of community leadership. And there is the fun and camaraderie. *Selah.*

This from Milton Berle: “We owe a lot to Thomas Edison. If it wasn't for him, we'd be watching television by candlelight.” [giggle]



Langley Ukulele Ensemble Saturday, October 28, 2006 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Have you heard their voices?

Have you seen their smiles?

Have they touched your heart?

Have you heard their message?

Have you shared it with a friend?

Some Upcoming Events in 2006-07

(The following is just an overview of some of the club and the D5050 events. Not included in the list are possible club social activities, e.g. attending sports events)

September

28 Club Program: Bob Heirman, Historian & Poet: Railroading in Old Snohomish

October

5 Club Program: Ginny Dugaw, District 5050 Literacy Committee & Washington State Literacy Council

12 Club Program: Charlie Langdon, Executive Director, Deaconess Children's Services

19 Club Program: Chuck Morrison, Executive Director, Snohomish County Chapter, American Red Cross

23 Club Board meeting: 6:30—8:00 p.m. at Collector's Choice Restaurant

26 Club Program: Connie Wittren , Director of Development, Providence Hospital/Hospice

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

November

17 (Friday) **District 5050 Foundation Dinner** at the Skagit Casino Resort 6:00 PM \$55 US

January

20 (Saturday) **PRLS** (Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar) at the Skagit Casino Resort

April

14 (Saturday) **District Assembly** Surrey, B.C.

May

May 31 - June 2 **District Conference** Abbotsford, B.C.

June

29 (Friday) **Snohomish Rotary Club Annual Dinner** Mill Creek Country Club



Snohomish Rotary donated \$1,000 to the Monroe Rotary Club to go toward their *Miracle League* Project



President Richard Bridges presenting the check to Monroe President Mike Fierke and Monroe Past-President Amy Black

Snohomish Senior Center Events

October 6 & 7: Annual bazaar at St. John's (help need for set up at 6 p.m. on October 5)

October 14 (Saturday, 8:30-10:30) Breakfast at the center's temporary location at St. Michael's Church.



During the September 21 meeting of Snohomish Rotary, the center's Director, Karen Charnell, talked about their current location and the \$200 a month increase in rent due to the cost of utilities.

Snohomish Rotary is helping by making a special donation of \$1,000, in addition to \$1,000 which is part of a five-year pledge.

Some Notes of Club Programs and Other Activities

Supporting Arts of Snohomish



Gale Glasgow and Maureen Loomis

On September 7, 2006, Community Service Chair Maureen Loomis presented Arts of Snohomish Director Gale Glasgow with checks in the amount of \$1,1000 in support of the gallery by the Rotary Club of Snohomish. Included in the above donation was \$100 for their *Juried Art Show* in October and for their *Art of Time* clock auction in December.

Gale spoke briefly about the center and background to their September show, "*An Irish Odyssey*."



"Works of Art" for a lifetime of remembrance of Ireland

Artists presenting include Austin Dwyer (pictured above), Gordy Edberg, Glen Oberg, Grant Saylor, John Ringen, Al Johnsen and Clark Elster

Annual Report on Snohomish Schools



Dr. Bill Mester

Snohomish School District Superintendent Bill Mester addressed the September 14 meeting of the Snohomish Rotary Club and provided an overview of district activities.

A major focus of his remarks pertained to the status of the current school construction projects, funded by a bond that was passed about three years ago, and the financial constraints which are facing the district.

Bill noted that the new elementary school is now underway off of Cathcart Way and that bids for the new high school are on September 28. He said that construction costs are up 30%. Some of the reasons include cost of materials and a period of hot commercial construction. There are only five contractors building high schools.

Acknowledging the special interest of Snohomish Rotary, Bill reported that they are targeting January, 2007, to move AIM High School to their new facility (former Parkway Nursing Center).

With reference to the WASL passing percentages by Snohomish High School 10th graders: reading 90%, writing 92% and math 58%.

Bill circulated an article by Greg Stack, Northwest Architectural Company, titled, "Schools losing out as construction costs soar," which was published in the August 31, 2006, edition of the *Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce*. In the article Greg (who is the lead architect working with the district) noted that: "Starting in early 2004 owners began to see bids come in beyond estimates and budgets. The natural reaction was to suspect that the designs were too extravagant, or that the estimates had not been carefully prepared." "the general causes for escalation include increased world demand for construction materials, especially from China." "School construction is a risky business for contractors...they must comply with many...laws."

Club Members Learn about Yoga



Karen Guzak (right) introducing the topic of the September 21 club meeting to Karen Charnell and President Richard Bridges



Karen Guzak, owner of Yoga Circle Studio in Snohomish, shared some of her philosophy related to Yoga and led club members through some exercises.

She spoke of the connection between “mind, body and spirit. Creating strength, flexibility, balance, and a sense of total well being.”

In demonstrating the value of long, deep breaths, Karen had us push our chairs back and place our feet solidly on the floor. We stretched out our arms and moved our necks as we took in deep breaths (1, 2,3) and let it out (1, 2, 3).



Karen Guzak
Demonstrating a sampling
of a yoga exercise

**Rotary Club’s Newly Painted Trailer
Selling SnoCones at Special Event
Imagine Children’s Museum on 9-23-06**



Children’s Festival on Wall St., Everett



**President Richrd Bridges, Pat Knight,
Lisa Caldwell and a Seafaire Pirate at our**

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Major October 28 Event

Langley Ukulele Ensemble

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