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As **Mike Klassen** and **Greg Lineberry** warmly greeted the gathering club members, **PP "Tiz" Tisdel** calmly performed a heroic act. A photo record of the 13th meeting appeared impossible, as the photo person discovered there was no digital XD picture card in the camera and the backup camera was suffering from a dead battery. **Tiz** pulled an XD card from his pocket, and the day was saved! (*The pictures in his XD card are also interesting, if you like that sort of thing.*)

King James opened the meeting in regular form and **Reid Shockey** read a poignant, concise *Thought For The Day*.

Janet Prichard introduced her guest, accompanist and fellow graduate of the Juilliard School of Engineering, Fran Yost. Together they performed a musical tribute to their friend and mentor, Rich Perteet, in recognition of his impending retirement from Perteet Engineering.

Kaye Phinney ably introduced visiting Rotarian Paul Flowers (Marysville) and guests Meghan Adams of Issaquah, Brianna Clark (MDA) and Paul Baker (Les Schwab Tires).

Environment Committee Chair **Tom Koenig** reported that a number of members have volunteered to work with 50 kids cleaning up Jetty Island on October 23rd from 9am to noon. A sign-up sheet will be on the tables next week.





Foundation Chair **Marc Baker** reported again on the November 6th District Foundation Dinner event and the residual party bus arrangements. President Jim remarked on the sacrifices he has had to make in order to attend this D5050 event, and urged others to do likewise and expand their understanding of the world of Rotary.

Fellowship Chair Betsy Baker announced the October social event will be an OctoberFest beer-tasting at Scuttlebutts, followed by a winetasting in November and a vocational trip to an AA meeting in December. PP Marc Baker introduced new member Gayle Pratt (see page 2). Peter Cattle monitored the raffle proceedings that featured two tickets to Gusto (donated by Key Bank), a Bernie Webber print, Rotary Run shirts and Frisbee, and a tin of Cougar Gold. Program speaker Paul-Elliott Cobbs, director of the Everett Symphony, was introduced by Mary Brueggeman.

President Jim concluded the meeting by thanking members for the \$902 donated this day, and promptly broke *Buster*, the club's 90 year-old bell.







The gracious Kaye Phinney....

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

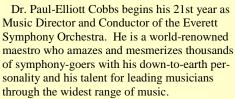


ayle Pratt (Classification: Salon Owner) was introduced by her sponsor, PP Marc Baker. Ms. Pratt was born in Everett and raised on a farm located near Arlington. Marc stated that Ms. Pratt has represented to him an ability to cook, but he hasn't yet verified the claim. Gayle's first employment adventure was with the Everett Clinic. In 1993 she retrained as a beautician and subsequently opened her own salon, Absolute Hair



at 75th and Beverly Boulevard. A successful venture, she now employs eight stylists. Gayle has two grown sons, is presently single, and lists her hobbies as "shoe shopping, antique decorating, shoe shopping, riding a Harley, cooking, shoe shopping, traveling, dancing, and shoe shopping." As President Jim presented her with the requisite Rotary hardware, he confessed that he initially read her proposed classification as "Saloon Owner" but his wife patiently explained the difference to him.

Symphony and Community





Dr. Cobbs is an international conductor with conducting credits not only throughout the United States, but from Japan and Europe as well. In February 1995 he was the first American to conduct the *Erzgebirgisches Sinfonie Orchester* in Aue, near Leipzig, Germany. With a sold-out performance, three encores and seven curtain calls, Dr. Cobbs was named "Star Conductor from the USA" and was immediately invited to return to conduct a double orchestra, double choir performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in December 1996—an honor not bestowed on many Americans! In May 2004, Dr. Cobbs traveled to Poland, where he has been a featured guest conductor many times, to give master classes and lectures in conducting American music.

Cobbs began his conducting career in Detroit, where he was the Associate Conductor of the Detroit Metropolitan Symphony, Principal Conductor of its chamber orchestra and frequent Guest Conductor of the Michigan Opera. Educated at the *Akademie für Musik*, Vienna, Cobbs possesses an intimate knowledge of European masterworks combined with rare exper-

tise in American multiculturalism. His interpretation of William Grant Still's Afro-American Symphony - the subject of his doctoral thesis - is considered definitive by many. While at the *Akademie für Musik*, he was Principal Conductor of the Festival Chamber Orchestra in Vienna. In the Northwest, he has been Assistant Conductor with the Seattle Opera, Music Chair of The Northwest School of the Arts and Conductor of the *Discover Music!* community concert series with the Seattle Symphony. He is currently Music Director of Tacoma Youth Symphonies in addition to his position with the Everett Symphony.

A talented and inspirational educator, Cobbs is known for his insightful pre-concert lectures, educational and children' concerts, and his work with youth symphonies, school, regional and All-State orchestras

Cobbs received his Doctorate in Conducting from the U of W. He completed an undergraduate degree in Music Education at Wayne State U. He thinks he's related to Zeb Cobbs.



Rich Perteet was \$200 happy to announce he was retiring from his active role with *Perteet Engineering* Thursday, his 62nd birthday and the second year of wedded bliss. Tom Grav was \$20 happy for the opportunity to plug an October 10th benefit for Bethany of the NW. Judge Michael Downes was happy that the Herald correctly reported the outcome of the Superior Court election and thanked his many supporters. Larry Byers was happy to celebrate his wife's 50th birthday (this is shocking---Vicki looks barely over 21). Dale Moses was happy to report that a new ship will be arriving at NS Everett soon, and the Everett community will officially welcome the crew of USS Thompson the evening of October 21st at the Everett Events Center. The price of admission includes the cost of meals for the sailors. He urged members to contact him, Kathy Gambill, or the Navy League and support this event. PDG Don Senter contributed bittersweet dollars, recalling how most Everett attorneys start their practice in the Central Building because the rent is cheap. Three years ago he relocated his law practice back to the Central Building so that he could work as hard as he wanted to without worrying about the rent, but a few weeks ago the CB management notified him the elevator was going to be replaced and out of service from Nov 1st to Jan 1st. Don's office is on the 5th floor, so he decided now would be a good time to retire. Having completed his financial planning paperwork, he announced he's going to be huffing up 5 flights of stairs for four weeks, having determined he'll be able to retire when he's 98. Club Treasurer Rich Tover gave some dollars to recall how he had been fined \$100 when his cell phone rang during a Rotary meeting. Noting the number of cell phone offenses at this meeting, he suggested King James enforce the cell-phone ban with fines, as the club treasury needs the money. Pam Richards was happy for the Rotarians who helped her with her car problems and expressed an emotional thank you that a year ago the professionals of the Fire Department and Providence General helped save her life. City of Everett Economic Development Director Kathy Shaw requested the membership to complete a survey form to help her department determine and understand what expectations Everett residents have for downtown development. (The form can be obtained from the city web site under ED) Dr. Mark Valentine asked for clarification on the birthday buck policy.... a medical event prevented him from attending Rotary last week and he was unable to donate 56 birthday bucks, so could he skip the contribution until next year? (Silly man) He contributed \$20 because he is a big supporter of the program speaker, Dr. Paul Cobbs, and if his mental skills return sufficiently to remember to bring his checkbook, he'll make good on the birthday bucks next week. Lee Trevithick was happy to remind members of the Cacoon House Butterfly ceremony being held on October 7th at Everett Events Center. Frances Schlaefer-Wall announced that Renee Quistorf volunteered to mentor Gavle Pratt. Walt **Greenwood** was happy to have been featured by the Herald as a Christmas house volunteer and reported his van was missing from his driveway owing to his daughter and son-law setting up house in Seattle. **Kaye Phinney** contributed \$54 birthday bucks. Fontelle Jones arose to confess that she had taken her hot rod to Les Schwab last Saturday afternoon to have a tire checked out. She forgot to pick it up, so it stayed there over the week-end. (Perils of being blonde?) Bill Hoffman reported that he and Evelyn rode horses up to 8,500 feet above Jackson Hole, and while she tended camp and gathered wood, he shot Bambi.

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TERESA DEFENDS REMARK

Says Girl Scout Was Asking For It

Teresa Heinz Kerry, wife of Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, refused to apologize today for telling a Girl Scout in Iowa yesterday to "blow it out your butt."

Even though Ms. Kerry's remark appeared to be unprecedented in the annals of national politics, especially for a campaign rally attended by Girl Scouts, Mrs. Kerry defended her comment today, telling reporters, "That little was asking for it."

Mrs. Kerry stopped short of divulging exactly what the Girl Scout had done to incur her wrath, but sources who attended the rally said that the nine-year-old had attempted unsuccessfully to sell her a box of Girl Scout cookies just prior to Mrs. Kerry's outburst.

"Oh, so you want my money?" Mrs. Kerry hissed at the Scout before gesturing towards her husband. "Well, get in line behind this quy, sister."

Moments after her "blow it out your butt" remark, Sen. Kerry reportedly yanked a power cord out of the wall, silencing Mrs. Kerry's microphone and plunging the rally into darkness.

It has been a tough few days for the Kerry campaign, which has been shadowed since Monday by a Predator

drone dispatched by the Department of Homeland Security.

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Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge denied that the Predator was deployed for political purposes, telling reporters, "At the Department of Homeland Security we don't do politics, unlike that guy John Kerry."

Elsewhere, CBS announced that it would "effective immediately" ban the use of idiots in the production of its news programming. "After a full investigation of the events leading up to the broadcast of the bogus Bush story, we have concluded that idiots were responsible," said network spokesman Palmer Gravinese. "Consequently, under a new policy of CBS News, idiots will no longer be permitted to participate in the gathering or production of news at CBS."

Adding that the network appeared to be "riddled with idiots," Mr. Gravinese said that CBS had set 2006 as a target for the broadcast giant to be completely idiot free, but cautioned, "We realize that's ambitious."

In the meantime, Mr. Gravinese said, **CBS News** had issued what he called "an idiot-proof checklist" for company idiots to use when deciding whether documents relating to a news story were forged or not:

- 1. Do not read any documents on the air if the source said he got them from some guy at the mall.
- 2. Disregard all emails and instant messages purportedly from the Vietnam War. $\,$
- 3. Official government correspondence and memos are rarely, if ever, signed with a smiley-face.
- 4. If the document has references to a ham sandwich, potato salad and Diet Coke, it is not an authentic government document. It is Andy Rooney's lunch order.

CAT STEVENS ANGRY, MAKES VOW

Broadcasts Threat on Al-Jazeera

Hours after being refused entry into the United States, 1970's recording artist Cat Stevens lashed out at the U.S. government today, vowing to resume his recording career "immediately" as the ultimate act of revenge.

Appearing on the Al-Jazeera network, a visibly angry Mr. Stevens threatened to attack the U.S. with the full force of his insipid folk-rock music.

Brandishing an acoustic guitar, the erstwhile pop star warned that "no one in America would be safe from my insidious melodies" before launching into a spirited rendition of the song "Peace Train."

A spokesman for the CIA said today that experts need more time to study the chilling video, but that it appears to be authentic: "We do not believe that anyone but the real Cat Stevens remembers the lyrics to 'Peace Train.'"

On the campaign trail, Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry blasted President Bush for the Cat Stevens incident, saying that the President's reckless actions had resuscitated an irritating singer's long-dormant recording career.

"When George Bush took office, Cat Stevens was not a problem," Mr. Kerry told a rally in Akron, Ohio. "Through a successful policy of containment, his music had mainly been limited to classic rock stations."

"But now, thanks to George Bush's misguided decision to provoke Cat Stevens, we may be subjected to renditions of not only 'Peace Train,' but also 'Morning Has Broken' and 'Moonshadow' for years to come," Mr. Kerry said.

Geometry Takes Center Stage in Race

Senator John Kerry turned up the heat on Iraq today, telling an audience in Pittsburgh that the insurgent stronghold known as The Sunni Triangle had expanded and should now rightfully be called "The Sunni Trapezoid."

"If you take a look at the so-called Sunni Triangle, it does not have three sides," a hoarse-voiced Mr. Kerry told the crowd. "It has four sides, two of which are parallel and two of which are not."

"George Bush refuses to admit that it is a trapezoid," Mr. Kerry said, "but I will "

Mr. Kerry's speech drew an instant and harsh rebuke from a Pentagon spokesman, **Ira Clausen**, who said that calling The Sunni Triangle "The Sunni Trapezoid" was undermining the U.S. effort in Iraq.

Mr. Clausen added, "But even if it is in fact a trapezoid, the Pentagon is well up to the task of stopping this insurgency because a pentagon has five sides and a trapezoid only four."

Even as Mr. Kerry continued to stay on message, bringing out a diagram showing the difference between a triangle and a trapezoid at other campaign stops later in the day, experts questioned the wisdom of introducing geometry into the presidential campaign.

According to pollster **Rockwell Pritchard** of the University of Minnesota's Opinion Research Institute, "This argument could really backfire on Kerry, because most people really hate geometry."

Elsewhere, the first debate between the candidates was delayed when the Kerry camp demanded that the platform be constructed of a material other than wood so as not to compete with Mr. Kerry.

2006-07 R.I. President Chosen

William B. Boyd, of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand, is the selection of RI's Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2006-07, which met on 13 September. He will become the president-nominee on 1 December if there are no challenging candidates.

A former member and past president of the Rotary Club of Wellington South, New Zealand, Boyd has served RI as district governor, director, treasurer, member and chair of regional and international committees, group discussion leader and moderator at the International Assembly, and RI presidential representative to local and international conferences. As a Rotary leader, he has conducted training seminars in New Zealand, as well as Cook Islands, Fiji, and Western Samoa.

Devoting much of his time to supporting Rotary's PolioPlus program, Boyd has served as a member of the PolioPlus Task Force, coordinator in the PolioPlus Partners program, and consultant to the International PolioPlus Committee. He also chairs the management committee of *Rotary Down Under*, a Rotary regional magazine. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.



Progress in Polio Eradication

Up to 13 million children under age five in eight northern Nigerian states were targeted in a **Subnational Immunization Day** held September 6-9. The door-to-door event was aimed at countering the effects of a yearlong suspension of immunization activities in several states in northern Nigeria, in reaction to widespread rumors there that the oral polio vaccine might be harmful to children. This was the second round of SNIDs held in northern Nigeria since July, when the affected states declared the vaccine safe and lifted the controversial suspension.

Participants and various news agencies reported that despite continued resistance to immunization activities from some parents, the four-day event was largely a success.

"After a lull of almost 11 months, it will take some time and efforts in advocacy and social mobilization to be able to reorientate the parents," says Ade Adefeso, chair of Nigeria's National PolioPlus Committee, who participated in the SNIDs alongside Rotarians in Kano. The state led the suspension of immunization activities and later became the epicenter of a polio outbreak that spread to 10 previously polio-free African countries.

"In some areas of Kano State, such as the local government of Taruni, there was still [a] high level of resistance [during the recent SNIDs], which was a result of the quality of the immunizers," said Adefeso. He explained that in their eagerness to make up for lost time, state health officials recruited many volunteers who lacked the confidence and initiative to convince suspicious parents that the SNIDs were officially sanctioned and good for their children.

Representatives of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, including local Rotarians, are currently working closely with governmental, religious, and traditional leaders to accelerate immunization activities in Nigeria. For example, at a UNICEF-sponsored public seminar on immunization in Bauchi State in August, Islamic scholar Sheik Dahiru Usman Bauchi appealed to Muslims to bring their children to be immunized against polio.

"We have introduced a new strategy for Nigerian Rotarians to participate not only in NIDs but in all activities relating to immunization against all childhood diseases," says Adefeso. "Rotarians and [other] volunteers will identify all the children below the age of five years in all the districts and the wards within their local government areas, and monitor the immunization status of such children, year in, year out. Apart from endearing themselves into the hearts of their community, Rotarians will through this system assist in reducing the present suspicion [of the oral polio vaccine]."

Before his retirement in 1995, Boyd was general manager of Gordon & Gotch (NZ), Ltd., New Zealand's largest magazine distributor. He is a trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust. He was an RI representative to the National Kidney Foundation and Intellectually Handicapped



Police Sketch of RIPN Designate Willy Boyd

Society, and is a former elder and youth leader in the Presbyterian Church and a warranted Scout master. He was also a rugby referee for 31 years.

The nominating committee included Jack Forrest, USA; William G.B. Gant, Canada; Samuel L. Greene, USA; S. Aaron Hyatt, USA; Donald E. Osburn, USA; Louis Piconi, USA; William T. Sergeant, USA; Antonio M. Serrano, South Africa; and Fumio Tamamura, Japan, among others.



The Rotary Foundation has contributed close to US\$300,000 toward mobilization and publicity efforts during the September SNIDs and NIDs planned for October and November.

In related news, at a recent regional World Health Organization meeting, Nigeria reaffirmed its commitment to the global goal of polio eradication and announced three rounds of immunization campaigns between September and December 2004.

"The federal government of Nigeria hereby states its continued commitment to polio eradication through national ownership and strengthened partnerships," Nigeria's Health Minister Eyitayo Lambo told the 54th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa meeting in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo, on 3 September. "The good news is that the Nigerian government at all levels, following the resolution of [the controversial suspension of

immunization], has redoubled its commitment to the eradication of the wild poliovirus and contributing to achieving a polio-free world."

As part of this commitment, the minister recently appealed to Nigeria's twochamber National Assembly to enact a law making routine immunizations compulsory throughout the country.

To interrupt the transmission of the wild poliovirus that has spread from Kano since October 2003, Nigeria and 21 other countries in Central and West Africa will conduct synchronized National Immunization Days in October and November 2004.

Future Programs

10/5 Fred Safstrom	SilverTips Kevin Constantine
10/12 Larry Larson	Children in Judicial System Justice Boby Bridge
10/19 Marc Baker	Realizing Your Dreams Michael Reagan