Message from the President

I’m writing this note on Monday afternoon. By Thursday, our next meeting, the elections will be over.

I remember the first time I ever voted in an election. For my 18th birthday my mother gave me a voter’s registration card. In my family, voting is like breathing: if you want to live a happy healthy life, you don’t have a choice. That doesn’t mean we all have to vote for the same candidates or even the same party. You might be asked “nicely” to explain why you’re voting the way you are, if you admit to it, (which with brothers like mine sometimes you’d rather just smile and nod and agree with whatever they say while you do your own thing in the background), but it was never so much about WHO you voted for but that you exercised your Constitutional right to vote.

Knowing how important voting is in my family and wanting to impress my Mother, one of the first dates I had with my husband Kurt involved a late night drive from Seattle (where we lived at the time) back here to Camas (where he grew up and was registered to vote) so he could vote in the presidential election. He’s a smart one. It worked. My mother loved it.

We’re going to be having our own club elections soon. And while I think it would be really exciting to have a media frenzy over the next President of the club, somehow I don’t think CNN or Fox or MSNBC will be showing up. How a club election usually works is that we announce next year’s slate of officers at two meetings and then we have an election during the last meeting before Christmas.

If there is a committee you want to chair or a position you want to run for, talk to David Bussman. He’s going to be going around twisting arms. He may have already twisted your arm. He may have you in his sights for arm twisting. And if the position you’re interested in is occupied, you can always nominate yourself and we can organize a debate! Wouldn’t that be fun? Or you could just apprentice yourself to the person holding the position and be ready for next year. Regardless, if you want to be involved we will do whatever we can to involve you.

I will be gone this next week for our meeting and it will be weird to not spend my Thursday morning with all of you. Have a wonderful week!

Jocelyn Lindsay,
Club President 2012-2013
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LAST WEEK’S MEETING: Last week, October 25th, we had a club assembly. All the committees met.

THIS WEEK’S MEETING: Our program this week is Brittany Gadbury who was a Rotary Peace Scholar in India.

You can see other future programs and events at our club calendar on the club’s website (www.cwrotary.com).

MEETING LOCATION: The Fairgate Inn is in Camas at 2213 NW 23rd Avenue. A map and directions are on the club’s website (www.cwrotary.com). There are also directions at the Fairgate Inn website (www.fairgateinn.com).
**Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels** is an ongoing club effort. Our members deliver meals in the area at midday every other Thursday. Loaves & Fishes is at 1681 C Street in Washougal, behind the Library. The office phone is 835-8321. Plenty of parking is available. Volunteers’ start time is 11:30 am. The time commitment is around an hour, give or take 15 minutes. Easy to follow maps are provided for the route. To sign up, contact Ron Bright, rondorinebright@yahoo.com.

**We Care Committee – Carol Keljo** is a committee of one that would like to know about any Rotarian or his/her family member that may need a kind word or some encouragement in a tough situation. Just send an e-mail to ckeljo@securitysigns.com - Carol will take care of the rest.

**Media Matters:** Do you have news about Rotary to share with the general public? If so, Anne Winters will contact the appropriate media. Send info to jnawinters@gmail.com.

If you have items for the weekly club news, please e-mail President Jocelyn at jocelyn.lindsay@gmail.com by Saturday.

Don’t forget you can get all the latest Rotary news at our website at www.cwrotary.com. Our webmaster is Anne Winters.

Our club is also active on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/cwrotary) and now Twitter! Follow our club Tweets at: cw_rotary (https://www.twitter.com/cw_rotary)

**Lost and Found Café:** The Lost and Found Café is an outreach program of the Inter-Faith Treasure House. We help with clean up on alternating Thursdays after their free weekly dinners. The time commitment is from 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church, located at the corner of NE 3rd Ave and NE Garfield in Camas. (This is across from Safeway.) See Don Dire, Don@niesinsurance.com, for open dates. The sign-up sheet for 2012 circulates each week at our club meeting. Please give some consideration to helping in this effort. Thank you all for your support!

**Rotary Greeter/Dog/Inspiration List** (personal swaps are not shown)

Carol Parker-Walsh has been putting together our Greeter/Dog/Inspiration list. These lists are randomly assigned.

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Please arrive by 6:30 A.M. to set up supplies (badges, sign-in sheet, visitor supplies, etc.) on the table at the door. Greet everyone as they arrive. Collect $10 for meals from visitors, and help with name tags. Sell tickets and handle dog drawing after fines and prides. Put supplies away after meeting. If you cannot attend for your scheduled meeting, please find a replacement as soon as possible.

**Attendance Reminder:** If you take part in Rotary activities such as a service project, social event or club board meeting, or visiting another club it counts as credit for a missed club meeting. Don’t forget to make a notation on the sign-in sheet under “Other.” You’ll receive credit for a meeting make-up. It also helps bolster our club’s attendance with the District.

**Make-Up Meetings:** Vancouver Metro Sunset is a convenient club for make-up meetings. Go for a visit, have a glass of wine, and enjoy the camaraderie and the beautiful setting. They meet near Vancouver Mall at the Royal Oaks Golf Club Tuesday afternoon at 4:30. They look forward to seeing you!
Membership Matters

Second Quarter Dues ($150) are due now. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your dues payment contact Meridee Pabst. Your dues not only cover your weekly breakfasts, but also your dues to Rotary International, dues to District 5100, your subscription to Rotarian magazine and our club’s ongoing projects, supplies and needs.

If you balance due exceeds $150 (anything more than the current quarter), you will receive a detailed statement at the beginning of the quarter. In addition, if after 30 days into the current quarter, any member with past-due amounts from prior quarters will be contacted by the Membership Committee to discuss payment of the past-dues amount.

PLEASE READ: Dues Increase

The board has been discussing membership dues. Quarterly dues, currently $150.00, include weekly breakfast, the fees our club has to pay to both the district level and Rotary International, club insurance, and your subscription to the Rotarian magazine. Once all those fees are paid, the remaining portion goes towards club supplies and projects. The fees we pay to district and international increase yearly. The club has been able to absorb these costs with the current dues structure since we moved to the Fairgate almost five years ago. On November 1 the cost of breakfast increased $1.00 per meal.

To cover the cost of all these increases, the board has decided to raise dues $20.00 a quarter, approximately $1.70 a week. Guest breakfast will also increase to $12.00 per meal. Starting January 1, 2013 quarterly dues will be $170.00. If you have any questions, thoughts, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (jocelyn.lindsay@gmail.com) or another member of the board.

Clark County Rotary Clubs – Times and Meeting Places

Tuesday, 7:00 am: Lewis River - Battle Ground Community Center
Tuesday, 4:30 pm: Vancouver Metro Sunset - Royal Oaks Golf Club
Wednesday, 12:00 noon: Vancouver - Red Lion Inn at the Quay
Wednesday, 5:30 pm: Battle Ground - Galeotti’s Restaurant
Thursday, 12:00 noon: Greater Clark County - Royal Oaks Golf Club
Friday, 7:00 am: Vancouver Sunrise - Heathman Lodge

If you plan on attending one of these meetings, please call ahead and let the President know you will be there.

Guest Policy Reminder

Guests are always welcome at our meetings. We like sharing our club and our shining personalities with the community. Please keep the following guest policies in mind when you invite people to join us:

1. The cost of breakfast for guests has increased to $12.00. *(See Dues Increase above.)*

2. Prospective members get their **first breakfast free.** After the first visit, either you or they will have to pay $12.00 for their meal.

3. **Greeters,** please make certain you collect breakfast fees from attending guests.
CW Rotary Photo Corner

All the little monsters at the Washougal Interact Halloween Monster Mash!!

Upcoming Dates of Importance

November 15, 2012 – Camas Liberty Theatre Gifford Pinchot Movie 6PM
   (Pssst. Dave Ripp, you can show this to your wife.)
November 22, 2012 – THANKSGIVING – No Meeting
December 1, 2012 – Walk-and-Knock – See Barry for Sign Up
December 7th & 8th, 2012 – Salvation Army Bell Ringing – See Barry for Sign Up
December 27th, 2012 – CHRISTMAS WEEK – No Meeting

Thought for the week:

“When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.” ~ Albert Einstein