



THE Fremont Fun Club

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Recent Speakers Bring Important Messages, Both Inside Rotary & In Our Community



Ann Liberato, our District's excellent trainer, updated us on District 5030's new & improved website (see it at <http://www.rotary5030.org/>). Ann also reminded us of a grant that might be perfect for our Club with its emphasis on local projects.

District Simplified Grants (DSGs) are funds designated for local humanitarian projects that benefit the community &/or improve the lives of the economically disadvantaged.

Our Club, for example, could apply for a DSG with another Club to sponsor a new project. Awards of \$3,500-\$5,000 each would be made by District 5030. The sponsoring Club or Clubs would need to match these District funds.

Tom Hauger, Seattle's Comprehensive Planning Manager, gave us compelling insights into how the economic health of our city depends on Seattle retaining a certain amount of industrial land, including the Ship Canal outside our door.

Tom explained the pressures to turn industrial land into business park & condo developments. He presented recommendations made in August by the Mayor's Industrial Planning Committee & described the economic & lifestyle choices the city is facing.

Ultimately, he said, "Our industrial base keeps Seattle a true working city. And what's outside our door is connected all the way to Kent. If we turn our portion into waterfront business parks & condos with a view of the Ship Canal, Seattle becomes a bedroom community for the suburbs."

(President's Note: Thank you, Susan McCloskey, for organizing this last important program for us. Also, it's a sign of Ann's professionalism that she delivered her program despite a really bad cold. Thank you, Ann!)

Key Programs at our October Meetings

- Oct. 16 - Welcome District Governor Don Gregory
- Oct. 21 - Kvichak Marine is awarded our Vocational Service Award.
- Oct. 30 - Ballard Rotary Joins Us for a Unique Event: Mike Hale Leading a Brewery Tour of Hales Ales.

Fremont Oktoberfest Produces Rotary Windfall for B.F. Day Kids

Fremont's Fall Kick-off was not only a chance to see crafts, run in the Brew HAHA, enjoy great local bands, & (natch!) drink a lot of 70 types of brews. It was also a well-organized chance for genteel beer drinkers to play Fremont Rotary Beer Pong!

The idea of former Prez **Jeannine Welfelt** evolved into a well-executed concept by our newest member, **Tim Roth**, & was supported by **Suzie Burke**.

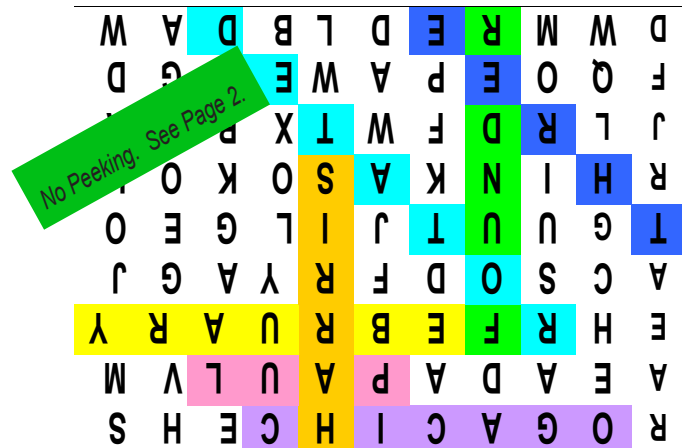
Tim recruited damsels (like our Honorary Rotarian, **Victoria Booker-Withers**) who, under Jeannine's direction, lured erudite beer drinkers to our booth. No doubt weary of numerous bad jokes & rampant sarcasm about beer drinkers, they belied



President John Booker [L] presents \$2,000 check to B.F. Day Principal Susan McCloskey [center]. Tim Roth & Jeannine Welfelt headed up our fun & successful Beer Pong effort. [Fun Beer Pong photos on page 2,]

up to a different kind of bar, put up \$2 or \$5 to toss a ball into a beer cup, & thereby chanced winning a gift from a local Fremont business organized by our omnipresent Suzie [who, wonderful force of nature that she is, made her influence felt while vacationing in Hawaii].

More important, these happy folk contributed to our favorite elementary institution's after-school tutoring program. Our team earned \$2,000 on-the-button for the kids & say they could easily have doubled that!





Susan McCloskey

also happily accepted donations collected by individual Fremont Rotary members on behalf of B.F. Day. She's shown here at a recent meeting with a box of 300 pens from Evergreen Bank. Still needed are 50 rolls of toilet paper for elementary students to take home, & 50 toothbrushes & tubes of toothpaste for students who don't have such basics. Anybody know a Fremont-Wallingford-Ballard dentist? A dental company rep?



WHAZIT? Do you know the details of Rotary's founding? You will! Just solve this simple puzzle. Answers elsewhere in this issue.

Mr [redacted] [redacted] became the [redacted] of Rotary when he organized the first club with [redacted] friends in the city of [redacted] in the month of [redacted] in 1905. The group christened its new club *Rotary* because meeting locations [redacted] from one member's place of business to the next.

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Photos: Ed Hoeshen, Randy Cryer, Tim Roth Text: Jean Withers

1st Quarter Attendance Figures Shy of Award Status

Fremont Rotary Club Secretary **Jim Rockwell** has compiled attendance figures for the 1st Quarter of the new Rotary year (which ended in Sept.) & speculates that, if Club members continue to under-report their participation in Rotary projects, our Club won't hit the 80% attendance mark for the 1st 6 months necessary to win a Presidential Citation.

During each of the first 3 months, our combined attendance just exceeded 60%.

"The irony is that almost all of our members are very active. We just haven't got into the habit of reporting everything we do."



Jim pointed out that a quick email to him at Jimrockwell@yahoo.com is sufficient. Tell him what activity you've participated in. Eligible Club activities are spending an hour on any Rotary activity; attending another Club's meetings in person or on the web, & the like.

Thank Our Beer Pong Sponsors

Together, 9 Fremont businesses donated a whopping 235 items for our Beer Pong prizes! The prizes--from duck quackers to energy drinks to T-shirts and smoothies--were instrumental in encouraging beer lovers to play our game. Here are their logos. Stop by & thank them, won't you?

