



Fun Club Fun

THE Fremont Fun Club

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NOVEMBER AT FREMONT ROTARY...a month of fascinating local projects presented (interestingly) by dynamic women (& as interestingly, arranged by the male member of our Program Committee, **John Davis**).

Lee Drechsel, Executive Director of DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network) (photo near right), demonstrated both her knowledge & her passion for her 27-year-old non-profit. In working to end domestic violence, DAWN helps survivors, of course. But, as important, DAWN volunteers strive to foster communities where abuse is not tolerated.

Among the alarming insights in Lee's presentation was the growth area of domestic violence: Today, it is increasing dramatically among couples who are not married.



At the end of November, JohnD brought us info about another, though very different, acronym: PATH. Where much of DAWN's work is largely local & sadly well-defined,

PATH is, with the help of a Gates Foundation grant, undertaking the undefined: a multi-year effort to identify technology for clean water that is appropriate in societies where people live on as little as one dollar a day. They argue that, to be widely adopted, the technology must be commercially viable within such economic contexts and be culturally acceptable.

As our speaker, Kendra Chappell, explained, no one knows yet what these solutions will be. And the developing world---with its poor transport, patchy refrigeration & weak health infrastructure---demands innovation of the highest order. The process Kendra described tantalized many of us into asking for an update in a year.

PATH's new office is in Ballard.



COMING UP IN DECEMBER

OUR FUN-EST MEETING OF NOVEMBER?

Celebrating former Prez **Jeannine Welfelt's** birthday. She brought home-baked cake (Jeannine does elegant cakes!) & games to play. Rotarians of all ages had a great time!

Have a great, great year, Jeannine!

Dec 11 **Sandwich Night & Peggy Driesinger, Downtown Seattle Assn.**

Dec 18 **Christmas Party: The Traditional Hilarity of White Elephant Gift-Giving**

Dec 25 **Happy Christmas. No meeting**

Jan 1 **Happy New Year. No meeting**

