



# THE Fremont Fun Club

Newsletter of Fremont Rotary Seattle WA

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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**.

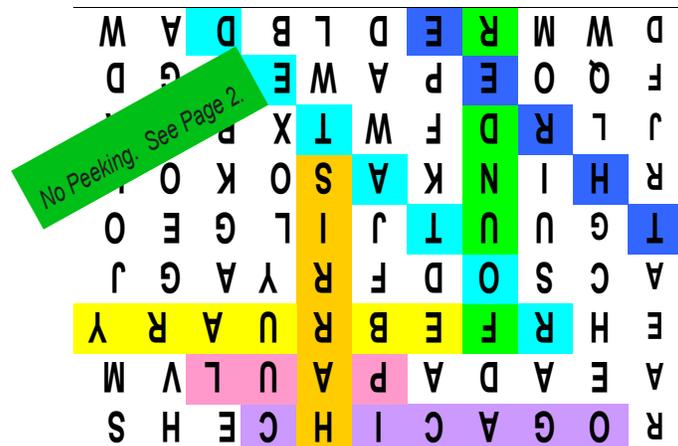
Tim recruited damsels (like our Honorary Rotarian, **Victoria Booker-Withers**) who, under Jeannine's direction, lured erudite beer drinkers to our booth. No doubt weary of numerous bad jokes & rampant sarcasm about beer drinkers, they belied



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](mailto: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?

