



Fun Club Fun

NOVEMBER AT FREMONT ROTARY

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.

THE Fremont Fun Club

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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.



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!



COMING UP IN DECEMBER

- 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

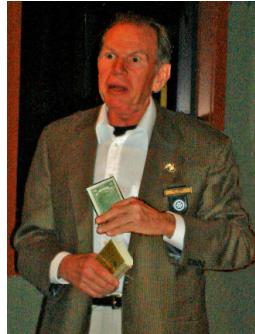


CONTRIBUTIONS....ROTARY'S SECRET WEAPON.

Contributions are a principle way we accomplish remarkable achievements---from helping local children in a tutoring program to ending the scourge of polio internationally. We are blessed with partners **we** can help, creative members who propose new ways to earn money for causes we hold dear, remarkable foresight by previous leaders (who established the Rotary Foundation), & friends who help us do all of this in creative, fun ways.



Bronwyn Edwards has generously contributed half of the cost of her new Christmas CD, "The Gift", to Fremont Rotary. Not only is the music glorious, the funds will be put to good use in our Club's work.



Ballard Rotary's irrepressible Oly Wise literally handed out \$50 to every Rotarian at a recent Club meeting. Keeping a promise to his late wife, Oly challenged each tribution to Fremont Rotary. Seven innovative challenge, & some wrot



At B.F. Day School, a student receives tutoring--in part because of the very successful Beer Pong efforts of Fremont Rotary. Among other expenses, the \$2,000 raised at Oktoberfest pays for supplies & to transport students who stay after school for tutoring.



Each Fremont Rotarian pictured here, their partners & guests donated to help Pura Vida Coffee continue its great work in developing countries. They are (from front left) **Bronwyn Edwards** & **Randy Cryer**, **Suzie Burke**, **Larry Krezner**, **Gerard Roe** (guest of John Booker), **Victoria Booker-Withers** & her son **Steven**, **John Booker** & **Jean Withers**. Pictured in the inset are **Michael** & **Shoshana Osterfeld** & **Sequoia**. Together, these committed Rotarians donated almost \$10,000, or 20% of the contributions made at Pura Vida's November auction.

KUDOS TO KATHY!

Kathy Moeller, our newest member, has volunteered to work with **Shoshana Osterfeld** on our international project, marketing Pura Vida Coffee. As you know, the proceeds will go to help Mayan children in Guatemala learn Spanish. Most now speak only their Mayan dialect. Thank you, Kathy! So much!



ing us practice caroling. Here, **Gary Epps** of Shoreline Rotary enjoyed belting out a tune. By the time we hit the road on **Thurs., Dec. 20**, we'll be a truly rowdy bunch singing (as Bing Crosby once said) "in the family key": loud, happy, & infectious. Most importantly, we'll put smiles on the faces of residents at local retirement homes. We'll meet at **Ballard Manor** at **5:15pm**; it's located at 1710 NW 57th St (a block West of the Ballard Post Office). About a half-hour later, we'll head up the hill to **the Norse Home** (across from the main entrance to the Woodland Park Zoo at 5311 Phinney Ave N). Finally, **John Book-er & Jean Withers** will feed us a light dinner at their townhouse, which is located at 101 NW 58th, Townhouse 9. So grab a friend, family member, or child who sings. This will be fuuuuuuunnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn!





A CAROLING WE WILL GO

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