



Girdwood Rotary Club (31180)

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2009



The meeting was called to order by President Mike Wilson at approximately 7:00 pm with Ron Burson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions & Welcomes: Whoooo's here – and on your right is.... President Mike introduced all our members to our guests as they arrived.

Members and guests present are listed in the tables below. **BOD members are highlighted**

Members	Present Absent	Members	Present Absent
Alexander, David - Public Relations Chr		Mendonsa, CeCe – Foundation co-chr / Fun Chr	P
Burson, Ronald – Past President / Mbrship co-chr	P	Stewart, George – Int'l Chr / President Elect / Admin Chr	P
Daniels, Larry – Director / Service Projects Chr / Community Chr	P	Twiname, Ellen – Sgt-at-Arms	
Gellert, Hubert (exempt)		Weits, Frans – Meeting Venue Chr	
Hatch, Ken – King of Raffles		Weits, Jen – Secretary	
Hickox, John – Vice President		Wilson, Mike – President	P
Hosford, Hank – Treasurer	P	Wingard, Jen – Membership co-chr	
Johnson, Lana	P	Yeager, Tom – Vocation chr	
Kiana, Joyce		Zaccaro, Marco – Director	
Liddicoat, Jody			

Guest Name	Guest of:	Rotarian Club	Comment
Doc Carter	Club		Friends of Rotary
Galy Carter	Club		Friends of Rotary
Audun Mikkelson	Club		Speaker – Exec Dir Greater Alaska Council BSA
Jessica Ebe	Club		Speaker – Exec Dir Asst Greater Alaska Council BSA

Announcements: Things you always wanted to know but were afraid to ask ...

- Mike told us about the Junior Achievement program and that we needed volunteers.
- Mike surprised Ron by asking him to tell us all about Rick King. Ron said his first name was Rick and his last name was King and other than that he had no idea who he was. Mike reminded Ron that Rick was a motivational speaker. Rick King, former RI president, will be in Anchorage on October 14 for a speaking engagement. Ron and Mike will attend along with, hopefully, some of our other members.
- Round the World Pilot record holder and motivational speaker Barrington Irvin will speak at Pillars soon. George will provide more information as it becomes available.
- Next years Club Officers will be elected at our first meeting in December. Please volunteer your name for this critical service to our club. Nominations will be next month.
- Hank announced he would miss the next meeting since he would be at fundraiser for GCVA. Scott Sewell will be playing at the fundraiser.
- Mike reviewed the community service hours our club has contributed this year. The total so far is over 574 hours.

Happy Bucks: Make the pitcher Happy – FEED IT ☺ \$ - Larry escorted the Happy Bucks hat around for our members to contribute to Rotary and avail themselves of the opportunity to tell a little bit about themselves – or their favorite project.



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Old Business:

After discussion, the membership decided to hold our November club social at a local restaurant, either Chair 5 (in the large dinning room – not the little room at the back of the bar) or the Bake Shop. Our December meeting, since it is our annual meeting, will be held in the hotel and the social for the month will be our Christmas Fireside pot luck at a members home.

Guest Speaker: President Mike introduced our speaker for the night, Boy Scouts of America Greater Alaska Council Executive Director Audun Mikkelson and his Executive Assistant Jessica Ebe. Audun told us he had been with the Boy Scouts for 28 years in various capacities.

- Next year Boy Scouts of America will celebrate their 100th birthday
- BSA is the largest youth organization in the US
- There are three BSA camping sites in Alaska (Denali, Talkeetna and Eagle River)
- BSA structure has not changed since inception
- Scouting provides a fun setting while honing leadership skills
- There will be a mini-jamboree in Seward next year with approximately 3000 scouts expected to participate.
- Scout numbers have been consistent throughout the years – regardless of economic climate
- Cub Scouts do skit for the purpose of getting the young people used to standing in front of an audience for the development of leadership skills
- The Denali camp is co-ed

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 pm.