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Your BOARD at WORK

In attendance at the monthly WNR Board of Directors meeting on January 19 were President Steve Ellis, President-Elect Rob Tidd, Treasurer Martin Barron, Directors Shaunna Larson, Greg Brown and Randy Zielinski, and Jeff Mertes. Absent were Secretary Bruce Law, and Vice President Chris Baker.

Barron reported a current balance of \$23,720 with approximately \$2,100 of that amount designated to commitments. He noted that the club lost \$200 on the guaranteed attendance for the Christmas Party at Wenatchee Golf & Country Club. The treasurer mentioned that dues are starting to come in, but two members are still delinquent from July. Two Sports Awards ads, originally billed in July, aren't yet paid (one of those was a now defunct business).

A discussion ensued regarding the status of some members. Three board members agreed to make personal contacts with four of them. The membership drive deadline of February 1st will remain for anyone expecting a refund of their \$100 deposit. Approved for membership were Gary Mullen (proposed by Brown), Bealinda Tidd (proposed by Tina Tidd) and Kristi Delozier (proposed by Earl Tilly).

Zielinski expounded about a proposed fundraising project that entails the purchase and remodeling of a house and then selling it. Discussion ensued as to who would legally own the structure as well as other legalities and tax responsibilities that may be involved. Another point was the amount of potential risk with a project of this type. Subsequent investigation by Phil Johnson confirmed that Larson's skepticism had been well founded (RCW 18.27.090) regarding who may "flip" a house for profit which eliminates the idea as a potential fundraiser.

Board member Brown, also chairman of this year's Sports Awards, presented specifics about the upcoming event and mentioned that two "well-known" featured speakers, Mac and Drew Bledsoe, have already been contacted and are expected to accept. He'd like to see organizational activity commencing as soon as possible and will be setting up a Facebook page to make contacting finalists easier and more rapid. It was agreed that monthly club assemblies will be held regarding the Sports Awards and its progress.



Do you know the identity of this mystery person selected from profile forms returned to Jeff Mertes? If you haven't completed and returned your own profile, you may be asked to make an I.D. at the next meeting.

The inaugural "Unknown" was born in Parump, Nevada. A graduate of Parump Valley High, this person went on to earn degrees in accounting and statistical analysis from UNLV. Married to Riann, they have two children - Cheeri (23) and Domin (22). Places of domicile have included Parump, Las Vegas, Atlantic City, St. John's (Antigua) and Wenatchee. Favorite pastimes are investing in the stock market, sports, poker, and watching the nags run (no, not Riann). As for an odd experience, this "Unknown" once had a vision that the Uduh beat Wazzu in the BCS national championship football game. Who dat?

Featured on today's menu...

Leading the 42nd Sports Awards charge



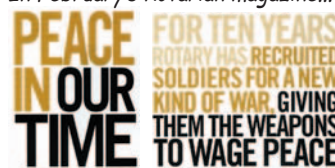
Members came 'slip-sliding' into the restaurant with Prez Alice slinging hash as usual. He recounted activities at the last board meeting and announced that February 1 will be the final day to bring prospects in the Bring 'em Home to Meet Momma Membership Drive and receive a return of your \$100 deposit.

Greg Brown, 42nd Sports Awards General Chairman, took over in a club assembly to discuss various aspects of the upcoming banquet scheduled for June 26. He mentioned that he attended the first Sports Awards at the Cascadian Hotel as a high school athlete. Although the Sports Awards wasn't originally intended to be a fundraiser, it has evolved to become WNR's largest revenue producer. The main source of that revenue is through ad sales in the event's program - *Sports Awards Illustrated*. Ticket sales also produces revenue as well as a way for athletes and finalists' family members to attend when donated back to the club. The event is still in need of a major sponsor at \$3,000 per year with a minimum three year commitment. Look for more info and ad packets soon.



- It was heard, through the grapevine, that Martin & Tina Barron will soon be grandparents. Evidently the embryo already has a Facebook page!
- Greeters for the February 1st meeting are Jim Mills and Bob Mitchell.

In February's Rotarian magazine...



Rotary stepped to the forefront of world "peace" one year after the terrorist attacks of 9-11. It was then that the first class of Rotary Peace Fellows began their studies at "partner" universities around the world. Since then, 590 peace fellows have gone on to work toward achieving peace in their communities and nations, as well as across international boundaries.

Anne-Marie Slaughter, a Princeton University professor named one of *Foreign Policy* magazine's Top 100 Global Thinkers, said, "Certainly the spirit of

Rotary is the spirit of cooperation. I was struck by how effectively Rotary strengthens global connections at the local level, bringing together business and civic leaders who have ties to countries all over the world. Those local clubs engage in many different projects that are generated by their members, in addition to Rotary's formal programs. They are animated by a spirit of collective human potential, powered by coming together and working together. Spreading that philosophy and acting on it, citizen to citizen, is the best long-term antidote to conflict and prescription for peace."

Read about the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution and efforts of its alumni in helping to resolve conflicts around the world as well as in U.S. inner-cities.

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