

## WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY October 10, 2013

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## BACKSIDE REVIEW



After Gordi Northrup's invocation of nothing but "stupid old guy jokes," Mahatma got us to high-fiving left and right. Jim Haglund reported that there has been encouraging response to signing-up for the December 11 Christmas Party and that enough prepayment has been received to cover the \$500 down payment. Rich Adams introduced Wendy Olds (couldn't make out the rest of the last name because of wax deposits in my ears) and her children. Wendy had been a Rotary exchange student from New Zealand who lived with the Adams family several years ago. He mentioned how rewarding it was to have hosted exchange students and lamented the fact that WNR hadn't participated in about ten years. Mahatma treated the crowd to a slideshow featuring the crack team (or was it a team on crack?) of concession stand workers in action at last Friday's Wenatchee High School homecoming football game. He indicated that the Booster Club was very appreciative of WNR's efforts that brought in \$3,940 worth of concession sales.

WNRotarians were reminded about the Hockey Tailgate Party before the Wild game on Friday, Oct. 25. It will be a slap-happy affair in Tim Cetto's vacant lot across from the TTC. Mahatma said Cetto is committed to attending the meeting on Oct. 23 which will be cause for Rob to shave off half his facial hair. Yes, Virginia, there is a St. Nick especially if he gets rid of the right half!

J.D. Taylor of Elite Hoop Effects gave a presentation regarding the scope of their basketball program. Since the spring of 2012, they've been training "elite" basketball players by teaching skill sets for success, overcoming fear, teamwork and overcoming frustration as well as playing techniques for boys and girls from elementary through high school age. They run a very successful AAU basketball program with four teams. Elite Hoop Effects endeavors to provide a "safe" environment to train and socialize. Originally housed in the Sportsplex, participation growth made it necessary to seek another facility. Now utilizing an old 5,000 square foot fruit warehouse at 420 Highline in East Wenatchee thanks to Harold Schroeder, Elite Hoop Effects has an indoor basketball court and a year-around facility. Taylor introduced coach Jared Sheck, also an assistant coach at WVC, and Aubrey (wax again, so no last name), who has a training and exercise degree from Western Washington University. EHE's motto is, "We don't just build great athletes, we build great individuals!"



Former UW player  
J.D. Taylor.

## Perfection pair still atop RINO Bowl

Incredibly, as halftime of the RINO Bowl nears, a pair of prognosticators - Kevin Vitulli and Rob Tidd - still sport perfect records at 11-0. Knotted with Ryan O'Ralphie a game back at 10-1 lurk Bruce Law, Marcia Henkle and Fred Van Sickle.

Last week's RINO results were Washington being bounced by Stanford, 28-31 and Syracuse losing to Clemson, 14-49. In the MASTERS, Seahawks were kicked by Colts, 28-34, and Texans were thumped by 49ers, 3-34.

Neophyte WNRotarian Vitulli, who had whined about missing out on last week's Ryan O' beaters drawing, was rewarded by being drawn for 20 bucks this week. A RINO Trivia whiff was recorded by Bob Mitchell and Aaron Harris who each forked over a sum equal to a converted touchdown (\$7). It was highly recommended that all entry fees are paid prior to RINO Homecoming on Oct. 23.

The upcoming schedule pits Phil Johnson and Brian Walker's Oregon against a whole slew's Washington, Rich Adams' San Jose St. versus Scott Doerr's Colorado St., Sophie Barron's Whitworth against Rob Tidd's Willamette, and Titans versus Seahawks.



## Concessions had to be made



'Joey the Geek' and 'Whizzer White'  
take concession standing up a notch.

A 'spirited' crew of eighteen WNRotarians, spouses, significant others and a friend pitched in to help the Wenatchee High Panther Booster Club at the October 4th homecoming football game. Among those raking in dough for the Panther Boosters were Rob & Bealinda, Daryl Miller, Fred Van Sickle, Earl Tilly, Joe & Ann Gaspers, Kevin & Sheila Dresker, Joe Gamboni, Bryan Campbell, Kevin Vitulli, John White & Barbara Bainard, Dave Doerr, Jeff & Kathy Mertes and friend of the first family, Darrin Klinginsmith.

Veteran popcorn popper White and pizza manhandler Van Sickle, experienced at their disciplines, took the lead while Mahatma wandered around trying to look important. Immigrant labor was utilized by putting Ann Gaspers to work making cocoa and coffee (green card no longer required!). Gamboni cranked out macho nachos while Sheila Dresker slathered on cheese product (or was it the other way around?). Sheila's hubby Kevin D. put hot in dogs along with Campbell who always roots for them. Tilly popped corn with reckless abandon on machine #2. Klinginsmith and Miller dared to pump out artificially colored, teeth staining slushies. Bealinda, Kathy, Barbara, Joe, Kevin V., Jeff, and Dave made hay by filling orders and sometimes making correct change. And Rob mainly just got in the way.



The Mertes and Judge Van Sickle try  
to ignore Bealinda (back of head visible)  
twirling while dispensing pop.

Rumor has it that Jeff earned the 'high profiteering' award by charging \$2.50 per pop for the first quarter and a half...the correct amount should have been \$1.50 (he's used to prices at the Clink). The premium price didn't seem to deter sales at all! Mertes somewhat made up for it by giving away a 25 cent sucker when a kid tried to pay for it with a 20 dollar bill.



Dresker, with undercover hand, attempts  
to confiscate popcorn in the possession  
of Vitulli and Klinginsmith.

## TIDDBITS



- Missed, but not forgotten, in last week's Tidbits were recognition of Rich Adams and Marilyn's 48th anniversary, and of Phil Johnson and Elaine's 3rd.
- Kevin Vitulli noticed what he hoped was a typo in the Oct. 3rd Poll...the amount of

the weekly RINO drawing that he missed out on winning because of being AWOL was \$10 rather than \$100. Now, how do you suppose that extra zero got in there?

- Fred Van Sickle pocketed the weekly Half-Potted Drawing worth \$57.

## - NEXT UP -

John Kruse of Northwestern Outdoors Radio

North Poll editor for Oct. 16th is Daryl Miller