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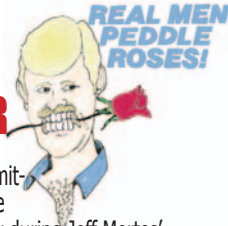
The District Gov gives us his lowdown

No, it wasn't Davey Crockett under that coonskin cap, but rather Rob Tidd who will continue to wear some sort of equally obnoxious chapeau until M.I.A. Tim 'Cecile' Cetto shows the whites of his eyes at a WNR meeting. Tidd also announced that volunteers are needed to man the iron lung exhibit at Wenatchee Valley Mall on Sunday, Oct. 24 either from 11:00-1:00 or from 1:00-2:00 in conjunction with Polio Awareness Day. Let Rob know if you can help.

Assistant District Governor Richard Riggs introduced District Governor Garry Hollingshead and his wife Marian. D.G. Hollingshead awarded gold pins for outstanding contributions to Wenatchee North to Martin Barron and Tidd. The D.G. then gave WNRotarians permission to "rock the boat" in order to achieve his district goals of reaching within and embracing humanity. He pointed out that at times we must stick our necks out to achieve progress. A major emphasis of the district's is on youth with the increase of Ambassadorial Scholarships from one to two. He talked about a personal experience traveling to Africa to deliver water tanks and its life changing impact. Hollingshead announced that \$192 million of the \$200 million Gates challenge has now been raised for Polio-Plus, and once the mark is hit, the Gates Foundation will contribute \$350 million. He closed with the two most important tasks at hand - 1) Recruit quality Rotarians, and 2) Continue to contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

From Wenatchee North's history...

Fundraising has always been a 'struggle' for WNR



The need to generate enough funds necessary for commitments and charitable support has always been a challenge primarily because of the club's size. A membership survey during Jeff Mertes' presidency in 1988 indicated the club thought that the optimal number of members for Wenatchee North was 50-70 to keep the financial burden per Rotarian from being too high without losing intimacy and comradery. During that year, largely due to a membership drive known as the "Philly Round Up" headed by Phil Johnson, WNR surpassed fifty members for the first time and reached a high of 54 in 1991-92 during Ron Kemp's term. Since then, though, Wenatchee North's numbers have dwindled into the mid-thirties.

Consequently, frequent fundraisers to bring in money from outside of the club have been essential. Until 1985, the "Sports Awards" was primarily operated as a community service project and actually lost money for at least two years before the development of the event's program and advertising sales by Mertes. To date, the Sports Awards has generated approximately \$276,000, after expenses, for scholarships and donations.

The first real fundraiser was initiated by 1979-80 Ways & Means chairman Jim Haglund to replenish a depleted treasury. Appropriately dubbed "Cash Drawing," it culminated at the Christmas Party on December 12, 1979 after community-wide ticket sales. When initially proposed, the membership asked about prizes and got the response of, "Prizes? We don't need no stinking prizes," from Haglund who insisted cold, hard cash was what people wanted. He was absolutely right.

A "Rose Sale," developed by Siri Woods, took place for seven years with orders peaking after three and generating between \$2,000-\$5,000 from 1989-95. A fudge sale, concocted by Ivan Christensen, was conducted from 2005-07 reaching a pinnacle of \$5,000 the second year before being discontinued when the local fudge maker went out of business. WNR, under the direction of Brian Walker, is just beginning sales for a fourth "Arlberg Shopping Spree" raffle that has netted \$3,000-\$5,000 each year.

Gone by the wayside have been "The Sport\$wap" (1983-84), "Loop-the-Loop Relay" (1999-00), and "Step Up to the Plate Auctions" (2000-01) among others.



• Posted for membership: Steve Tidd, proposed by Rob Tidd.

• Rich and Marilyn Adams are celebrating their 45th anniversary.

• Scott Thompson has proposed a fundraising idea that involves a 3-day Pacific Northwest Coastal Cruise from Vancouver B.C. to Victoria, then down the coast to Astoria, Oregon and back again to Vancouver. The cruise on Holland America would be from May 17-20 with costs ranging from \$635-\$805 per person double occupancy. Included are a round-trip bus ride to and from Vancouver, a hosted cocktail party, and the cost of the cruise. Potential income for WNR Rotary would range from \$10,000 to \$12,000 based on 50 cabins. The Ways & Means Committee is looking into it.

• Guests included Heather Williams, Kyle Peterson and Paul Satterfield.



Choose wisely in the upcoming election

We are now all too aware of the impact that local elected officials can have on Wenatchee and the surrounding area. The election at hand is bound to be of paramount importance given the current dilemma we face with the Town Toyota Center.

Among the hotly contested offices, City Council position 7 offers the opportunity to cast a vote for someone we know well. Very active in WNR, he's served as president and as a board member. His banking, financial and management experience will be important assets for the city.

Rather than "What, me worry?," give your support to someone we know will bring professionalism and common sense to city government.

RINO Bowl week #6



Ryan O'Ralphie climbed back atop the RINO Bowl standings when Gordi Northrup stumbled in the Idaho-Louisiana Tech game and allowed Bruce Grim and Kevin Spaeth to move into a tie for first at 12-2. Eight lurk, licking their chops, just a game back. *Last week's results* - W. Oregon 10 C. Washington 41, Idaho 11 Louisiana Tech 24.

Meanwhile, Spaeth took control of the RINO Masters with a 17-5 record followed by Jeff Mertes at 16-6. *Last week's NFL games* - Giants 25 Seahawks 36, Bears 13 Lions 24.

Two more were stumped in RINO Trivia - Greg Brown and Northrup.

UPCOMING GAMES - Colorado @ Washington, Cornell @ Colgate, Willamette @ Puget Sound, M: Vikings @ Bears.

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