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Featured on today's menu...

Touchdowns and field goals aplenty in RINO Homecoming with Kuntz reffing



The 24th RINO Homecoming was on the docket with school colors sported by most WNRotarians. Frank Kuntz was enlisted to judge marginal garb and awarded 'touchdown', 'field goal' or 'shut-out' penalties according to his ability to identify the college represented. RINO Bowl Trivia was also a part of the event with a surprising three of five success rate.

A Rotary Foundation Moment was presented by Daryl Miller regarding Polio-Plus and exactly what the Plus portion included - the integration of health interventions in many countries including dispensing vitamin A, distribution of bed nets and deworming tablets; laying the groundwork for other immunization programs; ability to mobilize for disaster related health emergencies; and substantial economic benefits. The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has eliminated new outbreaks of the disease in all but four countries worldwide - Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria and India.

Randy Zielinski, speaking for absent Rob Tidd, suggested a potential fundraising project for consideration that involves the purchase of a "distressed sale home", renovating it, then re-pricing for profitable sale. He's confident that with the club's expertise, it could be a substantial money-maker...*knock on wood*.

Kuntz, a tax accountant, spoke about an aspect of his CPA practice that deals with tax issues encountered by pro athletes. He currently represents 20 NFL players and one in the NBA. Their tax status is complicated by the fact that pro athletes who play a game in a state with income taxes, must pay those taxes based on per game compensation. The interpretation of "ordinary and necessary business expense" deductions for pro athletes is a common tax problem.



- When it comes to hanging drapes while teetering on a barstool, Kathy Mertes learned her lesson after hitting the deck and sustaining not one, but two broken wrists (the right quite severely). After three or so hours of surgery on Friday involving plates, screws, pins, bone grafts and maybe even some duct tape, she's back at her most pressing home project...getting Jeff off his duff to lend a hand! Mert's excuse, "There was only enough room for one to stand on the barstool."

- Three prospective member guests were in attendance - Julie Anderson (Ivan Christensen), Brandy Lyons (Audrey Bessonette) and Anna Hall (Martin Barron).

- President Brandy revealed the new storage cabinet found in a discount furniture store and modified by Rob Tidd. Now we have a place for WNR 'stuff'.

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From Wenatchee North's history...

Rotary Park's transition from pipe dream to reality

During Randy Zielinski's reign in 2003, WNR joined forces with the other two Wenatchee clubs to shoulder a load in the largest single project ever undertaken by Rotary in the area. It involved the transformation of seven barren acres of debris and trash that was then a city eyesore on Western Avenue into a community asset. Zielinski was heavily involved in the planning of what was to become Rotary Park and continues to play an integral role in its design and construction to this day. Working with the city, Rotarians raised approximately \$600,000 in a massive three club auction, through tile sales, donations and grants for the monumental project. Rotarians also provided equipment and volunteered manpower to get the job done.



The membership of Wenatchee North, with Bryan Campbell serving as the club's initial Rotary Park chairman, enthusiastically supported all aspects of the project. Unique features of the park, including an area with water spouts and jets, challenging disc golf course, meandering walking path, abundant picnic and gathering shelters and basketball courts now make it one of the most popular recreational facilities in Wenatchee. The ongoing project continues to evolve with new features added annually to make Rotary Park ever more inviting. A focal point is a flag plaza honoring Rotary and those who helped to make the park reality.

Incidentally, 55 tiles are still available at \$100 each to be affixed to monuments in the plaza. Zielinski reports, WNR is whipping the mammoth Downtown Club in the latest sales effort and would like to see us beat them. See Jim Haglund or Zielinski for details and to provide information for specific engraving as well as including a business logo if desired.

RINO Bowl week #8

Ryan O'Ralphie and Kevin Spaeth continued to lead the RINO Bowl pack at 17-2 with Rob Tidd, Gordi Northrup, Dave Doerr and Jeff Mertes one game off the pace. *Last week's results* - Washington 21 Stanford 65, and E. Oregon 21 Carroll 31. Spaeth once again perched at the top of the RINO Masters at 25-5, a game up on Mertes. *Last week's lone NFL game result* - Seapigeons 3 Brown 6.

The RINO Homecoming and Trivia generated \$45 for the kitty.

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