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• Condolences were extended to Navy Seal Blake and papa Bryan Campbell after the loss of family patriarch Don recently. Jim Haglund commented about the fine eulogies they both gave at the funeral.

• As an afterthought ahead of adjournment, Mahatma flashed a bottle of Single Silo vodka "from Withrow" produced by friends of the Tidds. The winning \$30 bid for the \$15 bottle of vodka came from Jeff Mertes, misled to believe it came from the same place where his grandmother once

served as postmistress. It turned out it was distilled in Woodenville! Oops. There was some consolation that the winter wheat used in the spirits came from land near the farm that used to be owned by Mertes' grandparents. Sorry about the overpayment, Jeff. Better luck next time. It's all for the good of the order. Thanks for the fun.

• The only non-purchaser for our club raffle, Earl Tilly, dug deep and drew the winning \$42 ticket for none other than yours truly, Ivan C. Thanks again, Earl.

**WHS Panther Football Game
Concession Stand Workers**
Meet at 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4
at the Triangle Park Apple Bowl entrance

Two arm wrestle for RINO supremacy



As Cougar Bruce Law learned, it's one thing to root for Wazzu, it's another not to pick them to lose in the RINO Bowl. Law paid the price for being a blindly loyal Coug (a lot of others weren't, by the way). And that loyalty left Kevin Vitulli and Rob Tidd sitting atop the standings at 9-0. As the only two presently beating Ryan O'Ralphie, they vied in the weekly drawing for \$100 with Vitulli, although his name came out of the box, forfeiting the sum because he was AWOL from the meeting. Tsk-tsk. In the Masters, Rob Tidd and Jeff Mertes led the pack with 14-1 records.

Last week's results were the aforementioned WSU lost to Stanford, 17-55, Eastern Washington fell to Sam Houston St., 34-49, and Texans were clipped by Seahawks, 20-23.

A big upcoming weekend of action is in-store with the 'Uncivil War' pitting Jeff Mertes and Jim Mills plus a host of others' Washington Huskies against Courtney Mertes and Kevin Mills' Stanford Cardinal highlighting the schedule. Incidentally, Jim Mills is flying to Palo Alto for the game. Other games include Kelsey Mertes' Syracuse Orange against Clemson, Seahawks vs. Colts and Texans vs. 49ers.

RINO Trivia featured two long-missing WNRotarians - Audrey Bessonette and Kevin Dresker, who was armed, by the way. With no partisan comment from the honorable Fred Van Sickle, it was quickly adjudicated that the Bessonette couple lacked immunity under their Spousal Membership status therefore Audrey was found lacking for non-participation and subjected to questioning. Dresker was selected to lend a less than helping hand because he looked good in uniform. The "incredibly easy" question about the infield lineup of the legendary Wenatchee North Rinos softball team was a sure fire shut out and probably NOT known by every WNRotarian. Audrey was assessed \$7 and Kevin coughed-up \$3. Audrey & Aaron returned the favor through Phil Johnson with a trivia question about the number & names of the Bessonette children. Mertes correctly went with "2" but went down with the names "Francois" and "Pierre" and gave back a \$2 safety.

MILD-MANNERED REPORTER of the Week: *Ivan Christensen*



El Presidente aka Mahatma aka Greeter & Ticket Seller was there to greet us at the door leaving no doubt that he made it back safely from his vacation trip to the southwest U.S. The noon meal was reminiscent of Thanksgiving with the aroma of roast turkey & dressing, potatoes & gravy, whole kernel corn, greens & condiments, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies & coffee. The only thing missing was cranberry sauce. It was a good meal, nevertheless (Pub. note: Leave it to "Choo-Choo" to dwell on food!). Also returned was Kevin Dresker decked out in full uniform and side arm now that he has finished academy training. Prez Rob reminded us to leave our *Rotarian* magazines at various places of business throughout the city in an effort to create more public awareness of Rotary. Mahatma encouraged people to sign-up to work the concession stand at the WHS Panthers game this Friday - the more the merrier because it reduces the amount of time each volunteer needs to spend in the stand and allows more time to see the game. Volunteers get free admission as well.

Jim Haglund, two months plus in advance of the December 11 scheduled date of our annual Christmas party at the WG&CC announced that advance payment at \$39 a head is now being accepted through November 27. After that date, cost is \$45. Remember, Jim is stepping forward to personally guarantee the cost for the required minimum number of attendees. Hopefully, we'll prevent any financial setback for Jim and enjoy a good time for all. The prime rib and salmon make for a memorable meal (Pub. note: Ivan and food again!). Signup now, pay soon.

Proving that last week was a fluke, Jim Goodwin did not fail to let us down with his shaftable last arrival, even in his retirement without an excuse not to be on time. Thanks for your weekly \$6, Jim.

Earl Tilly gave us a kickoff for the Rotary Foundation with a \$4,000 goal easily achieved with just \$100 apiece from members. He reminded us that our club has 25 Paul Harris Fellows, 1 Benefactor and 1 Major Donor (\$10,000 or more) with our club demographics of 35 Rotarians and 5 new members. Total given by WNRotarians historically is \$73,782.47. Earl said the difference between being a member and being a Rotarian is to become engaged & changing lives. He threw the gauntlet down and gave us the charge! We are in the final stages of conquering polio with only isolated areas in Nigeria, Pakistan & Afghanistan. Money is needed for the "full-court" press to eliminate this disease from the world to past history. Earl came up with the clever idea of affixing a sticker to our membership badges when our \$100 foundation donations are made. With no one wanting to be visibly stickerless, our charted goal is sure to be reached with 100% participation. Way to go, Earl!

Champion fine master Phil Johnson levied a broad blanket \$1 fine for all wearers of the now-defined, stickerless badges. Roy Miller got to contribute \$2 for his cell phone ringing. Federal Judge Fred Van Sickle got stuck for \$5 for being paid full salary during the government shutdown.

Prez Rob and spouse Bealinda presented our program, a brief highlight of the various sites visited in their southwest tour to include Sedona, AZ, Durango & Silverton, CO via narrow-gauge, steam-powered train, Monument Valley with the giant mountain monoliths jutting out of the desert floor, Glen Canyon dam & tour, and finally Zion Nat'l park. Given that the altitudes they visited ranged between 6,000 & 11,000 feet and already laced with snow, their summer, lightweight gear & tennis shoes didn't quite cut it. Good thing they had blankets to huddle in and their outdoor bushwacking was kept to a safe minimum.

North Poll editor for Oct. 9th is Jeff Mertes