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• An APB was put out by Rob Tidd via email regarding the identity and whereabouts of the person pictured to the right and asking what the MIA WNRotarian was doing. Speculation ranged from slobberknocking for the 'Tecumseh Totems', a CFL minor-league affiliate co-owned by Don Schoening; to being sighted dressed as a blueberry in Boise; to actually being Cecile Cetto caught cross-dressing while trying to pass as a Canuck; to a mug with an obvious need for a Prozac prescription in 2 quart bottles (hmm, wonder who offered that one?). If you see this person, approach with caution because he/she should be considered 'harmed' and dangerous.



• Hear Ye...Hear Ye - District 5060 Governor Garry Hollingshead is due to visit Wenatchee North next week to give us the lowdown on what's up in our Rotary world.

• This month's *Wenatchee Business Journal* has a feature story about how Rotarians have joined ranks to eradicate polio. When Rotary's **Polio-Plus** campaign to eliminate the disease began, 350,000 new cases of polio were reported in 125 countries. Last year, new cases had dropped to 1,200 with only 4 countries - Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria - having any.



Featured on today's menu... WNR goes to the dogs

We knew it was coming, and so it was that Wenatchee North went to the dogs as introduced by WNR's resident pistol packin' police captain Kevin Dresker. Geno, a Wenatchee Police K9, showed his stuff at Alice's. K9 narcotics officer Scott Reibor (sp?) and Captain Dresker explained that police dogs are commonly trained for a variety of uses including narcotics, explosives and patrol (biting). Some are trained for specialty purposes including cadaver detection and tracking. Police dogs are especially adept at finding false compartments in vehicles for hiding narcotics. Although many breeds can be used for police work, only two, German shepherds and Belgian Malinois, are employed for "dual purposes" - e.g., narcotics detection and patrol. Geno is the latter. It typically costs \$20,000 +/- to train a dog and its handler. Dogs must be rigorously trained and "certified" for each use specialty. A dog is actually trained to be aggressive if it is to be used for patrol. Geno is commanded in "French" by Scott and demonstrated how quickly he can find the dope...and it wasn't Bryan Campbell!



Arlberg Shopping Spree chairman Brian Walker issued books of tickets to be sold for this third annual fundraiser that nets about \$3,000 for WNR's commitments to worldwide polio eradication, Rotary Park and Guatemalan literacy. Tickets are \$10 each with a maximum of 400 to be sold. The drawing will be held December 14, in time for Christmas.

Three prospect guests were introduced by Rob Tidd - Steve & Tina Tidd and Heather Williams.

RINO Bowl week #5

At long last, a fearless prognosticator has stepped over Ryan O'Ralphie and into the lead of the RINO Bowl. That picker, Gordi Northrup, now heads the pack at 11-1. A game back lurks a gaggle including Roy Miller, Steve Ellis, Jeff Mertes, Kevin Spaeth, Chris Baker, Phil Johnson, Bruce Grim and Dave Parsons. *Last week's results* - Colorado 27 WSU 31, Nebraska 17 Wisconsin 48, Puget Sound 7 Pacific Lutheran 21.

In RINO Masters action, three have affixed themselves to the top at 14-4 - Kevin Spaeth, Jeff Mertes and Joe Gaspers. *Last week's lone NFL game* - Seapigeons 28 Falcons 30.

As usual, Dave Parsons and Phil Johnson were stumped in RINO Trivia causing each to cough-up five bucks apiece.

UPCOMING GAMES - W. Oregon v C. Washington, Louisiana Tech @ Idaho, M: Seapigeons @ Giants, M: Bears @ Lions.



Now that we know where...



Tips on bringing prospects to meet Momma

When you're handing a WNR membership brochure to a prospect, be sure to point out that our "home" meeting address within the "Have Lunch on Us" coupon has been changed to The Red Lion. Also, before you bring a prospect, don't forget to call membership chairman Joe Gamboni or president Steve Ellis so they are aware of the visit. Write your name in the designated spot "Invited by:" and present it to 'The Great' Gamboni or 'Alice' Ellis so you get proper credit. Should that guest want to become a member, be sure to notify Jeff Mertes so that person's name can be posted in the *North Poll* as per protocol.

And for those of you who are a bit befuddled about how to recruit a WNR member, the October issue of *The Rotarian* highlights how Jeff Thinnies attracted 85 for a Rotary club in a community with a population of about 15,000. His secret has been face-to-face conversation, "Nothing beats talking over a cup of coffee," he pointed out. One of those recruits, by the way, was Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Many would like to become Rotarians, they just need to be invited.

From Wenatchee North's history...

When WNR signed-on to help eradicate polio

In 1987 during Dennis Key's presidency, Wenatchee North made a commitment of \$11,500 (about \$32,000 in today's dollars) to the fledgling Rotary Polio-Plus campaign to eradicate the disease from the face of the earth. The sum meant each WNR member at that time was responsible for donating \$250 each (\$680 +/- today) to the Rotary Foundation. Wenatchee had a direct involvement in Polio-Plus through Rotary International president Dr. Ed Cadman who was a major advocate of the project. To date, Rotarians have raised and contributed about \$1 billion to the Polio-Plus effort.

October 24 has been designated as World Polio Awareness Day with local Rotary Clubs, including Wenatchee North, at the forefront of the events.



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