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Swan Song by an old Rotarian

Those of you who have been paying attention are aware that the Northrups have their house under contract and are getting out of Dodge. Plan A calls for the closing by year-end. There is no Plan B if the deal goes sideways. A gentleman is buying our house in his separate estate, but he is bringing a "live-in" lady with him. Our hope is that they watch *Judge Judy* every day!

We will be living in our new cabin up the road from Mazama (NW of Winthrop) and beginning a new chapter in our lives. Sandy and I have mulled this move over a thousand times. We did not want to find ourselves in a rocking chair at Colonial Vista umpteen years down the road...question why we didn't give it a whirl...and then regret that we didn't make the move. It is a two year commitment based on the present IRS capital gains regulation which could change tomorrow. We plan to be out of the house the end of December (if not sooner).

Forty plus years in two Rotary Clubs...hear the sound of the gavel drop in the hand of forty other club presidents...attending countless weekly meetings, firesides and Xmas parties...enjoying the fellowship around the tables...and hopefully being a good Rotarian...comes to an end. Unfortunately, there is not a club in the Methow Valley and I 'aint' going to attempt starting one!

My only disappointment in all my years as a Rotarian is that we haven't completely eradicated polio from the planet. I lost a brother to this terrible disease whom I was too young to remember. I challenge all of you to support the Rotary Foundation and with the help of others, eradication will happen.

I thank all of you for your friendship and I am proud to have been a Wenatchee North Rotarian! See ya' at the Xmas Party.

Seesaw ride at the top of the RINO Bowl standings

Law, Mahatma, Vitulli, Haglund, Truswell, Sullivan, Bullis and Henkle, along with Ryan O' continue to teeter-totter at the top of the RINO Bowl standings. This week, Bruce Law and Rob Tidd reached the pinnacle sporting 22-2 records with Kevin Vitulli, Jim Haglund, Bud Truswell and Kate Sullivan, and O'Ralphie a game back at 21-3. Bob Bullis and Marcia Henkle remained in hot pursuit, trailing by just two games, at 20-4.

In MASTERS competition, Tidd led the way with a 33-6 record while Haglund and Bullis fell back slightly at 31-8, followed by a gaggle of challengers.

Week #11 results were Oregon downed by Stanford, 20-26; Northern Colorado defeated by Montana St., 28-35; Idaho drubbed by Old Dominion, 38-59; and Falcons dominated by Seahawks, 10-33.

Upcoming RINO Bowl action pits Dave Doerr's North Dakota St. against Youngstown St., and Rich Adams' San Jose St. versus Nevada. The lone game in the MASTERS is Vikings against Seahawks.

With two above O'Ralphie's mark, Tidd took the weekly drawing over Law for \$10. Greg Brown fell victim to RINO Trivia for not being able to name "Hairbreadth Husky" as the cartoon character that appeared in last week's *Poll*, and the connection its creator has to Wenatchee (local resident Pat Welch is cartoonist Don McCausland's nephew). Hairbreadth Husky appeared twice a week in the *P.I.* for 22 years beginning in 1959.

Prize money for the RINO Bowl and MASTERS was announced as: RINO - 1st: \$430, 2nd: \$215, 3rd: \$135, 4th: \$95; MASTERS - 1st: \$250, 2nd: \$130, 3rd: \$100; DRAWING (the equivalent of one entry per correct pick): \$430. The College Scholarship Fund will net at least \$1,915 if all entries are paid (2 are still outstanding). Attendance at the Christmas party is required in order to win any prizes. Ties will be broken in a traditionally undignified manner.



Ryan O'Ralphie

MILD-MANNERED REPORTER of the Week: Gordi Northrup



BACKSIDE REVIEW

Prez Mahatma dropped the hammer and away we went! Bryan Campbell led us in a rather loud rendition of *God Bless America* and Gordi Northrup gave a short invocation (surprise). The distinguished senator Linda Parlette was our only visiting Rotarian. Take note: fine committee, she left early. We also welcomed Amy Moriarity, the new GM of the Red Lion, and recent transferee from the Tri-Cities...and...Tyler Mackay, Central Washington Constituent Services Liaison (glad he gave me a business card) for Congressman Dave Reichert. We were all astounded when Rob revealed he is taking four classes at WVC...two in grant writing (in case he flunks the first one)...one to become a flagger...and one in forklift driving (this is scary). Greg Brown shared two thank you letters from scholarship recipients. Crash Ketcham will be majoring in marine biology at the University of San Diego, and Allie Atwood will be a music major at PLU. Allie is the daughter of Paul Atwood (Kelly), the son of Kathy Mertes' cousin Tuffy Atwood (Judy) - Jeff had no influence on Allie's selection, by the way. Thanks again, Brownie, for heading up the Scholarship Committee. Phil Johnson did his usual fine job as finemaster despite beginning oh for two. No, Phil, a house isn't sold until the moola's in the bank. Senator Parlette came to the meeting from the dentist's office...had talking issues that cost Dr. Daryl Miller 2 bucks. Brian Walker was fined for an article he wrote in *Business World* that he seemed not to be very proud of. The Mahatma household ponied up a generous total of ten bucks that "covered" a birthday, an anniversary, and Bealinda got the shaft (comment okeyed by Sandy)! Phil falsely stated that G-Ho brought a \$100 bill to buy a bunch of Venom caps that Rob had neglected to bring...Mahatma was forgiven for the time being.

Our own Kevin Dresker gave a great program on his ten week school at the FBI National Academy located on the Quantico Marine Base in Virginia. His was the 254th class comprised of 213 law enforcement administrators. The training is very exclusive, it took Kevin three years to be accepted to attend. He went to class from 8-5 including physical training with deer standing guard. A six mile run, hill climb, and the Marine obstacle course were all on the menu under hot, humid conditions. Five classes that he completed earned 17 credits from the University of Virginia. There was also time for touring Civil War battlefields, memorials, and New York City (Times Square was a freak show). Wife Sheila was able to attend his graduation and see some of the sights with him.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 11 • W&CC
\$39 individual/\$78 couple
by Nov. 27

See Jim Haglund or Rob Tidd to sign up or pay
\$45 each after that date



TIDDBITS

- Our prez announced that several Paul Harris Fellows will be awarded at the Xmas Party.
- Daryl Miller announced that we're at 68% of our Rotary Foundation goal...2% below last week. Did someone's check bounce?
- Save up some blood for the January 6th drawing that WNRotary is sponsoring.
- New member Kevin Vitulli did an outstand-

ing job as "mild-mannered reporter" last week...not an easy assignment when unsure of many WNRotarians' names.

- Check out the article on p. 32 of the November *Rotarian* issue on British actress Archie Panjabi, a star of *The Good Wife* tv series. She is putting her heart and soul into Rotary's polio campaign. Good stuff.

- Judge Van Sickle tapped the Half-Potted Drawing for \$35 for the second consecutive week and graciously donated it to the Rotary Foundation.

- NEXT UP -

You can't expect an old guy like me to remember!

North Poll editor for Nov. 20th is Fred Van Sickle