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BACKSIDE REVIEW

Steve Ellis presided over the November 20th meeting in the absence of Mahatma. Dr. Jim Goodwin led us in prayer and explained Hanukkah (sort of I think), as a minor Jewish holiday that grew into an eight day gift giving event more recently (in the last 200-300 years). Dr. Goodwin also requested a sign up for two Saturday Salvation Army bell ringing sessions, December 7th and 21st, in front of the JC Penney store. All of the two hour slots for both days were filled during the meeting. Good job all!

Fine Master Randy Zielinski asked about November birthdays. Daryl Miller and Jeff Mertes each disclaiming any ability to sing, opted to have the members sing *Happy Birthday* to them and paid \$10 each.

Jim Haglund has returned from a scuba dive trip in Bonaire. He spent 36 hours under water, which explains why he could not remember the name of RINO Bowl. Jim said he had a great time and has a nice tan as well.

Dave Parsons made an Apple Cup wager. He will pay \$100 to the RINO Bowl scholarship fund if WSU loses, or doesn't win by at least three points. If the Cougs win by three or more, the Husky supporters among the membership will pay \$25 each to the fund. Mertes accepted the wager on behalf of ALL our Husky members.

The speaker was Richard Riggs, of the downtown club, in his capacity of Administrative Assistant Governor for District 5060. He said one of the major goals of Rotary International is to retain members. Concern was expressed that for the past 10 years worldwide membership has remained static at 1.2 million, reflecting a problem of retention since nearly that same number has joined the organization. Riggs commented that the club size in the district runs between 17 and 327, with our international district having 31 Canadian clubs and 28 US clubs.

He mentioned that our Rotary Park now has all of the plaques installed in the plaza and on the benches. Long range plans include an Amphitheater. Richard and Randy Z announced that our club will be responsible for the flags at Rotary Park between January and April 2014. That includes making sure all lighting works and that the flags be lowered per direction (email) from the state governor's office. Richard also announced that in July 2014, Mahatma Rob will become the Assistant District Governor for area 6 (not a lot of grass grows under that guy's feet).

AS SEEN IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF *rotarian*

The Genovese Syndrome

On March 13, 1964, "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death outside her apartment in New York. Her screams for help were heard by a number of her neighbors - 38 in all, some who looked out their windows. However, no one went to help her or call the police.

Researchers discovered what is called "The Genovese Syndrome": the more
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TIDDBITS

- No meeting next Wednesday, November 27th. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Bell ringing for the Salvation Army is on December 7th and 21st at JC Penney. If you can help and haven't signed up yet, let Jim Goodwin know so back up can be ready.



And now you know why nobody wanted cheese pizza.

- Gordi Northrup took home (although he may well be homeless) \$54 in the Half-Potted Drawing thanks to a yeoman effort by Don Talbot who went over the century mark in ticket sales.

- NEXT UP -

Goodwin says we'll be celebrating Hanukkah!

MILD-MANNERED REPORTER of the Week: *Fred Van Sickle*



Board Report

Present at the meeting on November 15th were officers Rob Tidd, president; Bealinda Tidd, secretary; Steve Tidd, treasurer; Fred Van Sickle, vice president; directors Randy Zielinski and Steve Ellis.

The discussion involved requests for contributions from Wenatchee Valley College, building a home in Esteli, and Wenatchee Youth Baseball.

All of these requests will go to the Ways & Means Committee for review and approval.

The Membership Committee reported favorably concerning membership for WV College with one principle member and several alternates from the Athletic Department. A membership for the Student Body President of WV College was also discussed, with a yearly cost to the club of about \$64. These matters will be brought up for discussion with the general club members soon.

(Genovese continued)

witnesses there are, the less likely they are to do anything. If you are the only witness, you know no one else will step in.

The public outcry helped establish the 911 system and the Good Samaritan laws in all states. Now it is not hard or risky to use your cell phone to call 911 or take video/pictures of things you see.

This is just one of many interesting articles in the November issue. When you are done reading it, please bring your copy to the next meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

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



It's neck and neck heading down the RINO homestretch



A pair of peerless prognosticators - Bruce Law and Rob Tidd - kept their grips on the top spot in the RINO Bowl with 23-3 records and just two weeks of action remaining. Lest they feel overly confident, Ryan O'Ralphie, Kevin Vitulli, Jim Haglund, Bud Truswell, and Kate Sullivan lurked just a game behind at 22-4. And still in the thick of the chase with 21-5 records were Marcia Henkle and Bob Bullis as the RINO schedule swings into traditional rivalries mode when anything can, and usually does, happen.

Tidd remained in the MASTERS lead sporting a two game advantage at 35-7. In hot pursuit at 33-9 were Haglund and Bullis with Truswell and Joe Gaspers close behind at 32-10.

Last week's RINO results were Youngstown State falling to North Dakota State, 17-35, and San Jose State tripping-up against Nevada, 16-38. In the MASTERS, it was Vikings 20, Seahawks 41.

At the beginning of the homestretch in the RINO Bowl, Don Elliston's Montana visits Montana State, and Cal travels down the road to Kevin Mills and Courtney Mertes' Stanford in "The Big Game". MASTERS action pits 49ers versus Redskins.

Since Tidd was somewhere on sabbatical, Law was the recipient of \$10 for being the lone attendee doing better than Ryan O'.

As it now stands, the RINO Bowl and MASTERS will generate at least \$3,816 and produce a minimum of \$1,919 for the college scholarship fund. Of course, the total could be adjusted upwards if RINO Trivia is incorrectly answered. The amount for the scholarship fund could be boosted as well if Ryan O'Ralphie finishes in the chips or if the year-end drawing winner for an amount equal to first place isn't present at the Christmas party.

North Poll editor for Dec. 4th is Randy Zielinski