

## WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY November 6, 2013

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## CONFESSIONS OF A NEW KID IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

After 8 months in the Wenatchee Valley, this mild-mannered reporter is observant (and thankful) of the many great things that this area has to offer. You might say I still have rose colored glasses on, but here are a few that I've noticed:

- **Traffic...not.** I know many long-timers may complain now about waiting for a couple of stop lights or traffic backed up on "the bridge". But for someone that is used to a 50-60 minute (or more when it is raining) commute to go 11 miles, this is nothing! Traffic in and around the Seattle area is not getting any better and if you want to see "bridge traffic"...More cars and worse drivers (it seems) make for frustration.
- **Views.** I appreciate the beauty and rolling hills, river and mountains.
- **Sun.** Yeah it was a little hot a few days in the summer, but nice to see the sun more often.
- **Political Correctness...not.** I have to be careful with this, but see, that is what I am talking about. You have to "agree" with everything you "don't agree" with on the west side.
- **Small Hat, More Cattle.** I learned this saying and believe it to be true here. People with much in this area do not have to show it. Thus they are humble and can have "more cattle" but wear a "small hat".
- **Acceptance of Huskies.** I thought I would have to hide from everyone...maybe even a little guarded about coming to "Cougar Country". But even here, everyone knows Cougars are losers...that is not me talking, rather Ryan O'Ralphie!
- **Rotary Kinship.** Rotary is the bond between people in other countries as well as the two sides of our state.
- **The Business Community.** I was thinking primarily an Ag based economy. While I know that is a large driver in this area, there are a lot of manufacturing, transportation and professional service businesses as well.
- **Wenatchee People in General.** People are nice! I know that sounds simplistic, but it is true. My wife and I have felt that everyone we have met has a genuine caring and courteous attitude.

So...ask me a year from now what I think. I am confident it will be the same. (Ed. note: Of course, Vitulli hasn't yet experienced the agony of defeat competing in a RINO Bowl tiebreaker).

## Vitulli continues quest to be RINO Bowl dawgfather

WNRotary rookie Kevin Vitulli continued his quest to become the eighth 'dawgfather' of the RINO Bowl and join Dennis Key (1989), Jeff Mertes (1992 & 2010), Candy Kunz (2002), Ron Kemp (2004 & 2006) and Dan Albrecht (2005) as University of Washington representatives to finish at the top of the prognostication dogpile. Vitulli's blistering pace of 95.2% correct (20-1) was one game up on Ryan O'Ralphie, Bruce Law, Jim Haglund and Rob Tidd. Two behind Vitulli were Fred Van Sickle, Bud Truswell, Marcia Henkle, Bob Bullis, Kate Sullivan and Joe Gaspers.

Haglund and Tidd maintained their #1 ranking in the MASTERS with 29-6 records followed closely by Bullis and Gaspers a game back.

RINO Bowl results included UNLV falling to San Jose St., 24-34; Puget Sound losing to Pacific Lutheran, 21-41; and Humboldt St. stumbling against Central Washington, 14-21. In the MASTERS, Buccaneers were defeated by Seahawks, 24-27 in OT, and Packers succumbed to Bears, 20-27.

Up next in the RINO Bowl, Phil Johnson and Brian Walker's Oregon plays Kevin Mills and Courtney Mertes' Stanford; Nick Haglund's Northern Colorado meets Montana State; and Old Dominion plays Joey 'The Geek' Gaspers' Idaho. It's Seahawks versus Falcons in the MASTERS.

Chris Baker paid the dollar equivalent of a converted touchdown and a rouge for not knowing Ryan O'Ralphie's college in RINO Trivia.

*There isn't any such thing as a RINO Bowl loser...*

*As long as you make the  
CHRISTMAS PARTY*

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

*\$45 each after that date*

*See Jim Haglund or Rob Tidd to signup or pay*



## MILD-MANNERED REPORTER of the Week: Kevin Vitulli

## BACKSIDE REVIEW

A larger than normal contingent of WNRotarians answered the bell. Something was different. Perhaps the feeling of snow in the air? Perhaps the thought of the holidays nearing? No...it was Mahatma Tidd stroking his newly shaved face and asking if anyone had noticed, few had. A boisterous singing of the *Star Spangled Banner* was led by Ivan Christensen in honor of upcoming Veteran's Day. Gordi Northrup gave the thoughts of the day which also included thankfulness for our veterans. A lively auction of four Wenatchee Wild tickets, donated by Brian Walker, netted \$65, which nobody really wanted including John White who was stuck as the high bidder. Hats off to the auctioneer Mahatma Tidd for getting the most out of the tickets. Speaking of hats off, Wenatchee Venom hats, believe it or not, are STILL available! Joe Gamboni was complaining to anyone who would listen that he was collared into being the fine master, and then proceeded to thoroughly enjoy dishing out fines. Some were: **Phil Johnson** for "winning" an argument; anyone who did not read *The Rotarian* magazine; **Joe Gaspers** for not having his badge on his person. Although it was within reach, His Honor **Judge Van Sickle** ruled it needed to be displayed on the body. This ruling will surely be tested in the appellate courts; **Don Talbot** for flying his "demo drone" into a flock of geese without a license - and then he was fined again for advertising; **Walker** for impersonating himself and being a Duck at the meeting with a Beaver orange tie; **Bruce Law** self-imposed a fine for announcing his first grandchild being born, but he forgot his grandson's name...and so did this writer (Ed. note: Michael); and Coach **Bob Bullis** also gave up some dollars to talk about former Wenatchee High runners doing well in league championships collegiately - Hannah Kiser won the WAC cross-country championship again for Idaho, Nicholas Boersma was named WAC Freshman Runner of the Year also competing for Idaho, and Skye Pauly finished 9th in the NW Conference Championship meet for Whitman. Netting more dollars was RINO Trivia, which no one ever wins (I think).

The program was provided by Hannah Hostetter, in Americorps working with Community Farm Connection. Hannah is from Montana (Hannah Montana, no she did not do any twerking). Hannah is leaving the organization soon to take a full-time job in non-profit service in her native state. She explained the benefits of the Community Harvest Program in the greater Wenatchee Valley. Community Harvest helps farmers manage their excess and un-marketable products, and makes gleaned produce accessible to the local community and food banks. Hannah explained the many ways Community Harvest obtains the produce: gleaning, farmers or individuals donating (or leasing) land for growing, and donations. This is only the 2nd year of the program but so far about 12,000 lbs. of fruit and produce have been provided this year.

## TIDDBITS

- Don't expect lunch on November 27 according to Mahatma due to Thanksgiving the following day.
- Daryl Miller let it be known that the Wenatchee North sponsored blood drive will take place January 6.
- November is Rotary Foundation Month

and WNR is at 70% of its donation goal. Since the thermometer was being updated and not present, we just had to use our imaginations to see the mercury at 70%.

- The 'Half Potted Drawing' for \$41 went to Fred Van Sickle.

**- NEXT UP -**

**Captain Dresker at Quantico**

**North Doll editor for Nov. 13th is Randy Zielinski**