

## WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY December 12, 2013

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## BACKSIDE REVIEW

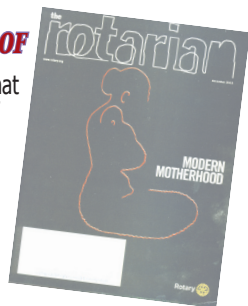
The Wenatchee North Rotarians celebrated their annual Christmas Party at the East Wenatchee Country Club on Wednesday night in fine fashion. The company was exemplary, the food was divine, and the entertainment was fabulous. After a short period of selected libations, announcements were in order. Three members were awarded Paul Harris Fellowships for \$1,000 in contributions to Rotary Foundation...Rich Adams, Bruce Law and Jim & Nancy Mills. These were all favorable announcements. Then Gordi Northrup announced that the Christmas Party would be his last meeting with Wenatchee North Rotary. He and wife Sandy will be taking up residence in the Mazama area of the Methow. I am sure that I speak for the entire membership when I say that Gordi has been an outstanding member and he will be sorely missed by the club. Phil Johnson also announced that he would be leaving Wenatchee North and relocating at Port Ludlow, and Jim Haglund said that he was resigning as well because of plans to do extensive traveling with Cindy. These were unfavorable announcements. At this point in the proceedings, Haglund recognized the necessity of raising morale by leading the rest of the group in song with Barbara Tilly playing the piano.

After RINO Bowl activities were completed, we did a gift exchange before ending the party.

## AS SEEN IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF

The December issue of Rotarian reminds us that polio has not been eradicated in the World. As of September 25th, at least 190 cases of polio had been reported throughout the Horn of Africa.

The Mogadishu refugee camp in Somalia is thought to be the epicenter of the outbreak, that because of its remoteness, many of the local children were unable to be immunized. In response, Rotary approved a US \$500,000 Rapid Response grant to the World Health Organization to cover operational costs, including human resources, training, and transportation of health workers. The response worked, because as of October 2nd, the number of newly reported cases had declined. This is just another example of how your contributions through Rotary are helping people worldwide.



## TIDDBITS

- The final tally of winnings for the RINO Bowl & MASTERS - Ryan O'Ralphie (WN Rotary) \$435, Jim Goodwin \$435, Rob Tidd \$280, Kevin Vitulli \$260, Jim Haglund \$210, Bud Truswell \$150, Bob Bullis \$130, and Bruce Law \$40. Checks will be available at the December 18th meeting.

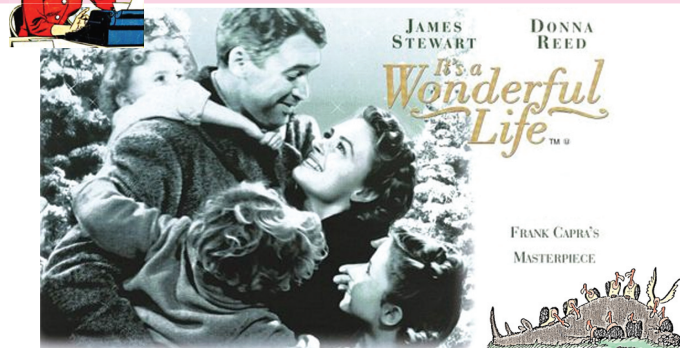
- With the addition of Ryan O'Ralphie's \$435 thanks to the efforts of Joe Gamboni along with Jeff Mertes, this mini-fundraiser has now generated \$66,064 with a net of \$44,023 going to the scholarship fund. This year, the WNRotary scholarship fund gets \$2,409 of the \$3,916 generated.

- Don't forget the WNRotary sponsored Red Cross blood drawing at Kings Orchard Church on January 6. See Daryl Miller to help out and /or about donating.

- Wenatchee North is on duty for four months, from January through April, as Rotary Park flag plaza stewards. Stay tuned in for signups.



## FEISTY FEMALE REPORTER of the Week: Tina Tidd



## Undignified RINO tiebreaker provides wings for angels

After a standing ovation was heartily given to Joey 'The Geek' Gaspers for another outstanding job of entering data and cranking out results, Ryan O'Ralphie revealed *It's a Wonderful Life* as the theme for this year's undignified RINO Bowl and MASTERS tiebreakers. Since almost everyone in attendance indicated they'd seen the flick, and about 75% more than once, the competition seemed like it would be a slam dunk.

The MASTERS, the more cerebral of the two contests, was first up. With the outright winner, Rob Tidd, already counting his "two-fiddy", as Greg Brown would say, in winnings after posting a darned good 40-10 record, a battle for either \$130 or \$100 was waged for second or third between the team of Bob & Trudy Bullis and Jim & Cindy Haglund. The weapon was to be *It's a Wonderful Life* trivia with spectators invited to shout out the answers to aid combatants. Haglund obviously didn't know anything, and luckily had Cindy to rein him in. Bullis knew even less, but Trudy proved to be the deciding factor as the Full of Bull squad beat the Hags as the first to get three answers right.

Next up was a donnybrook among seven pickers knotted for first in the RINO Bowl with 25-5 records. The first order of business was to construct the "court" - a basket and a foul-line with the distance between determined by Gordi Northrup's height as he reclined on the floor. As luck would have it, nature had chosen that time to call, and Gord-Ho was off to the powder room. Instead, wife Sandy was selected to lay-in, which she steadfastly refused to do. So, Phil Johnson, serving as quarterback of the operation, wielded a tape measure determining her height to be 5'2". And so the court was set just as Gord wandered back into the room.

Contestants all set to be humiliated for money were Kate Sullivan, representing WSU, with Tina Tidd standing-in; Rob Tidd representing Willamette; Bud Truswell, with husband of his niece, Joe Gaspers doing the honors for UPS; Kevin Vitulli, for the University of Washington; Jim Haglund, doing his bit for the Eastern Washington Savage Eagles; Bruce Law, a diehard Cougar; and last, but certainly least, Ryan O'Ralphie who chose the guy who finished dead last in the RINO Bowl, Joe Gamboni, to do his best for UNLV as well WNRotary's college scholarship fund.

The competition involved assuming a squatting, ready position with legs spread, and holding a nerf football at both ends, attempting to flip it 62" into the basket. The first to make two, then straddle the the basket while giving a distinct Sam Wainright "Hee-Haw" greeting to the spectators before ringing a bell to give an angel its wings would take first. The second to do it got second, and so on. Of course, protective leather helmets were required to prevent injury.

It was a nailbiter to the end with 'The Great' Gamboni making 2 of 3 to go from the outhouse to the penthouse and win \$435 for the scholarship fund. The runnerup spot was grabbed by rookie Kevin Vitulli, who also canned 2 of 3, for \$220. Third went to 'Joey the Geek' to earn Uncle Bud \$150 with a 2 for 7 performance. 'Yumpin' Yimminy' Haglund took the final money spot for \$110 after sinking 2 of 8.

The drawing among participants for \$435 went to Jim 'Dr. Feelgood' Goodwin who admitted to feeling quite good about the outcome.

## - NEXT UP -

**Last meeting before Christmas and the New Year**

**North Doll editor for Dec. 18th is Earl Tilly**