

WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY December 28, 2011

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The new year always brings possibilities for improvement. Wenatchee North Rotary is no exception as President Ellis pencils out his menu for the first half of 2012. A smattering of WNRotarians see the coming of the new year as an opportunity to improve the club...

- My resolution for Wenatchee North Rotary is for there to be more fire-sides, more members and a refreshing new project.
- I'd like to see the club have a 75% attendance rate for 2012 and to personally bring in one new member.
- Hopefully Wenatchee North will add 5 to 10 new members, to continue building the Sports Awards, and work to getting everyone more involved.
- My hope is for better attendance - members need to make a commitment that Weds. Noon is reserved for Rotary.
- There should be more involvement with exchange students in 2012, more firesides and better participation with club projects (highway cleanup, etc.).
- I think we should make an effort to bring low attendance members up to average including alternative Rotary activities.
- Wenatchee North needs to have an increase in membership and more officer and board recognition at meetings so the club knows their leadership.
- The new year should bring more new members, more fellowships and better meeting attendance.
- We need five new members, and I'd like to see financial support to the Wenatchee symphony.
- The meetings should be limited to 60 minutes or less to help new & working members attend, we also need new members.
- I plan on participating in as many extra events (like litter clean-up) as possible and I'd like to see that from all members.
- The key is increased membership and to keep up your (Steve's) good work in encouraging it.
- We need to get the newer, younger members to recruit some younger folks.
- That every member is encouraged to give a best effort to all club activities and fund raisers while understanding how vital and meaningful our charitable involvement can be in making lives better.

So, there you have it - a mapping of thought from among a sampling of Wenatchee North Rotary members at the December 28 meeting. Talk is one of the few things that is still cheap in 2011. Nothing happens unless action is taken, and each Rotary member has the power to take responsibility to have a positive influence in 2012. Be an "I will", rather than a "They should" in the new year!

Featured on today's menu...

There isn't any squeezing it from a turnip



Elections were held, conducted by Prez Alice, with the following results for the 2012-13 Rotary year:
President - Rob Tidd; President Elect - Chris Baker;
Vice President - Kevin Dresker; Secretary - Bruce Law;
Treasurer - Tidd Tandem.

Ellis also announced that the **Bring 'em Home to Meet Momma Membership Drive** has been extended for a month. We've evidently dropped the ball on followups to recruit prospective members who were brought as guests. The idea wasn't to get \$100 donations, or to dodge paying by bringing just any ol' guest, but to honestly introduce someone to Rotary with the intention of inviting them to join. Expect some bird-dogging activity...and/or invite a good prospect to a meeting in January.

The program by Jayann Merkle of the American Red Cross concerned blood drawings, in general, and the upcoming Rotary Blood Drawing, on January 2 at Kings Orchard Church (1610 Orchard), in particular. The goal for the Rotary drawing is 40 units, which may be difficult to achieve due to the holidays. In all, approximately 4,000 units are typically collected from Chelan, Okanogan and Kittitas counties during a year. Once collected, blood is shipped to Portland where it undergoes 14 tests before being available for use within three days. Each hospital keeps an inventory on hand with additional supplies shipped from a Yakima hub. At times, supplies may also be moved from hospital to hospital depending on need. Donations are rarely discarded. The most common reasons that a donation may not be accepted are due to low iron or recent travel to certain areas outside of the country. You can make an appointment to donate and avoid waiting. The donation process takes 45 minutes to an hour. And, New Year's Eve (and day) revelers won't be denied the opportunity to give because alcohol doesn't affect blood for donation purposes. If in doubt, take a taxi to donate!



- Randy Zielinski announced there are three Rotary Park tiles still available for sale at \$100 each. He pointed out that it would be a great way for those who will be retrieving their **Bring 'em Home to Meet**

Momma Membership Drive deposits, to put that money to good use in support of Rotary Park.

- Joining us as a guest was Bruce Law's son, Andy. Another in attendance was Uncle Bud, who paid the only fine levied by Phil Johnson, by the way. Phil, though second to last through the door, stepped up to pay Tina Tidd's Shaft fine himself because, as a part of the Tidd Tandem, she will be taking on the role of 'better half treasurer' in July.

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