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CHRISTMAS
PARTY IS
DECEMBER 14



• Jim
Goodwin,
WNR's longtime
Salvation Army
Bellringing
chairman, is
looking for
volunteers to

man (or woman) the kettle outside of the "warm entrance" to JC Penney at Valley North. With the economy in the tank, the need for food and clothing provided by the good people at our local Salvation Army has been rising. Bellringing helps tremendously. We're scheduled for Saturday December 17 and Sunday December 18, hopefully in two hour shifts beginning at 10:00 a.m. Email Jim at antzrus@hotmail.com to pick a time to help.

• Yes, indeed, that's Brian Walker's mug peering back from the pages of the December *Business World*. His guest column, covering more than half a page, I might add, deals with a hot topic of the day, "Foreclosure: A look at the facts". One of his legal specialties is to assist lenders and others to find cost-effective and workable solutions related to distressed real estate, delinquent debt and foreclosure. And, of course, he's also the chairman of the Arlberg Raffle fundraiser and wants ticket money turned in before he has to 'foreclose'.

From Wenatchee North's history...

Sport\$wap created lots of sweat



Call it a 'pain', but the creative generation of funds has been a vital part of WNR. Traditionally, the Ways & Means Committee has been responsible for coming up with ways to fill the club's coffers for charitable giving.

Among fundraisers, the Sport\$wap (1983-84) was certainly one of the

most all-consuming. Staged Saturday & Sunday for two years in March at the Wenatchee Convention Center, it involved the pick up of used athletic items throughout the community for a month prior, selling merchant booths to sports oriented businesses, and staging the event. Funds were generated by commissions on the used item sales, revenue from merchant booths, donated item sales and \$1 admissions.

Featured on today's menu...

Red will be for girls, green is for guys as usual



Prez Alice reminded us not to miss the December 14th Christmas Party at WG&CC. Wrap a gift in red if for girls, and in green if for guys.

Chairman Daryl Miller announced that the Rotary Red Cross Blood Drawing will be January 9th at King's Orchard Church. There's a critical need, so he encouraged all who can, to give this year.

Yes, that was Tim Cetto, in the flesh, breaking bread with us. He thanked Rob Tidd for his 'Mad Hatter' antics in his behalf. Ivan Christensen tried to explain how he found clothing to be optional on beaches in Aruba. Kevin Dresker brought his boss as a guest - Police Chief Tom Robbins.

The program, presented by Greg Van Stralen of the U.S. Department of Fish & Wildlife, dealt with how wolves have gotten a bad rap that isn't deserved. There are now 6 packs in Washington. Facts show that in 2010, only 12 cows were killed by wolves in the U.S. and less than 2.5% of sheep deaths were caused by lobos. In the past 60 years, there have only been two human deaths attributed to wolves throughout North America - and one of those was more likely a bear attack.

In December's *Rotarian* magazine...

Life changing difference made by a local Rotary club college scholarship

Journalist and world correspondent Tony Ganzer credits the scholarship given to him by the Rotary Club of Newport, Washington-Priest River as his difference maker. Despite having good grades in high school, the only way he could afford college was to get scholarships and loans, but he was repeatedly turned down. Then, finally, the Rotary club came through. It gave him a start at the University of Idaho - a much needed endorsement from that generous group of Rotarians after a string of rejections.

As he put it, "It may sound like a small thing, but that's what I needed - someone to say you go for it, run with your ambition. Don't let anything get in your way." Now 27, he's been able to step into the "major league" of broadcast journalism, currently a foreign correspondent in Zurich.

His message of appreciation to Rotarians is, "You chose to invest in my future, and you should know that I'm doing my best to represent you well in return."



RINO tiebreakers due up at the Christmas Party

As usual, typically undignified tiebreakers are next up for RINO Bowl and Masters participants who finished in dead-heats for prize spots. Since Ryan O'Ralphie ruled over the RINO Bowl this year, adding his \$422 to the scholarship fund, Steve Ellis, Dave Doerr, Jim Haglund, Marco



Azurdia and Kevin Spaeth will weigh-in on a yet to be determined knock down, drag-out tiebreaker for 2nd (\$300), 3rd (\$184) and 4th (\$121). As a result of the final RINO Masters game, Jeff Mertes was the champ with a 36-14 record and wins \$170, followed by a tie between Kevin Spaeth and Roy Miller at 35-15. The runnerups will go head-to-head to win either \$100 or \$70. *RINO Masters result* - Eagles 14 Seahawks 31.

Not to be forgotten, a drawing for \$422 will also take place at the Christmas Party with entries based on the number of correct RINO Bowl picks. Be forewarned, however, **WNR members must be present to win.**

If (when) everyone pays entry fees, the RINO Bowl should gross at least \$3,697 this year and net at least \$2,340 for scholarships.

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