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• In reference to the John White State Farm ad in the February 8th edition of the *North Poll*, an email arrived from the hinterlands of Vancouver-Portland. Former WNR president Marco Azurdia (2005-06), now imperial pooh-bah of the NWAACC, commented, "Glad to see that John White is rubbing shoulders with Aaron Rodgers. Next thing you know he will be doing the Rodgers Championship Belt move!" My response to 'The Commish' was, "Unfortunately, he has." On second thought, the move was just White adjusting to a more accommodating belt hole after consuming a heaping plate of Red Lion chow.

• Which segues to another item - the *North Poll* advertising program has generated \$400 for club coffers so far. And like White's belt, there's always room for more!

• Greeters for the February 29 meeting are Fred Van Sickle and Brian Walker.

• The trip to nowhere...remember the prospect of a beach in Mexico to be frequented by Jeff Mertes and his clan? Well, it never happened thanks to extremely heavy bridge traffic and delay that put them 'two minutes late' to be able to check-in for the flight (even though they were 58 minutes ahead of scheduled departure). The next flight that Alaska Airlines could squeeze all six of them onto wasn't to leave Sea-Tac for three days and would have cost an additional \$1,200! So, the sunny vacation amounted to a few days in Seattle, then back to the Apple Capital with everybody in tow. The closest they got to Mexico was *Carlos 1800* restaurant on Wenatchee Avenue. Life is, indeed, a beach...but the food was good.



You can't help but know this WNRotarian peering out from the paper sack this week.

All you really need to know about this particular 'Unknown' is that he once narrowly missed being violently shaken while innocently doing his 'bidness' in a honey bucket. The stranger in the porta-potty next to him wasn't quite so lucky, however. This guy was born on Halloween in St. Frances, Kansas and got his high school diploma from Mac-High in Milton-Freewater (OR). Next he made a pit stop for a spell at the University of Oregon before transferring to Eastern Oregon U. and earning a degree in General Studies before serving in the Army

Reserves as a SP5. He began peddling paper products prior to gravitating into banking, then into real estate, and retiring and dabbling some in whatnot sales and equipment rentals very part-time at Valley Tractor. Along the way, he's lived in Pendleton (OR), Portland (OR), Ephrata, Omak, and on both sides of the river hereabouts. He and wife Sandy have two sons, Brad (40) and Craig (37) along with a grandson, Dawson (7). When not working, which isn't very often, this 'Unknown' likes to fly fish, golf, and 'hang' at the family cabin in Mazama. However, his favorite vacation spot is Montana. As for a unique experience, he took a fabulous 19 day fly fishing excursion to Argentina in 2008.

Who dat? *Quiridnon Ibrog*

Featured on today's menu...

They'll be with us at Apple Blossom time



With the Royal Court in attendance, everyone, including Prez 'Alice', was on best behavior. The grizzled hash slinger reminded those present to attend the February 29 meeting which will feature a world reknown mountain climber and his latest ascents of some of the highest peaks on the globe.

The President reported that donation of \$500 to Kelowna Rotary's BC Equipment Opportunity project to help ship a container of medical equipment to Guinea was approved at the February 23 board meeting.

Resident 'baby smoocher' Bryan Campbell gave an update on the progress of Senate Bill 5984, aka TTC Bailout, to allow "councilmatic authority" to raise Wenatchee's sales tax by .2% without a public vote. He said it is now in the Rules Committee and is at the mercy of political leveraging. Councilman Campbell noted that he generally doesn't agree with the concept of "councilmatic authority" to impose taxes, but in this case, there is definitely a desperate need. Attorney fees alone are "eating us alive." Even with the .2% increase in city sales tax, the TTC will probably have to close for a period of time without the additional .1% tax imposed by member communities of the PFD.

Martin Barron proudly announced the birth of grandson Corwin at 2 a.m. last Friday in Washington, D.C. The freshly minted Barron weighed in at about 7-lbs.

The Apple Blossom Royalty - Queen Samantha Allen, Princesses Devyn Huylar and Hayley Brown - made a first public appearance of 180 that are scheduled during their reign. Asked if classmates were now treating them differently, Queen Samantha replied that friends haven't changed, she's still the "same ol' Sam."



Featured on February 15th's menu...

Spilled Ketchup at Alice's Restaurant...

As per cub reporter Bruce Law



Clark Hanson, visiting from Sunrise, was introduced by Captain Dresker as being from the Lions Club. Phil Johnson later reminded him of that boo-boo with an appropriate fine. Prez 'Alice' made a pitch to those members who haven't paid dues to do so. 'Phinemaster' Phil asked club members to share Valentine experiences. The best was confessed to by Prez 'Alice' who sent a photo to his wife of roses that were delivered to one of his employees. Cheap!!! Ivan graciously paid Dr. Goodwin's \$10 fine and the "twins", John White and Dave Doerr, paid a sum to have "Happy BD" sung to them.

Joe Gamboni distributed \$100 checks to those members that were present and brought guests during the membership drive. Several donated \$\$\$ back to the club or purchased Rotary Park tiles with it. Greg Brown led a club assembly on the 42nd Sports Awards. Mac Bledsoe (and maybe Drew) has been confirmed as speaker(s) thanks to the efforts of Steve Tidd. We still need a major sponsor and there are holes to be filled in key committee positions. So, get in touch with general chairman Brown to help out.

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