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You're bound to know the identity of this "Unknown WNRotarian."

First of all, the 'Unknown' for this week is not Barney Miller, Donald Cragen, Leland Stottlemeyer, Frances Furillo or even Maria LaGuerta. But he is called "captain," none the less, at the WPD. Born in Pittsburg, Kansas, he went on to reside in Danville (IL), Geneva (NY), Waegon (South Korea) and East Wenatchee. A graduate of Eastmont High, he crossed the river to earn an AA degree from Fifth Street U. While serving the nation in the Army, this 'Unknown' was a SP4 - MP/Canine Handler. He and wife Sheila have two children, Kirsten (23) and Tim (21). Among favorite pasttimes are boating, camping, motorcycling, basketball, reading, and fiddling around on the computer. When it comes to vacationing, his favorite places are in the Caribbean and Hawaii. Contrary to urban legend, he isn't addicted to doughnuts, by the way. And yes, he is the only WNRotarian permitted to pack heat to meetings. This 'Unknown' has also been known to refer to Z-man as 'B.I.L.' *Who dat?*

Hint: *Kevin Dresker*

Featured on today's menu...

If you don't shake the mango tree...



Prez 'Alice' opened by welcoming three new WNRotarians to the fold despite the fact that none were in attendance - Gary Mullen (proposed by Greg Brown), Bealinda Tidd (Tina Tidd) and Kristi Delozier (Earl Tilly). He also announced that longtime member and former president Sandy Ross had resigned from the club.

A request was made for suggestions from the membership for meeting programs. If you have ideas, don't hesitate to contact Program Committee members Kevin Dresker, Rob Tidd, or the short order cook himself, Steve Ellis.

Today's program was presented by Kent Boothman regarding the Rotary District 5060 Medical Equipment Project. The fact that Kent is a retired State Farm agent wasn't held against him, by the way. The project entails collecting donated medical equipment and shipping containers of it to West Africa. He and his wife lived in Guinea from 1989-93 and again from 2006-08, and has visited many times as a member of Rotary dental teams, so he has first hand knowledge of the deplorable condition of medical facilities in Africa. In Guinea, for instance, there are about 30 dentists per 10,000 people. Medical equipment of all kinds has been collected by Kelowna Rotary based on requests from Guinea medical personnel. The requests are for just about all types of medical equipment as well as ambulances, cars, desks, big screen televisions...all in keeping with the Guinea saying, "If you don't shake the mango tree, you don't get any mangos." Kent talked about working with Ellensburg dentist, Bill Hooper, in Guinea and the hundreds of people waiting for medical care all day long. In order to ship the container and deliver it to an outlying region of Guinea, the BC Equipment Opportunity, the organization overseeing the project, needs to raise \$20,000.

Any bets on who Bob Mitchell is rooting for to be crowned Apple Blossom queen?

Bob and Linda Mitchell have a vested interest in this year's Apple Blossom Festival Royalty selection since Top 10 candidate Christine Reed is their granddaughter - daughter of former WNRotarian Mike, and Lori, Reed. Claire Fryhover, granddaughter of former Wenatchee North president Lloyd Fryhover (1977-78), is also in the running.



- Please note - the editor of this somewhat ephemeral periodical is headed off for a much deserved vacation lounging on a beach in Mexico when not chasing two grandsons hither and yon (better scratch the lounging part). Anyway, the *North Poll* will be MIA next week. Adios! Hasta la tequilla. Special thanks to Bruce Law who will be taking notes in my absence.

- Tim Cetto shot an email this way after misreading a *North Poll* item last week, "Are you kidding me, General Chair for the Sports Awards???" My response was, "No kidding...you were Sports Awards chairman for 3 years (and a damned fine one, I might add)...a glutton for punishment, as usual. But, that was in your glorious past...Greg Brown is general chair this year and Chris Baker filled the spot last year. Time flies. Drop by good ole WNR before the snow melts." To which T.C. replied, "Well, that is what I get for a quick read, thought I was set up for this year :)" Ahh, such is life these days for our beloved Mr. Cetto.

- Greg Brown has been 'buzzing around' creating and launching a NCW Sports Awards page on Facebook.

- Greeters for next week are Shaunna Larson and Rob Tidd.

In February's District 5060 Rotary Roundup...

One more month until the brain-washing



WNR president-in-waiting Rob Tidd thinks he's ready for the Presidents-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), but is Rotary really ready for the 'guy caught in the headlights' shown to the left? The PNW PETS is the largest, and one of the oldest multi-district seminars for incoming Rotary presidents (and any other Rotarian who wants to attend). Attendees will congregate in Seattle, March 9-11, from Rotary districts in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, parts of Idaho and California, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and Russia east of the Ural Mountains. PETS is perhaps the most invaluable experience available to any Rotary president.

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