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Featured on today's menu...

Talkin' some Apple Sox as the snow fell



It's March 14th, for cryin' out loud, and snow flakes fluttered as Prez 'Alice', sporting a dab of mashed potatoes on his nose, got things rolling.

Gary Looney, president-elect of Sunrise Rotary, made a pitch for the Wenatchee Irish Dance ensemble who will be traveling to Ireland for the world Irish Dance

Competition. He offered potted shamrocks for sale at \$10 apiece in support of the group. Looney, who attended the recent PETS Conference representing Sunrise Rotary, and his wife who was also at the Conference as Downtown Rotary's president-elect, reported Rob Tidd sightings. The Looneys, by the way, will be the first husband and wife to serve simultaneously as Rotary presidents in Wenatchee history (and maybe ever in Rotary).



Finemaster Joe Gamboni explained a lack of preparation on the higher calling of "saving" a fellow worker by administering the Heimlich Maneuver this morning. Evidently, the unidentified female was choking, but Gamboni's big squeeze cleared her airway.

A 'spirited' auction was held by Jim Haglund for a bottle of Lake Chelan Winery St. Patrick's blend in a green bottle donated by John White. That Irishman wannabe, Phil Johnson, was high bidder.

Jim Corcoran, owner of the Apple Sox, gave an update on the team. He announced a widened fan base for the upcoming year - old seats at Paul Thomas Field are being replaced with new wider versions. The back stop is also being replaced and poles will be eliminated. Beer sales will again be cut off in the 7th inning this season following the customary stretch. The home opener is scheduled for June 5. And, as usual, the team promises to be very competitive in the West Coast Collegiate Baseball League.

Who Dat?

This week's mystery Rotarian is about to be 'debagged' for all to see.

He's 'floated like a butterfly' over lunch with Muhammed Ali, broken bread with Bill Belichick, as well as you, too. A onetime jock, this 'Unknown' dribbled on a high school state championship basketball squad and played junior college football as well as on teams in the armed forces. He also played some club lacrosse. Born in Roslyn, a graduate of Cle Elum High, he went on to Wenatchee Valley College and Foothills College before earning a degree in political science at San Jose State University. This WNRotarian served the country in the Navy as an Air Traffic Controlman 3rd Class. His 'day job' for many moons has



The 'Unknown' WNRotarian is second from the right.

been as a financial advisor and represents UBS Financial Services. He's resided in Okinawa Prefecture; Mountain View, Sunnyvale and San Jose in California; Roslyn and East Wenatchee. The best things in life according to him are wife Marilyn; children Alisa, Rosemary, Erica and Paul; and a gaggle of ten grandkids - Mikaila, Peyton, Jaxson, Quintin, Patrick, Kaillia, Maeghan, Caden, Alexandra and Charles. Among his interests are wood & stone carving, art, gardening, tennis and fishing. When its time to get out of Dodge, this 'Unknown' likes to visit "the old world" - Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Croatia. As for a truly unique experience, he claims growing up in Roslyn with four brothers and a sister as among the most unforgettable in his life. Who dat? **Zmasbs Hoir**



From our incoming 'Fearless Leader'

Having just spent last weekend in Seattle at the Pacific Northwest PETS, I am energized and ready to serve as your president for the 2012-13 term. I took copious notes on fun events, fund raising, foundation, membership, everything you could think of in Rotary from A to Z. I am in California until March 22 and will be back, finally, for our club meeting on March 28. Your humble servant, Rob Tidd

In March's Rotarian magazine...



RI General Secretary John Hewko addressing the UN last May.

Worldwide Rotary impact

Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee and General Secretary John Hewko attended World Economic Forum Events in Jordan and India at the end of last year. At the India Economic Summit, Hewko joined leaders from the U.S. and India in a panel discussion and talked about Rotary's role in addressing skill development through educational initiatives.

During the summit, an article written by Hewko describing Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio appeared in the *Hindu Business Line*. Hewko noted that if polio is eradicated within the next few years, the world's total investment in the effort - now more than \$8 billion (U.S.) - will yield benefits estimated at \$40-\$50 billion through 2035, according to a study published in the journal *Vaccine*.

- Randy Zielinski announced that we've sold 15 Rotary Park tiles. It also came to light that Z-man fittingly spent the last two weeks in Zillah.
- A price was paid for freedom of speech as Jeff Mertes expounded on "censorship" of his recent Safety Valve letter in the *World*.

- Joe Gluzinski was Jim Haglund's guest at the meeting.
- There will be a Board of Directors Meeting tomorrow, 12 noon, at Prospector Pies. All WNRotarians are invited to attend.
- Greeters for the next meeting are Bob Bullis and Greg Brown.

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