

## WENATCHEE NORTH ROTARY March 21, 2012

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## FOUNDED APRIL 1, 1969 Sports Awards Brownout



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• Time again to get the ball rolling for the 42nd NCW Sports Awards. Due to Steve Tidd's efforts as Speaker Chairman, Mac Bledsoe is already in place to be featured with son Drew, on the ballot for the NFL Hall of Fame, a 'maybe' to appear. Mac, who started for the UW football team and coached for many years, is a highly reknowned inspirational speaker and a guaranteed asset to the banquet.

• Here's another quote by a past R.I. president, Walter D. Head in 1940, regarding Rotary as World War II loomed (and true today, as well), "In a world where precious little love is being lost between nations, the movement to save the children is revealing man's best and perhaps truest side...Rotary will open its great heart and do as it has always done when facing emergency - rise with magnificent courage, grateful for another opportunity to exemplify its one fundamental principle, the service of one's fellow man."

• Greeters for the next meeting are Gary Mullen and Rich Adams.

### Featured on today's menu...

## Powerpoint Brownie does his thing



Prez 'Alice' mentioned that the subject of *ClubRunner* was discussed at the board of directors' meeting and asked who utilized the site. It was evident that virtually nobody uses it...yet, it costs us about \$420 per year.

Jim Haglund read the following communique from Yuma in response to a *Safety Valve* letter by Jeff Mertes that

appeared recently - "Negotiations between Dryden BlueBirds President Don Schoening and Peyton Manning broke down after the untimely *Safety Valve* letter by Jeff Mertes in the *Wenatchee World*. The letter created doubt about the availability of a proposed dome stadium in greater Dryden. Manning said, "I would rather have signed with the BlueBirds but unfortunately I needed a secure opportunity to play right away." This is definitely a setback for the BlueBirds but our board of directors remain optimistic about the future of the franchise in greater Dryden, reported Schoening from the team training camp in Yuma, Arizona."

Hall of Fame pitcher Satchel Paige once said, "Don't look back...something might be gaining on you." No doubt, Sports Awards General Chairman Greg Brown paid zero attention to that advice and instead revved up a Powerpoint presentation about the event's past and present. Since Brownie was at the very first banquet back on March 29, 1971 as a high school athlete, he was able to offer some first hand insight as well as a host of new thoughts about improving aspects of the process including the new NCW Sports Awards facebook page. To sum it all up, as Paige also said, "You win a few, you lose a few, some are rained out. But you got to dress for all of them."



Brownie looks back as Dave Doerr and 'Alice' Ellis pretend not to notice.



## Your BOARD at WORK

Present at the monthly WNR Board of Directors meeting on March 15 were Steve Ellis, Martin Barron, Randy Zielinski and Bruce Law.

A discussion ensued regarding poor attendance of certain members (ed. note - Did it include board members?). As a result, the decision was made to drop two from the roster - Bruce Grim and Mike Lamey. Scott Thompson requested a temporary leave of absence due to present work schedule while continuing to pay dues.

Treasurer Barron reported a current balance of \$24,481.

In a discussion regarding the Sports Awards, Zielinski acknowledged that he will again be serving as ad chairman.

The value of *ClubRunner* was weighed against its sizable \$419.40 annual cost due for payment by May 1 and will be brought up before the general membership.

## Who Dat?

Out of the brown paper bag, this 'Unknown Rotarian' is hard to miss.

This 'Unknown' claims he's led "a very normal and dull life." If so, then we all should have our heads examined. Born in the Crescent City (aka New Orleans), he completed his prep education at the Hun School in Princeton, New Jersey. And now it gets interesting because this bagged man enlisted in the Marine Corps and found himself slogging through rice paddies and such in Vietnam as a sergeant. Back in the home country in one piece physically, he graduated from the University of Colorado with a b.s. (of course) in psychology and then earned a doctor of psychology degree from the University of Denver. Obviously a mile high, he went into the U.S. Army as a captain and returned to Vietnam - twice to 'Nam in two different branches of service. Crazy. He's lived in Redwood City and L.A. in California, Chicago, Denver, New York City, Savannah (GA) and, oh yeah, southeast Asia. He and wife Kitty have two sons, Abe and Adam, as well as a 'grandcat' named Scooter who resides at the Mertes (to be expected with a wife named Kitty, for cryin' out loud). His favorite pastime is "Disturbing the status quo" as the so-called "Pied Piper of Prozac." For relaxation, he favors Lake Chelan. Not surprisingly, this 'Unknown' once had to be rescued after becoming lost in the woods. Who dat? *Doobwin Mi!*



## Shirts & Skins entry deadline is this Friday

Procrastinators be advised, the deadline for submitting Shirts & Skins entries is Friday, March 23. So, mark those ones and twos now. With WNR Trivia ahead, entry into this WNRotary College Scholarship mini-fundraiser is highly recommended. You, or a 'friend' who enters, might even get some dough back, too!

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