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- WNR's birthing room was at the Fox 'N Hounds Restaurant 43 years ago on Tuesday, April 1, 1969 with president Clay Johnson presiding and 24 charter members.
- Joey 'The Geek' Gaspers was subject to some whittling on his

knee last Friday in Seattle and should be up and hobbling on the links in no time.

- Kevin Dresker, captaining WNR's efforts at the All Service Club Luncheon scheduled for May 2, has tickets for the event at \$20 each. Former Navy SEAL Jeff Bramstedt will be the keynote speaker.



Pair paces Shirts & Skins into the Final Four

A knot at the top of the Shirts & Skins with 64 pts. features another "Diaper Dandy", Luca Garcia, and Kas Law. Luca is Jeff Mertes' 9-month old grandson who entered the exact sequence of numbers that won for his "big brudder" Teo a year ago. Kas is Bruce Law's better half. Others near the top after quarterfinal games are Cinderella Boy (Scott Paine) with 58 pts., Kyle Peterson with 55, Marsha Osborn with 54, Brownie (Greg Brown) and Fred Van Sickle tied with 53, and Stuart McDougall with 52. If all pay, Shirts & Skins will gross \$855 this year (including Trivia).



It's no tall order to figure out who's in the sack this week.

You might say, this 'Unknown' WNRotarian came into the world bottom-up. It seems, he was supposed to have been born in a hospital about thirty miles away, but instead made an impromptu debut in a rural doctor's office. After delivery, the momma and new bundle of joy were transported home in the town hearse, much to the shock of his awaiting dad and big sister who initially thought something had gone terribly wrong. Such was life in Fairfield, Washington in those days. After some educating at Grand Coulee High, this unknown eventually graduated from Sprague High School and proudly claims ranking in the "Top 10" of his class (ed. note: but there were only about nine graduates!). He went on to Eastern Washington University and earned a degree in Recreation and Park Administration. Lots of little burgers were called "home" by this guy including Ellensburg, Hooper, Warden, Coulee Dam and Cheney, among others. Despite a couple of 'marital punts,' he raised two sons, Patrick and Nick, and now has a 19 month-old grandson, Alex. At least for the time being, this unknown still owns the trophy and awards business that he founded in 1977 (Patrick will soon fully be taking the reins). Now finding time to get away more and more with Cindy, he likes to frequent the island of Palau in the south Pacific and the island of Bonaire off the coast of Venezuela where scuba diving is magnificent. Also among favorite activities are traveling, golf, watching Fox News and South Park, and, or so he claims, "attending sporting events with Mert." *Who dat?* **Clayton Mij**

Featured on today's menu...

Everybody's 'bullis'h about WHS girls track



Stand-in hash slinger in waiting, Rob Tidd, manned the grill. Evidently hither and yon of late, he missed getting his Shirts & Skins entry completed...and wasn't around to explain how it worked to Bealinda, so she didn't get her form filled out, either. Ron Kemp, mega RINO Drawing winner at the Christmas Party, and Earl Tilly who has

been who knows where, also didn't do their 'ones and twos'. Because any good Wenatchee North Rotarian would want to support the college scholarship fund, all four were given the opportunity to participate by answering trivia questions about WNR's beginning...and each subsequently donated to the cause.

Tilly talked about the international impact of the Rotary Foundation and achieving a Paul Harris \$1,000 membership through annual donations of \$100 or more as a Paul Harris sustaining member. He mentioned that through grants, Rotary funds can also be returned for local projects.. Tidd commented that there was a discussion at the recent PETS Conference regarding a stipulation that in order to qualify for a Rotary grant, a club must reach a certain level of contributions to the Foundation. He and Daryl Miller will be attending a seminar about Rotary grants in April to get the skinny on how it all works.

The program was presented by Bob Bullis, WHS track coach, and featured Panther athletes Audrey Ketcham and Nicole Dorsey. Ketcham, two-time defending state 4A high jump champion, will be attending WSU, and state meet veteran Dorsey, probably bound for Idaho, will lead a title contending team this year.



"Rotary is unity without uniformity"

Unity without uniformity, according to Wenatchee's own Dr. Ed Cadman, *Rotary International president 1985-86*, was a unique aspect of the organization. It didn't come to be without a lot of angst, however.

Edgar "Daddy" Allen, a Rotarian in Elyria, Ohio, spearheaded a campaign for Rotary's primary focus to become disabled and handicapped children in 1919. Through his personal efforts - raising money and traveling the nation speaking to clubs - virtually every Rotary club in the U.S. developed a "crippled children committee" to help youngsters who suffered from injuries, birth defects, blindness, or crippling diseases. As a result of Allen's and Rotary's early efforts, a new organization evolved that is now known as the Easter Seals Society. Ultimately at the 1922 Rotary International Convention, "Daddy" Allen's proposed mandate to make helping crippled children Rotary's single activity throughout the world was voted down. Instead, a policy was adopted that every Rotary club would be fully autonomous to select programs and service activities that best fit their club and community. The concept of a unified Rotary international project in which all clubs participated didn't materialize until the 1960s.



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