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• Bryan Campbell just returned from Coronado, CA after attending ceremonies in which son Blake earned his 'flippers' as a Navy Seal.

• In case you were wondering about membership numbers, the club roster now shows 39 including two with undetermined statuses and one with a paid, excused absence. If accurate, WNR is eleven (or more) Rotarians short of President Ellis's goal of half a hundred.

• Here's another quote by a Rotary International president that helps to define the meaning of Rotary. This one was by Frank L. Mulholland, 1914-15: "Rotary is Fellowship. Real Fellowship is frank, spontaneous, full of warmth, and if you want to gauge

its depth you will find that it is the difference between 'Mister' and 'Bill' - 'Reverend' and 'Jack'."



• Prez 'Alice' pointed out that Dolly Parton and her Dolly Foundation is working with the Rotary Club of Whitehorse-Rendezvous to provide books for the Yukon Literacy Coalition.

• Shirts & Skins forms were distributed. To date, Shirts & Skins combined with the RINO Bowl in the fall have generated \$61,888 with \$40,680 net for WNR college scholarships.

• Greeters for the next meeting are Randy Zielinski and Gary Mullen.

In March's Rotarian magazine...

WNR has a direct link to malaria eradication



You may have missed a small item featured in the IN BRIEF section that a child's risk of getting severe malaria is reduced by 47 percent after receiving three doses of an experimental vaccine developed by GlaxoSmithKline. Wenatchee North's link to this encouraging news is through Kelsey Mertes, senior communications associate for PATH-Malaria Vaccine Initiative and daughter of 'you know who'.

PATH-MVI, based in Washington, D.C., is a global program of the international nonprofit organization PATH. MVI was established in 1999 through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The encouraging results were compiled after tracking 6,000 sub-Saharan African children in seven countries for 12 months and were made public for the first time last October. Although the Gates Foundation, and the Rotary Foundation, are funding sources, the malaria eradication effort is coordinated and implemented by MVI with a mission to accelerate the development of vaccines and to ensure their availability and accessibility in the developing world. The goal is to have an effective vaccine, with at least 80 percent efficacy against clinical malaria in children through age five and in pregnant women, by 2025.

Malaria kills approximately 780,000 people each year with 85 percent being children under five. It accounts for about 20 percent of all child deaths in Africa - one every 45 seconds. Kelsey has made three trips to Africa in conjunction with the malaria vaccine program to Kenya, Tanzania and Ghana, and is scheduled for a fourth this fall.

"The parasite has been killing children and sapping the strength of whole populations for tens of thousands of years," Gates said at the 2011 Malaria Forum. "Now we can chart a course to end it."

Featured on today's menu...

High on joy rides to the top of the world



A throng of WNRotarians and guests turned out for a 'Blue Plate Special' presentation by internationally known mountain climber and guide Garrett Madison. Madison personally described the journey to scale Mount Everest (29,029 feet) followed immediately by the ascent of Mount Lhotse (27,940 feet), the fourth highest in the World - the first time the feat of scaling two 8000 meter peaks had ever been accomplished back-to-back in a 24-hour period. Accompanying slides and videos of the excursion were incredible, to say the least. In all, he's climbed Everest four times as the expedition guide and has more than 175 ascents of major peaks around the world including 140 of Mount Rainier. Should you have a hankering to climb Everest, be prepared to fork over the base price of \$65,000.



Who Dat?

With little to hide except his mug, here's a WNRotarian out of the bag.

A defining moment for this 'Unknown' came at a tender age when buddies noticed he threw a ball "like a girl." A spirit of discovery came to light when he and two friends pedaled their bikes to "town" one Fathers Day which happened to have been 36 miles away. No one had asked "which town." And since the excursion took them

from Ellensburg to the town of Yakima, a specific destination that hadn't been revealed, this WNRotarian evidently developed an appreciation for full disclosure. Born in Mt. Vernon, he graduated from Wenatchee High and attended Wenatchee Valley College. He likes to hunt, fish and RV (camp), but has never been known to whip up anything very palatable away from a barbecue. Favorite vacation spots are Maui and the Washington coast. This 'Unknown' is married to Jan with two children, Seth and Kasey. He's vice president and manager of Pioneer Title Company. Who dat? **Zilla 'Alice'**

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