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Your BOARD hardly WORKING

Results of the board-of-directors meeting on May 17 were surprising, to say the least. In my capacity as purveyor of tidings presented in the *North Poll*, I've made it a policy to attend board-of-directors meetings regularly as an observer. This one was most remarkable.

With Assistant District Governor Richard Riggs in attendance, the board responded to the amount of progress being made on club goals that had been reported to, as well as suggested by, District 5060 at the beginning of the Rotary year. Indeed, accountability.

Riggs pointed out WNR's pledge to the Rotary Foundation was lagging and suggested that \$2,000 be allocated immediately. The proposal received unanimous approval.

Shortly thereafter, approximately half the club treasury (thirteen grand) was committed to the newly formed District 5060 project of providing toiletries for impoverished "First Nations Peoples" residing in the Maritimes. The commitment passed by a one vote margin.

After a presentation by a marketing company out of Osoyoos, BC, the board approved the purchase of \$1,000 worth of closeout computer mouse pads imprinted with Wenatchee North and District 5060 logos to be given to prospective members.

Actually, the meeting with the Assistant D.G. sitting-in was somewhat embarrassing because the quorum standard of attending board members wasn't met with just president 'Alice' and two others (Bruce Law and Greg Brown) on hand. The description as portrayed above, however, illustrates what might conceivably happen when missing votes on club issues aren't cast (Remember the decision to remove a second signature from checks?). Granted, we had a pleasant conversation regarding Rotary business, the Sports Awards, and progress made during the past year toward meeting goals encouraged by District 5060. Certainly, some of the absentees had valid excuses. Some may even contend that the absences were the result of a 'perfect storm' of circumstances on May 17. The bottom line, though, is that it was a waste of time for those who squeezed it into their schedules - we all could have been flossing our woofies, instead. There, I've said my piece. The gout in my knee is improving thanks to steroids and my mood should get better after the 42nd Sports Awards is in the can.



Beneath the sack lurks an Unknown akin to Clark Kent, Superman's alter ego.

Believe it or not, this Unknown almost sang in the same Presbyterian Church choir as Jeff Mertes...yes, they were both in the group, but Mertes was only allowed to lip-sync while this guy warbled like a songbird. He also sat next to Mert in a high school math class (ed. note: *Why the heck didn't he share his answers?*). Born in Wenatchee, this egghead (meant as a term of endearment, by the way) went on to the University of Puget Sound and the University of Washington for undergraduate studies in biology and psychology before entering the Uduh School of Dentistry. Married to Nancy, they've spawned three children - Kevin, Brian and Lisa. The Unknown in question has been tethered to the state of Washington and resided in Tacoma and Seattle as well as the Apple Capital, of course. His favorite vacation spots are Hawaii and Lake Chelan. It hasn't escaped notice, either, that this guy is known to have a supernaturally lucky propensity for winning drawings associated with WNRotary.

Who Dat? **SHUT UP!**

Featured on today's menu...

Batting around Sports Awards & tennis



This week's 'hash house momma' was Rob Tidd, who donned an apron after making it back from the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok and before heading up to the District 5060 Conference in Penticton. As expected, Greg Brown and Randy Zielinski had a few words of wisdom regarding progress on the Sports

Awards - we've hurdled the 20 GRAND barrier earlier than ever before. Jeff Mertes cautioned not to get overly confident, we still have a long ways to go to even reach last year's total which was \$4,000 beneath our all-time high sales figure in 2007. A group of **10 GRAND DADDIES & TINA, TOO** has distinguished itself with sales of \$1,000 or more so far led by Bryan Campbell's 14 ads for \$2,675. A schedule of things to get done was also distributed.

The program featured Randy Z's brother, Ron Zielinski, reknown tennis coach of WHS's state 4A bound contingent. Lucas Tilly, undefeated member of the #1 doubles team, was in attendance to do his grandpa, Earl, proud. After an impressive sophomore campaign as both a singles and doubles player, Lucas, along with partner Nick Mandelis, strives to improve on his tandem's 8th place finish at state a year ago.



- Of interest in this month's *The Rotarian*, the U.S. high school graduation rate for 2007 was just 68.8%... but has it improved or worsened? This leads us to an observation by RI President Angus S. Mitchell, "Our boys and girls have greater freedom, exercise greater power, and have more opportunities for both good and evil, than ever before. Even if we fail them, youth will not be neglected, for

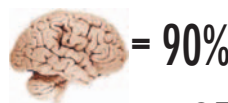
they are the object of universal attention from all the conflicting ideologies and opinions in the world...How important it is, therefore, that youth's great possibilities for good be realized and developed!" in 1948.

- Martin & Tina Barron just returned from travels to NYC and D.C. where Martin gave the newly minted grandson a first exposure to his Zimbabwian roots.
- Greeters for the next meeting are Bob Mitchell and Gordi Northrup.

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