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Featured on today's menu...

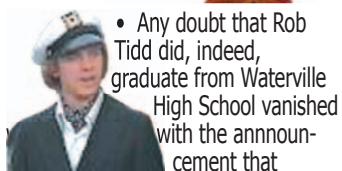
Free doughnuts for Wenatchee Police Reserves



'Alice' opened the meeting up by thanking Rob Tidd for doing greasy grill duty last week while the president was cooking on vacation. Niceties aside, the chef announced that WNR had, indeed, fallen behind in fulfilling a pledge to the Rotary Foundation, and would be dealing with the shortfall. In lieu of absent Sports Awards general chairman Greg Brown and ad chairman Randy Zielinski, Jeff Mertes was called on to give a re-hash of revenue production. For a change, he praised the ad sales effort which can still reach record heights, especially the producers of a thousand dollars or more in sales. Because *Sports Awards Illustrated* will be dummied on Saturday, all remaining ad sizes must be turned in by Friday, June 1 at 4 p.m. Ads or ad elements need to be emailed or delivered no later than June 5.

The program concerned the Wenatchee Police Reserves with Sergeant Ken Britt in charge. Ken mentioned that his wife had been a Rotary exchange student in Argentina and also received a Rotary post-graduate scholarship to study in Guatemala. She's now a bilingual teacher. Before Wenatchee, Ken was in NCIS while in the Navy and now specializes in polygraph testing. The Police Reserves offers a valuable outlet for community service. However, it requires a pretty hefty commitment in training to "do a free service" - physical test, written exam, oral interview, then, if accepted, attending 280 hours of class at a local police reserve academy followed by passing a final exam along with monthly followup training sessions. WNR's own Bryan Campbell is a badge carrying, pistol packin' Wenatchee Reserve, by the way.

Greeters for the next meeting are Dave Parsons and Shaunna Larson...if both of those MIAs show up, everybody is obligated to buy at least 5 bucks worth of drawing tickets!



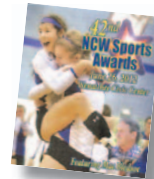
Any doubt that Rob Tidd did, indeed, graduate from Waterville High School vanished with the announcement that Bealinda and he had joined the Lake Chelan Yacht Club, but don't own a boat. He looks mighty natty, though, in blue blazer, white trousers and captain's hat - quite like Danny Noonan at Judge Smails' party.

Just as the Van Sickles return from fjord hopping in Norway, Joe 'The Geek' Gaspers and Ann are embarking to Copenhagen, then Sweden and cruising to St. Petersburg, Russia with uncle Bud and auntie Karin. Rumors are that Jeff and Kathy Mertes will also be Scandinavia bound this summer to, among other things, meet up with a college roommate and

his wife in the mountains near Ål, halfway between Bergen and Oslo, for a stay at their alpine retreat (a.k.a. rustic cabin) before traveling with them to Oslo. Thanks to Skype and the internet, they've communicated, but haven't been in physical proximity since 1972 when his student-visa expired. So, the fact that shaggy locks have been replaced by a shiny dome won't be a total shock. Another reason for the trip is for Jeff to experience family roots implanted in Stranda, Norway which is about 200 miles north of Bergen, and become acquainted with a recently located second cousin, Jan Langlo. After Oslo, it will be on to Trier, the oldest city in Germany, and a stay in the village of Mertesdorf eight miles away. This Ruwer River Valley area was the breeding ground for the Mertes branch of the family. And finally, to satisfy Kathy, the trip will end in Paris.

Sports Awards final at bats

As each of us steps into the batter's box for the last time, keep in mind Yogi Berra's words of wisdom, "It's never over 'til it's over." In essence, we've sent the game into extra innings...until Friday at 4 p.m. before turning out the lights and declaring the party's over. So, where are we, Joe Dimaggio? Well, we're not quite home, lacking 1,486 of breaking the all-time high of \$28,375 in 2007. With cleanup hitters coming to bat and 60% retention of remaining ads from last year, fruit marketers logo co-op page, yadda-yadda, extra efforts can still send us into the recordbook over 30 grand. So, get ad sizes in by Friday, June 1 at 4 p.m., and make sure ads or ad elements are emailed or delivered no later than June 5.



SPORTS AWARDS FINALIST SELECTION

MEETING IS TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 6:30 p.m.
at Jim Haglund's - 942 Briarwood, E. Wenatchee



All righty, now...the fun begins when this Unknown's bag comes off.

You never really know what's brewing in someone's gene pool. This Unknown Rotarian is a case in point with an uncle considered to be perhaps the best athlete in the history of Wenatchee High School. The unc, Larry Richardson, was so good, he starred in four sports - dominated in two, baseball and track, during the same season...at times on the same day running and winning sprint events in his baseball uniform. Growth came too late for this Unknown to fully take advantage of his potential, though. But, play golf with this guy, and marvel at how he hits the ball and pulls off 'lucky' pinpoint accurate shots time after time with golf clubs manufactured in the 1970s, and you can't help but notice a fair amount of Larry's coordination packed inside. Born right here in the Apple Capital, he's a graduate of the University of Washington in business administration followed by a degree from the Pacific Coast Banking School. Married to Jody, he has two children - Sharna and Blake - by a previous marriage, and one granddaughter. Known for an inclination to squeeze a buck, he now helps businesses find financing solutions so they'll have some to squeeze as well. Along with that, he's taken to baby smooching, serving in the realm of politics on the Wenatchee city council. Among favorite pasttimes are various forms of recreation and travel with Maui being a most enjoyed destination. A former volunteer fireman, this Unknown put that experience to good use last fall by using a garden hose to douse a house fire.

Who Dat? Bryan Campbell

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