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- Two of WN's Travelling Willberries, Fred Van Sickle and Joe Gaspers returned to the fold. Van Sickle is back from a trip to Scandinavia to visit Jane's relatives in Sweden and a voyage on a freight-hauling super ferry in and out of fjords up the west coast of Norway to the land of midnight sun. Gaspers stayed slightly south, landing in Copenhagen before cruising to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany and St. Petersburg, Russia (not necessarily in that order). He said Russian food was slimy, but the shot of vodka served before eating made it slide down the hatch easier. Neither traveler ate lutefisk.

- Don't forget to save two very important dates - **Tuesday, June 26** for the Sports Awards banquet and **Friday, June 29** for the Installation at the Cetto mansion. Rob Tidd boldly made his first presidential promise that Tim Cetto will actually be present. Barbequed hamburgers and brats, presumably grilled by Alice, will be served. Cost is \$10 single, \$15 per couple. Bring your own libations.
- Three June anniversaries were recognized - newlywed Bruce Law number 35, Fred Van Sickle a 40th, and Roy Miller a 44th which he forgot and went fishing instead. Ouch.

Featured on today's menu...

Alice had meatloaf served for dessert



The gathering for Alice's final meeting, the last on his menu as commander-in-chief of WNRotary, was fed meatloaf. Rob Tidd, who proclaimed to everyone at his table who would listen to him talking with mouth full, "I like meatloaf." Nummy.

Tidd, our in-coming chief, gave a pitch for the Chelan Rotary Salmon Barbeque set for August 18 in Riverfront Park and encouraged members of our club to make an effort to support their fundraiser since they bought ten Sports Awards tickets from him. He handed out promo posters to be displayed in businesses owned by Wenatchee North members.

Sports Awards was on the agenda, of course. Ticket sales need to be ramped up to cover comps that go to athletes. Tina Tidd asked that money and ticket stubs be turned in to her ASAP. Sports Awards general chairman Greg Brown asked for volunteers to make radio station visitations which was met with dead silence until Rob belatedly volunteered. Brown described efforts to contact finalists and how much it had changed over the years. He also mentioned a "slide show" of photos featuring finalists will be shown at the banquet (note: something that used to be done in the early 1980s).

Your BOARD at WORK



WNR's Board of Directors meeting convened on Tuesday, June 19 with Steve Ellis, Rob Tidd, Bruce Law, Martin Barron, Randy Zielinski and Greg Brown, who wandered in late and left early, attending as well as Jeff Mertes observing. Treasurer Barron reported a balance of \$30,908 including \$5,820 collected so far for Sports Awards advertising and \$2,750 collected in ticket sales.

A discussion ensued about Sports Awards ticket sales to other Rotary clubs with Tidd reporting that some have been very supportive including Chelan, Cashmere and Wenatchee Downtown, but others including Leavenworth, Omak, Ephrata and Wenatchee Sunrise, completely non-responsive. All in all, he thought ticket sales were doing quite well. Brown mentioned that a lot of comp tickets were necessary because he has requests for several teams to attend. Brown is progressing on making contact with finalists, but, as usual, is having difficulties getting in touch with college athletes.

Further discussion about various aspects of final Sports Awards preparations followed. Zielinski will man the Olive Garden drawing with another helper. Rob Tidd will check with speaker chairman Steve Tidd regarding compensation for Mac Bledsoe - at the very least, WNR will pick-up lodging expenses. Mertes mentioned Jim Haglund had told him that Clayton Holmes and two former Dallas Cowboy teammates may likely have a display in the lobby before the banquet. Barron mentioned not to forget to have someone pick-up the programs at the printer to avoid the mad scramble that occurred three years ago when Mertes wasn't available.

Plans were made for the Installation at the Cetto mansion on Friday, June 29. Barbequed hamburgers and brats would be on the menu according to 'Alice'. Bring your own vino or suds. A special effort needs to be made for everyone to attend since social events have been scarce during the last year. Also, this will essentially be the meeting for the week since no regular confab will be held on June 27.

Ellis adjourned his final Board meeting after one and a half terms as president.

Who Dat?

The bag hides a dome with less fuzz on it than a tennis ball.

It's prudent to think twice about vacationing with this Unknown Rotarian since the last time visiting Zihuatenehu, there was a drug slaying outside the condo and an earthquake rocked the area. Still, Zihuatenehu is among this guy's favorite holiday hangouts along with Maui and Australia. A native of the Apple Capital, he graduated from Western Washington University with a bachelor's degree in political science. His head crammed with political and other stuff learned in Bellingham, this Unknown returned to Wenatchee to take up the family trade - construction. Eventually he flew from family ties to establish his own building and development company. Married to Lisa, who once bid a grand on a pound puppy, they have one stepson. This guy has been known to whack a tennis ball, flail at a golf ball, hike, boat and camp when not toiling in the bowels of a dam or on some other form of erection.

Who Dat? **Andy Zielinski**

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