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Phil Johnson donned a white hat and let Kevin Dresker do most of the 'dirty work'.

Philly's redux was ridden hard and put away wet

Sitting in for absent Prez Alice, Phil Johnson climbed into the saddle to head-up the meeting. Ivan Christensen commented that it reminded him of when he first joined Rotary twenty-eight years ago. Phil took exception...*it was only twenty-six years ago.*

Kevin Dresker kept a line-up of three candidates for City Council Position 7 facing the music as they fielded questions about *you know what*, of course.

Carolyn Case: Running for her third term. Said she listens to people, but at times, legal issues cloud decision making options. As for imposing a .2% sales tax to pay Town Toyota Center debt, she said it should be put on a ballot. Gambling revenue isn't a good option according to her. Other than the TTC, she believes gang activity

is the most important issue.

Bryan Campbell: Said he believes in gaining public trust and transparency in decision making based on what the public wants. Voting on a tax is important because there needs to be a public buy-in rather than having it crammed down throats. LINK's .4% tax revenue needs to be re-evaluated with perhaps .2% going to pay off TTC debt. He believes all revenue sources should be explored. Bryan indicated that crime was the city's second most pressing problem... and traffic congestion was another.

Drew Zabrocki: Cautioned that there are issues involved in city decision making that aren't known to the public. Before all the facts are known, it isn't possible to make an informed decision. Once known, he intends to weigh the facts and consequences. Before taxing, Drew advocates exploring all possible ways to generate revenue. If tax is considered, it needs to be approved by regional voters. Gambling should be a consideration, as should subsequent demands on law enforcement and whether it fits with the area's morality.

The newsworthy nature of the program attracted Steve Hare, news director at KPQ radio.

Sports Awards replay...



• A round of applause should resonate for Jim Haglund, who emceed the banquet not only in dapper fashion, but with humor and aplomb for the seventh time. He's now sandwiched between a pair of doctors in emcee appearances - Don Schoening, PhD, has done it thirteen times and Ed Cadman, M.D., was a five timer. Neither

of them had Haglund's fashion sense, however.

• Another veteran, former WNR member Matt Kearny, "The Golden Voice of the Sports Awards," announced finalists for the 26th year despite being scheduled for cataract surgery the next day.



President Ellis' official Installation Potluck is July 28 at Rotary Park

Mayor candidates to climb upon soap boxes next week

Dealing with the aftermath and legacy of the Town Toyota Center will certainly be a topic of discussion as mayor candidates state their cases at the WNR meeting next week. And knowing Wenatchee North Rotary, no icing will be allowed.

Whitey claims life is a beach this summer

It seems, everywhere you turn these days, there's John White's mug staring back at you as if he'd 'bought the Farm,' so to speak. The 'state' of the current economy not withstanding, Wenatchee North Rotary's second longest standing member loves to dig in the sand and fill his bucket to overflowing. Of course, he slathers on sunscreen because, as he pontificates, "You can never have enough protection."



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