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Scholarship foursome all hit grand slams



Stand-in server Chris Baker once again poured from the pot with 'Mahatma' Tidd still at work in Southern California. Jeff Mertes kicked-off the RINO Bowl with some pre-season trivia ably aided by WNRotary scholarship recipient Crash Ketcham. The questions concerned Rotary's "Gang of Four" that were featured in last week's issue of the Poll. Crash selected three participants - Jim Mills couldn't identify Rotary's first president (Silvestre Schiele), Ivan Christiansen correctly identified the guy who lasted only three meetings (Gus Loehr) and Bealinda Tidd missed the original member who dropped out after 18 months (Hiram Shorey). Crash 'gleefully' commanded that \$3 be "coughed up" by those who weren't correct.

Scholarship chairman Greg Brown introduced four impressive recipients of WNRotary scholarships - Brooke Hagopian, Liv Colson, Kevin Celuska and the aforementioned Crash. All were extremely articulate and accomplished - Brooke will be in the honors program at Western Washington and study international relations, Spanish, history and Arabic with the goal of becoming a diplomat; Liv will attend Seton Hall University and also major in international relations along with Spanish and Arabic and was a Rotary exchange student in Argentina; Kevin will be in premed at Washington and probably become an anesthesiologist after returning from being a Rotary exchange student in Belgium; and Crash, who wants to dance through life, will be a Rotary exchange student in Austria before enrolling at a southern California college (sort of narrowed down to one or two) to study marine biology. Anyone not in attendance at the meeting missed out on the chance to not only be impressed, but also inspired by what our fundraising supports.

TIDDBITS



- Rufus Woods did a nice 10-minute interview with Don Elliston President's Award recipient Roger Barnhart that appeared as a video on *The Wenatchee World* website - www.WenatcheeWorld.com. He referred to the Sports Awards as, "The showcase event for the area." Rufus also described *Sports Awards Illustrated* as a "glossy book that's out of this world" and a chronicle of local sports history. Barnhart said the banquet is "a tremendous endeavor."

- Bob Mitchell emailed regarding Earl

Tilly's *Who Dat?* that appeared last week, "I remember his noon KPQ radio ad for Tilly Equipment - Earl the Toiler. Even my injured brain can't forget it." And who says consistent advertising isn't effective? Although I can't attest to how many tractors Mitchell bought from Tilly, I'll bet you Mitch voted for 'the Toiler' a time or two.

- John White announced his 48th anniversary with State Farm and donated \$50, and Greg Brown confessed to 24 with the same 'good neighbor' company while forking over a lot less.

Who Dat?



Even with the sack on, not the 'Mad Hatter', but this Unknown may be the 'Mad Adder'.

Quite a few years ago, this Unknown Rotarian was asked by his young son, "What's worse, you just bought the farm...or you're toast, pal?" As a graduate of Waterville High School, this dad's answer should have been obvious. Born in Lander, Wyoming, he went from being a Shocker with an "odd", but very effective, running gait to a Fighting Missionary at Whitman College to study psychology before heading up the road to the Palouse for a sheepskin in accounting. This guy claims he's been working on a post-graduate degree in marriage for the last twenty years at Tina U while passing four child rearing classes - Renee, Connor, Tawnee and Logan. Stops along the way have included Waterville, Walla Walla, Pullman, Omak and Wenatchee. This Unknown's favorite pastime is running and he's been known to compete in, and win, some rather grueling competitions. When vacationing, he gives the nod to Lake Pend Oreille, Idaho as the number one spot to do it.

Who Dat? **DDP Everts**

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54th issue of the North Poll during the Alice's Restaurant - Mahatma's Teaparty regimes sends editor to pasture



A horse is a horse, of course, of course.

With 'Alice' locking the restaurant's door and a slight slopover into Tidd Teaparty pouring, so ends my second tour of duty as the editor of the *Wenatchee North Poll* with this the 54th issue to go along with at least 108 previously spanning way too many years. Without a doubt, 162+ issues is enough to send anyone to pasture with sore fingertips if not worn hooves. Hopefully, those of you who read realized at least some sense of enjoyment at times, and perhaps stumbled across something about Rotary, or a fellow Rotarian, that you hadn't known or may have forgotten (sometimes referred to as 'old timer's' disease).

As Bealinda Tidd gets ready to ably fill my horse shoes, she'll no doubt contribute a new style and sensibility to providing communications to club members. Admittedly, I've had fun as the recorder of activities by patrons at Alice's hash house. Hopefully, no one has been overly offended when ketchup stains on a shirt or soup dribbling down a chin were pointed out. Truly being a part of a cohesive Rotary club (or any group) has a lot to do with familiarity as far as I'm concerned.

The vital function of consistently recording and reporting WNRotary activities rests with the assumption of the responsibility of editorship. The *Poll* is an important tool for imparting information to the membership in general, and especially to new members. It also serves to publicize activities and accomplishments, and provides basic Rotary knowledge. The trick has always been for members to want to read it, and for feedback to the editor to give some assurance that efforts to produce it haven't been a waste of time. The response has been incredible - thanks to all who took the time to email comments and/or provide words of encouragement.

Who knows, from time to time, a 'tiddbit' by Jeff Mertes may well appear in the *Poll*. Until that should happen...

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