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The Great Gamboni makes an offer you shouldn't refuse



Chairman Joe "The Great" Gamboni revealed the nuts and bolts of the **Super-Duper Bring 'em Home to meet Momma Membership Drive**.

By August 17, each current member will write a \$100 check to Wenatchee North Rotary and give it to treasurer Martin Barron. He will hold the check, without depositing it, until December 29, 2011.

The check will be returned to the signer when that person brings a prospective member to a Wenatchee North Rotary meeting prior to December 29.

As a part of the invitation, the prospective member must be given a WNR membership brochure that contains a coupon for a "free lunch." The current member who extended the invitation must sign the coupon and have it returned to the cashier's table in order to receive credit and have the check returned.

Please notify Gamboni or President Ellis at least one day prior to the visitation so a membership committee representative can sit at the same table.

All checks that haven't been reclaimed as described by December 29 shall be considered donations to Wenatchee North Rotary and deposited as such.

The goal is to increase membership to fifty...*not to collect \$100 donations*. One hundred percent participation is expected.

Please give the check to Barron at a meeting by August 17; mail it to Wenatchee North Rotary, PO Box 2722; or have it ready when a membership committee representative calls.

Prospective membership brochures will be available in August.

Club Assembly... Stemming the tide of membership ebb



The Blue Plate Special on chef Alice's menu for the upcoming two-thirds of his one and a half term reign will deal with building membership. As part of that emphasis, the club assembly on July 27 addressed member recruitment.

Prez Ellis has set a goal of reaching the fifty member plateau and has charged **Joe Gamboni** with the task of getting it done.

A discussion ensued regarding various aspects of membership and recruitment. **Gordi Northrup**: We need to find out why current members aren't as active as in the past - he suspects that the elimination of attendance requirements formerly a part of Rotary has had a negative impact. **Dave Doerr**: New members need to be welcomed and encouraged to participate - he doesn't feel that the club has been doing a good job in recent years. **Jim Haglund**: Emphasized that established Rotary procedures of selectively inviting prospective members to a meeting as visitors should be the first step followed by a posting (notice) to the general membership to see if there are any objections and, if not, then approval by the board before extending an invitation to join. **Jeff Mertes**: Our younger members, like Shaunna (Larson) and Audrey (Bessonette), should have input into the process since they represent an important target age group - they're the future, and with more than half of the current roster being former presidents, what was once a young club is ever aging. Mertes would like to see action taken immediately - there has already been more than enough discussion in recent years and the need is obvious.

Ellis said that **Earl Tilly** had proposed targeting WVC faculty and staff and had submitted a rough draft of a letter which was read. The club approved a membership recruitment plan based on Phil Johnson's "Philly Roundup" that has been the most successful in WNR history. Gamboni affirmed he's ready to get started, a membership brochure is almost complete, and the kickoff will begin in the next few weeks.

Installation celebration

Highlighted by a gaggle of kids and grandkids, Kevin Dresker's and Joe Gaspers' prowess at barbecuing tube steak and ground cow flesh, and Martin Barron's disk golf course record setting score with a paper plate, Steve Ellis more or less installed himself as Wenatchee North's 43rd president.

The weather was ideal and Rotary Park was a shining example of contributions WNR has made to the community.

Audrey Bessonette and Shaunna Larson directed the event in tandem.

Brownie sends Marco to the showers best

Marco Azurdia was sent packing in fine style with a golf outing at the Highlander as organized by Randy Zielinski.

Azurdia, on a sort of 'Niblick Death March' having played 18 holes at Wenatchee Golf & Country Club two days



prior, 18 at Leavenworth the day before, 18 in this outing, followed by another round on the same day, and yet another 18 the day following at Desert Canyon, was no match for the likes of Greg Brown who posted an 80.

And, oh yeah, Marco will be living in a rented condo on a golf course in Portland until his and Penny's house sells here, or until 2015, whichever comes first.

Joe Gamboni won the **most** putts competition hands-down, by the way. "Nice putt, Joe."

Gordi Northrup earned the "If it walks like a duck, and talks like a duck" award after removing shoes and socks and wading into the 12th hole water hazard to quite unsuccessfully attempt to whack his ball back to terra firma. Somehow, it seemed only natural for the one time Oregon Webfoot.



Greg Brown demonstrates his innovative no look putting technique in winning the Marco Memorial.

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