



## Mouthpieces all in, it's kickoff time for RINO BOWL XXVI

Kickoff for the 26th RINO Bowl season is only two days away when Jim Goodwin's Colorado Buffaloes square-off in a Mile High Showdown with Scott Doerr's Colorado State Rams. By Joey 'The Geek's' reconning, we're quite a ways down entry-wise from last year with just 39 to date (about a dozen short of a year ago). There's still time to get entries into the pool if not yet submitted - deadline is August 29 (accepted until August 30).

As is traditional, along with spirited competition among WNRotarians' affiliated alma maters on gridirons across the land, RINO Trivia will give non-prognosticators the opportunity to participate in raising funds for college scholarships awarded by Wenatchee North Rotary. Unfortunately, the Trivia option doesn't provide the chance to get anything other than the satisfaction of giving in return. And as Earl 'The Toiler' Tilly can attest after winning \$860 a year ago and Don 'Chumoholic' Talbot can advise, there is no reason you "can't get no satisfaction," as pointed out by the Rolling Stones. RINO Trivia (the answering of "easy" questions about WNR every member should know) begins next week with a few new tortuous wrinkles in the spirit of supporting a worthwhile cause.



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## SNATCHED FROM...

It isn't an isolated challenge within Rotary that WNR has struggled with attracting and retaining "young" members. The September issue of *The Rotarian* magazine examines the problem considered to be so critical for the future of the organization in **REGENERATION - A FRESH START FOR ROTARY.**



Among many comments and perspectives by young Rotarians and Rotaract members from around the world was that of Canadian Andrea Tirone, a 28 year-old from Toronto: "Sometimes Rotary bureaucracy, red tape and aversion to change get in the way of good ideas. Certain elements of ceremony and tradition attached to Rotary clubs aren't relevant anymore. In Canada, for example, a lot of clubs still toast the queen and sing the national anthem."

Another by Greg Garofolo, 44, of Sharon, Massachusetts pointed out, "We're protective of our spare time and less willing to tolerate wasted time, like costly meetings spent discussing information that could be shared through email. Regardless of generation, gender, or vocation, our most valuable resource is the time we give to Rotary and one another." In other words, younger members don't believe that physically attending weekly club meetings is very important.

There was a lot of discussion about social media and its paramount importance to younger prospective Rotarians. A fact of life. However, the addictive nature of being 'artificially' linked by Facebook and the incredible amount of time devoted to social media may actually be a primary reason that younger prospects aren't 'able' to make time to contribute 'face-to-face' to the real world through Rotary service. Of course, that attitude (it happens to be my own) doesn't help to solve the regeneration problem. Generation Gaps aren't anything new as we Baby Boomers know...eventually we all melt together in old foggy stew incrementally spiced by new members.

- NEXT UP -

**Club assembly for committees to have initial meetings**

**North Poll editor for Sept. 4th is Jim Haglund**

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## BACKSIDE REVIEW



A decent-sized gathering was on hand for Mahatma's high-fivin' antics as well as a "Millie" Cyrus critique by none other than 'The Biggest Little Trophy Dealer' before passing around committee signups again. "She can't compare to Annette Funicello," he all too fondly reminisced, then somehow segued into, "There's been alot of enthusiasm" regarding the organization and functioning of committees. Next week, a club assembly is scheduled for each committee to meet and get 'ducks in a row.'

A signup sheet for weeks to take charge of the North Poll was also distributed with 25 being claimed. That still leaves 24 blank and waiting for those of you who missed out and risk a 50 buck donation. As three-stint, too-long Poll editor Jeff Mertes pointed out, "Since I've been on the hook for about 170 issues, it seems that each member doing one isn't too much to ask." Another opportunity to participate will be circulated next week. "Think of it as a term paper like back in your college days - only a lot more fun and self-satisfying."

Mike Doerr, Wenatchee High School Booster president and former Sports Awards athlete finalist, described activities and projects of the club. One is providing manpower in concession stands at football games. In the past, teams and school activities have been responsible - but it hasn't worked out very well. This year, he's been involving service clubs and asked WNR to take responsibility for the October 4th Homecoming Game. About 20 members in attendance indicated they'd be willing to be involved. Details will be worked out soon.

WHS head football coach Scott Devereaux, along with players Dillon Sugg (QB & also Big 9 basketball player-of-the-year), Jacob Stoll (NG & OG) and Isaiah Brandt-Sims (RB & DB - two time Sports Awards High School Male Athlete-of-the-Year headed for Stanford next year to play football, run track and work in some studying) were also present. Devereaux said with the mix and level of talent, the team has high expectations with a league championship as a realistic goal.

## TIDDBITS



- With the WHS grid contingent in attendance, the strong link existing between Panther football and WNR was pointed out. Among current members, Jeff Mertes, Greg Brown and Gary Mullen were varsity starters. In addition, at least seven sons of current WN members John White, Dave Doerr, Daryl Miller, Jim Goodwin and Gordi Northrup - there may be others - also played for the Panther grid team. And yes, Jacob Stoll is the son of former WNRotarian Alex.

- Greg Brown won the 50% pot drawing and donated his \$56 share to the WHS Booster Club.

- Evidently there's quite a bit of interest in putting together two foursomes for the WVC Knights Classic scramble golf tournament on Friday, September 13 at the Highlander. After a show of hands, two spots seem to be remaining in the eightsome. Cost is

\$125 which includes golf, lunch, prizes and surprises. Contact Mahatma if you want to fill one of them.

- Randy Zielinski, absent a bunch, was in attendance. He's been occupied with his company, Whitebird Construction, erecting an office building in Moses Lake where a bulk of time has been spent. 'Z-man' couldn't resist announcing the sale of his residence after being on the market for an incredible four years. The ripe buyer fell from the tree not far from the club - former WNRotarian Bruce Grim.

- Some of you may not realize that Earl Tilly attended the RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal recently. It was a family affair with Barbara, Salt Lake City Rotarian daughter Shannon and husband Craig all making the trip. They went on from the convention to visit Prague and Budapest.