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Featured on today's menu...

Parlette pinch hit



Rotary District Governor Gary Hollingshead was scheduled to address WNR, but had to cancel so Senator Linda Parlette pinch hit at the podium. A Rotarian since 1993, she personally sees tremendous value in being a member of Rotary. The meetings, whether in Olympia or here in Wenatchee, provide a welcome respite from the hectic environment of state governance and gives her a chance to "get out" and "keep in touch" with what is going on - her connection with the real world. Parlette said that an aspect of being a state senator, few people realize, is that she is basically working most of the time - for a bargain salary of just \$42,000 per year. She now chairs the Republican caucus of the senate as well as serving on several important committees including Ways & Means as the ranking minority member of Capital Budget, and Health & Long-Term Care. Parlette is also a member of the Washington State Debt Commission. In the last session, she sponsored a law that passed unanimously in the Senate reforming Washington State Medicaid. As to future plans, she says she takes it year-to-year. Typically, when the political grind of a session ends, she wonders if it's worth it. Then, the spirit of service rekindles and she's ready for another round.

The Geek is about to put his foot into the RINO kickoff

With the RINO Bowl deadline fast approaching on Friday, Joey 'The Geek' Gasper is ready to boot the kickoff before passing the pigskin to Ryan O'Ralphie. There's still time to avoid being sacked by RINO Trivia, though...just circle the losers and turn your entry in pronto.



RINO Challenge Scoreboard

In the waning moments of the "35 against 1" RINO Bowl scrimmage, Dandy Don would no doubt begin warbling, "Turn out the lights, the party's over." But there's still a few ticks remaining - time enough for a last second 'Hail Mary', to be sure. So get a friend or relative from outside of the club to enter...beat Mertes and WNR will be a hundred bucks richer. The scoreboard now reads: WNR Rinos 2, Ryan O' 7

Have we become 'old fogies'?

Read Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee's letter in the September issue of *The Rotarian* and realize that the average age of members of the organization is creeping ever higher. Wenatchee North, once the "Young men's Rotary Club", is skipping into the sunset as well.

President Banerjee notes some alarming statistics regarding the current age of Rotarians worldwide - only 11% under 40, 89% over 40, 68% over 50 and 39% over 60.

As aged as those figures indicate, the situation is even more decrepit in WNR where the average age of members is now about 58. The club's under 40 membership is only 6%, over 40 is 94%, over 50 is 83% and over 60 is a whopping 56%. That's why "The future is now" for our membership drive.

Banerjee concludes, "We owe it to our Rotary family - past, present, and future - to make sure that our generation of Rotarians is not the last."



Meatloaf at Alice's



• A couple of brain damaged WNRotarians emailed comments regarding an item that appeared last week concerning exactly what Jim Haglund intended

to do with the zeppelinesk zucchini he purchased from 'The Toiler' Tilly. Bruce Grim summed up comments best, "Will there be a video of Haglund 'mounting' his giant zucchini or just photos?!! Having found nothing on Youtube, I am guessing the event has not taken place as yet." Well now, FYI, Haglund has built his reputation on being able to mount just about anything under the sun, and then some. As long as spurs aren't somehow involved, I think we should take his word for it.

• Applications for Team Leader of the Group Study Exchange (GSE) visit to Brazil's District 4600 in 2012 are being accepted up to September 15, 2011. GSE is a cultural and vocational exchange between Rotarians of different countries designed to foster international understanding and goodwill. All travel, accommodation and meal costs are paid by Rotary. Our District will send a team of five worthy non-Rotarians, and the Rotarian Team Leader, to tour Brazil, stay with Rotarians, share knowledge with professional counterparts and make presentations to Rotary Clubs. Interviews for Team Leader take place on October 1 at an as yet to be determined location. Download

applications from the District 5060 website by clicking on "Foundation," then "Group Study Exchange," and finally "GSE Team Leader Application Form" under "Downloads."

• Highway Cleanup took place last Saturday and Rob Tidd reportedly struck it rich in a ditch with a find of \$21.13. Not as good as the \$100 picked-up by Dave Doerr previously or the checkbook found by Jim Goodwin that resulted in a \$100 donation to WNR when it was returned. Still, it paid for 33.5% of Rob's RINO entry.

• Bryan Walker announced that WNR will again be offering the Arlberg Sweepstakes with ticket sales October-early December and a drawing before Christmas. Of course, we were all reminded that Jim Mills was the lucky winner last year (Anyone remember who won the year before? Hint, he's entered in the RINO Bowl).

• The Great Gamboni urged the two members in attendance who hadn't supplied a \$100 incentive check for the



Bring 'em Home to Meet Momma Membership Drive to write it on the spot...the incentive climbs to \$110 after September 1. WNRotarians were encouraged to keep several membership brochures handy in case a prospective member is sighted.

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