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From Wenatchee North's history...

When the walls came a-tumblin' down



The debate regarding the admission of women into the all-male bastion of Rotary took place in 1987. The discussion, rather heated at times, was waged within the walls of WNR's meeting place at the Chieftain as well. A line was drawn with traditionalists on one side known as "Geoduck Party" supporters, and "Rabble Rousing Radicals" on the other. The debate became mandated, at least in the U.S., because the Supreme Court (an indication of the issue's importance) declared that each club had the 'right' to admit females if it wished. So, various members stated pros and cons of the 'radical' movement over the course of three weeks or so, argued back and forth, and then put it to a blind vote in order to assure anonymity. The measure passed, but not overwhelmingly.

Immediately, the WNR membership committee came up with a likely candidate and Siri Woods, Chelan County Clerk, was issued the club's #42 jersey. She not only became the first female member of Wenatchee North, but also the first in district 5060, and among the very first in the nation. Since then, two "skirts" have served as WNR presidents - Jill Dempsey and Deb Hassler.



- The September issue of *Wenatchee Valley Business World* revealed that a pair of WNRotarians haven't been twiddling their thumbs of late. Shaunna Larson recently passed both state and national Managing Real Estate Broker tests. Having earned a Managing Broker's license, Shaunna serves in that capacity with Laura Mounter Real Estate. Meanwhile, Scott Thompson has become managing partner at Total Travel where he has worked as a travel agent for sixteen years. He, along with a partner, purchased Total Travel which is a branch of Tzell Travel, one of the top travel management companies in the country, and also a member of Signature Travel Network, a leading travel consortium.

- We all remember the tragedy of 9-11-01. While the tenth anniversary of that infamous day was solemnly being memorialized, another September 11th event, markedly more rejoiceful, was being observed for the 63rd time. Indeed, it was on 9-11-49 that Jim 'Biggest Little Trophy Dealer in the Northwest' Haglund popped into being...and the rest is his-story. Belated happy 62nd b-day, Jim Pat!

- Dave and Nancy Doerr have been married 49 years as of today. Of course, Dave made the announcement mimicking the Minnesota-NoDak dialect of his youth.

- Four guests presumably with interest in becoming WNRotarians and Linda Parlette, were present. Time will tell if this indication of **Bring 'em Home to Meet Momma Membership Drive** activity will bear fruit.

- Confusion was rampant about where WNR was to meet today. Members were wandering hither and yon all over campus, and Jim Goodwin was riding his bike up and down the halls until he finally found us in the usual place. **Make note: Next week we're meeting at Rotary Park.**



Featured on today's menu...

Inside skinny about healthcare reform

Bryan Campbell ran the hash house while President Alice wasn't around. Chewon Lee, Strategic Partnership Development Specialist for the Washington State Insurance Commissioner, presented **Facts about Healthcare Reform**. Currently, one out of six people in the U.S. is uninsured, including 1 million in Washington state with 78,000 being children, and medical bills cause more than 60% of personal bankruptcies in America. Despite the fact that the U.S. is the wealthiest country in the world, it ranks only 34th in life expectancy. The Federal Health Care Reform Law, also known as the Affordable Care Act and 'Obamacare', was enacted in March of 2010. It was created to ensure more people have access to health care coverage and to bring an end to the worst abuses of the insurance industry.

Among changes: Children under 19 years-old with pre-existing conditions can't be denied health insurance; lifetime dollar limits have been banned; Pre-existing Insurance Plan (PCIP) has been established to cover citizens and resident aliens with pre-existing conditions; coverage for children up to 26 years-old is now mandated under employer plans and children don't have to be students to qualify; free preventive benefits have been included.

Medicare, which costs about \$524 billion per year, is plagued with fraudulent billings that amount to more than \$52 billion.

The Affordable Care Act was designed to provide more rights, benefits and protections than previously.

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RINO Bowl week #2

Ryan O'Ralphie continued to set the pace in the RINO Bowl with 25 other prognosticators also tied at 4-0. Results of week #2 action: Akron 3 Temple 41, Oregon St. 0 Wisconsin 35. In the RINO Masters, 9 were knotted at the top with 5-1 records. With Ryan O' leading, no drawing took place. To absolutely nobody's surprise, Bob Bullis and Bruce Law were stumped by the first round of RINO Trivia.

UPCOMING GAMES - Colorado St. @ Colorado, Washington @ Nebraska, E. Washington @ Montana, and M: Seahawks @ Steelers.



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