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BACKSIDE REVIEW



We all rose at Judge Van Sickle's command...high fived, too. Everyone was uncharacteristically well behaved. Jim Haglund gave a rundown of the Fellowship Committee response to having the Christmas Party at Wenatchee Golf & Country Club again. The recommendation was to have it at that venue on December 11, but noted the club shouldn't have to absorb a \$500 loss because of not being able to meet minimum attendance requirements like last year. He indicated he'd take personal responsibility to make sure there wouldn't be a loss for the club and would do what it takes to guarantee that the club treasury wouldn't be affected. That said, he passed around a sign-up sheet for the event scheduled for December 11. Bruce Law reported about last Saturday's Highway Cleanup thanking Rich Adams, Gary Mullen, Jim Goodwin, Steve Tidd, Fred Van Sickle and daughter Kate Sullivan for their participation.

Wenatchee Senior Center executive director David Tosch and Senior King Bob and Queen Jean gave a presentation about the organization. It serves 1700-1800 senior citizens aged 50 and older. Currently, the membership is 73% female and 60% is between 71-85 years of age. The facility for the past 20 years is a 20,000 square foot building. The mission of the organization is to promote the general welfare of adults over 50. Senior nutrition is an important aspect addressed by the Center through lunch services five days a week for a nominal donation of \$3.25 for members 61 and older. Rising food costs make it challenging, though. The Center offers a wide range of activities including travel excursions, exercise/fitness, clubs & groups, dancing, arts & crafts, card & other games, health & wellness and computer classes. The on premises Thrift Store, that especially features antiques and crafts, is quite popular and generates about 1/3 of the Center's operating revenue. Other fund raising activities include a craft fair with about 100 vendors, bingo, special dinners and dances. The City of Wenatchee provides \$2,500 annually - the only local government support. According to Jean, "Everybody's always older than you are," the hospitality is great and there's lots to do.

TIDDBITS



- Martin Barron told the club that he'd made it through recent cancer surgery with flying colors after a lump had been discovered in his neck. It turned out to be a cancerous growth on the back of his tongue. He brought his own 'takeout' to the meeting - a jar of baby food that, for now, is a staple of his diet. Chemo is scheduled to begin in a couple of weeks, but everything looks good. Martin said it came as a complete shock because he's been healthy all his life.
- Bruce Law, during his Highway Cleanup report, mentioned that a miracle of sorts had occurred - Jim Goodwin was actually on time. In fact, he was the first to arrive at the meeting spot. Certainly, his Timex must have been running fast.
- Gordi Northrup's announcement of his and Sandy's 49th wedding anniversary was upstaged when Joe Gaspers let it be known that he and Ann celebrated their 50th anniversary. Evidentially it was such an inspiring occasion for Ann, she became an American

- citizen at last, how about that, eh?
- Don Talbot displayed the new salmon enticing lure he designed that was produced in Wenatchee by the students at EZ Worx. When it was used recently, the salmon went crazy, as did the other anglers who saw it in action. Fishermen using the lure caught twice as many fish as those who used other lures. Talbot presented a lure to Linda Parlette at the meeting without strings attached although he did mention that it would sure be nice if the state opened up the local fishery to other than catch and release.
- Jim Haglund just returned from visiting son Nick in Augusta, Georgia. He can't tell us what Nick is doing there, only that it's the same thing he did for the Army in Afghanistan...but don't tell anybody.
- Earl Tilly recently did an Okie Tour which included the Sooners against West Virginia football game.
- Jeff Mertes won the Half Potted Drawing for \$37. Mertes was thankful for Jim Mills's absence.

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A trio takes the RINO by the horns



Cream began to rise to the top in RINO Bowl action...or was it more about something else sinking? Whatever the force, a threesome of Kevin Vitulli, Bruce Law and Rob Tidd took the RINO by the horns with 7-0 records. Five wouldbes fell off the pace, tied with a gaggle of others with Ryan O'Ralphie a game behind. The three leaders were in a \$30 drawing with the stipulation that in order to win it, you had to be at the meeting. Since Vitulli and Tidd were AWOL, only Law had a prayer. With a 66.6% chance that the amount would increase to \$40 next week, out came Law for a 30 buck win.

In Masters competition, Jim Haglund, Bud Truswell, Jeff Mertes, Rob Tidd and Joe Gaspers, with 11-1 records, remained tied for the lead.

RINO results for last week were Purdue lost to Fred Van Sickle's Wisconsin, 10-41, and Gordi Northrup's Eastern Oregon was pecked into submission by Southern Oregon, 21-73. Masters outcomes were Jaguars fell to Seahawks, 17-45, and Steelers clawed by Bengals, 10-20.

This week's slate of games includes Courtney Mertes and Kevin Mills's Stanford against too many to mention's Washington State, Jim Haglund's Eastern Washington versus Sam Houston State, and Seahawks versus Texans.

Great Caesar's Ghost



by Perry White, editor in chief

Questions have arisen as to the true identity of last week's "Feisty Female Reporter" Bealinda Brady. It seems she's also been known by the alias of Bealinda Tidd.

Long-time Poll readers John White (no relation) and Greg Brown demand that a 'double check' be conducted to discount rampant speculation.

This publication's investigative reporters uncovered the following facts. Bealinda appeared on the doorstep of the Poll in 2011 or so ostensibly migrating from California. She was known to have some association with a former Hooterville or Waterville named Robert. The California connection led our reporters to a Brady family in Santa Monica. The family was made up of three sibling sisters going by the names of Marcia, Jan and Cindy along with three stepbrothers. The reporters came to the conclusion that quite possibly our so-called Bealinda is in reality Marcia Brady. Although there isn't much resemblance, it is thought that cosmetic surgery, so prevalent and accessible in Southern



Mug shots of Marcia Brady as a teen and recently of Bealinda.



California, was likely used to alter her appearance.

An unnamed source referred to as "RT" also draws an unverified connection between the woman known as Bealinda and Supergirl, claiming they are one and the same person. Potential proof may be that Bealinda and Supergirl have never been photographed together. It has also been discovered through Fox News sources that Bealinda may also have some connection with Benghazi. When we get to the bottom of this, or make something else up, we'll let you know.

- NEXT UP -

Mahatma does his own hat dance

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