



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

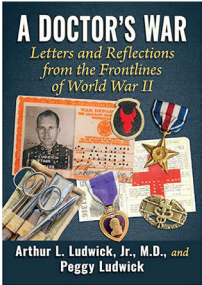
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PEGGY LUDWICK

A DOCTOR’S WAR:

LETTERS & REFLECTIONS FROM THE FRONTLINES OF WORLD WAR II



*A Doctor’s War* is a unique perspective of war. As a Medical Officer on the frontlines of WWII, responsible for the physical and emotional well-being of traumatized and wounded soldiers, Lt. Col./Maj. Arthur L. Ludwick M.D. was engaged in some of North Africa and Italy’s bloodiest battles. This riveting historical narrative is also a daughter’s discovery of the courageous and idealistic young man she never knew, before he became her father.

Major Ludwick’s keen observations on the landscapes, cultures, and people he encounters are packed into the 265 eloquent love letters written home to his wartime bride of just two months. Based on a rich archive of interviews, letters, photos, and military documents, this captivating chronicle of our country’s last “good war,” gives new insights into true leadership, human character, and the irrational nature of war.

Peggy Ludwick was born and raised in Wenatchee, Washington, the “Apple Capital of the World,” and left in 1966 for college at Washington State University where she graduated with a BS in Microbiology and Public Health. In 1970-1972, she did post-grad studies and worked at Stanford University Hospital, followed by supervising the Bassett Hospital Clinical Lab teaching hospital for 4 years in Cooperstown, NY. In 1977, she and former husband, Bob Henretig, moved to Yakima where they raised their three children, Josh, Heather, and Ben.

Peggy worked as a gender equity and STEM education specialist in the Yakima School District/ESD 105 for over 25 years. In 2015, after living in Yakima for 38 years, she moved back to her hometown, Wenatchee, after a fifty-year absence, completing her geographic life circle.

Discovering her father’s 265 typed, detailed, eloquent letters home as a young medical officer/Regimental Combat Surgeon on the frontlines of WWII was a revelation, and a gift she felt compelled to share with the world. She continues to work on various writing projects in between trips visiting her three adult children, and grandchildren.

FOR THURSDAY’S MEETING

- Music – Rick Fairbrook
- Greeters – Chuck Stillwaggon, Rick Gross
- Invocation – Tom Froula
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Kevin Good
- Program – Greg Luring

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- November 17th – Jeffrey Callaway, Training the Next Generation of Fermentation Scientists
- November 24th – No Meeting, Happy Thanksgiving
- December 1st – Laura Crooks, Children’s Village
- December 8th – Shirley Evon, Quilts of Valor

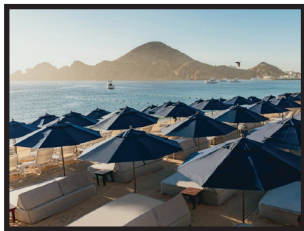
2022 ROTARY OPERATION HARVEST RESULTS

- 150 Operation Harvest yard signs were updated with stickers for this year’s date of October 8th.
- 1 large banner was updated to display across Yakima Avenue.
- 2 Rotarians, Mike McKinney & Regan Myers, helped underwrite the cost of 15,000 paper bags.
- 57 volunteers stapled Operation Harvest flyers to over 16,800 bags.
- 66 volunteers and their families and friends distributed bags over 76 routes in Yakima, Selah, Gleeed, Naches, and Moxee. One Rotarian, Theresa Adkison distributed 750 bags on one route in Moxee.
- 79 volunteers along with their families and friends went back to those same neighborhoods to collect food on Operation Harvest Day.
- 32 volunteers (Rotarians, IKE Interact and Davis Athletes for Community) worked at the collection site at the State Fair unloading along with volunteers from the food banks we support.
- Total amount of food collected was 85,000 pounds with more being coming from Eisenhower High School and Perry Technical Institute. Wow!
- 196 Rotarians, community members, Rotary clubs, and the Yakima Rotary Trust donated \$62,430 in cash that will be distributed to nine local food banks for the purchase of food and sundry items.

THANK YOU YAKIMA!

LIVE AUCTION ITEM SPOTLIGHTS

CABO & CATAMARAN CRUISING



Pack your swim gear and sunglasses for a seven-day/six-night vacation at a Medano Beach condominium, which sleeps six, at the Corazon Resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Once a destination for pirates and explorers searching for treasure, the small fishing village of Cabo San Lucas lured traders in need of respite from their sails to its shores. Corazón Cabo Resort & Spa is Cabo's newest luxury resort, nestled in the heart of Medano Beach, Cabo's most swimmable beach. There are two oceanfront infinity pools, a recently elevated and always-buzzing beach club, Rooftop 360--the city's highest rooftop bar, Baja Brewing Company--Cabo's only micro-brewery, and three concept dining destinations—including the oceanfront restaurant, Aleta, which serves up fresh coastal fare all day long. Finally, this package includes a three-hour snorkel cruise or sunset tour on the Baja Blast Catamaran. Date to be arranged with donor. Airfare not included.

Kerry & Gina Martin  
\$6,000

A ROYAL DINNER



Six guests will celebrate the honorable life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who epitomized Rotary's motto of Service Above Self and toast the ascension of King Charles III to the British throne with a formal dinner at the home of Terry & Jennifer Bliesner. Terry & Jennifer visited London in July 2022 during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee festivities. Although their invitation to dine with the Royal Family was mysteriously lost in the mail, they visit Buckingham Place, Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, and the Tower of London, and hope to return for the Coronation next May—assuming the postal service does a better job this time around. The Fat Pastor is planning a special meal, preceded by English Gin cocktails, and accompanied by fine wines from the Bliesner Cellars. Guests are encouraged to dress like royalty—whether for a State Dinner at Buckingham Place or a picnic on the grounds of Balmoral Castles. To be scheduled on a mutually agreed upon date. Crowns and tiaras are optional.

Terry & Jennifer Bliesner

\$2,000

REVIEW

The frost that we see every morning is a reminder that winter is just around the corner. For those that love this time of the year, it means snow in the mountains and skiing at White Pass is coming soon. With a packed house, White Pass General Manager Rikki Cooper along with former GM Kevin McCarthy came to visit and talk about the treasure of White Pass Ski Area. Kevin shared that there have been a lot of changes in the past year and a half. In a sense it's been a generational change but at the same time the more it changes the more it remains the same – the changes are substantial but at the same time, the ski are we've known for 70 years will stay the same in many ways – the way its operated and developed. Kevin spent 36 years as GM; having Rikki available made retiring from White Pass the easiest and best decision he's ever made.

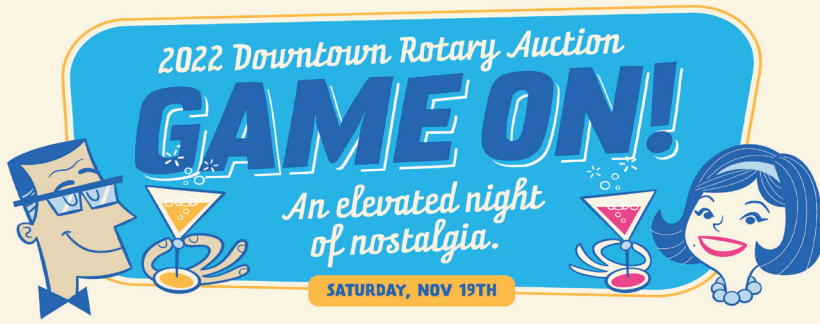
Rikki shared that this season will be her 20th year at White Pass. Her journey to White Pass began as a young ski racer from Hurricane Ridge team in Sequim, Washington. The team joined White Pass; there were three families that took turns driving the four-hour commute every weekend. She started working there the racing team coach at the age of 18 after realizing that she wouldn't make it beyond the Junior Olympic level. In 2007 she took a year off after college to work Ski Patrol and ended up in the administrative office after breaking some ribs into her second season. It was the start of a very great future. After a successful pandemic year in 2021 she agreed to take on the new role of general manager.

The search for a new ownership group started in 2014 after they had a difficult snow year. The banks had been cooperative but with changes in the banking world they started to come down hard on them. The Board decided changes needed to be made and quietly started looking around. They knew that they wanted to stay local. In April 2001, Mark Holtzinger and Andrew Sundquist were having a chat about the fruit industry. The discussion turned to skiing, with Mark telling Andrew it was time for Andrew to step up to the plate, find a few friends, and take a look at White Pass. Adam Dolsen joined Andrew; both shared that after seeing what was happening in the industry, they wanted to see White Pass protected. That was all Kevin needed to hear. Dan Plath, David Severn, and Pat Smith joined Andrew and Adam. They have been a godsend.

What is the new ownership group working on? They are working with the SE Group, a ski facility consultant to look at all

aspects of the resort. Right now, there is no immediate plan for expansion of the lodge. They have approval for doubling the size of High Camp and a new base area building in addition to the regular base lodge – both are being assessed. Will there be additional parking? They were able to square off a few lots this summer, but further expansion would require a new master plan and approval from the Forest Service. When parking is full, the lodge is full, and the lifts are full. What do they think about Vail? The best advertisement for White Pass right now is that they aren't Vail. Will we see new features this season? There will be a new magic carpet along with additions on the Nordic side where two new trails have been added along with a practice loop. What are some of their challenges they face: (1) getting the Forest Service to move fast enough for the public and ski areas to expand facilities (2) SNOW and (3) working through water right applications to allow access for snow making and expansion in the future (surprisingly there is too much water). It was a great program!

What else happened? Charlie Robin sang Tennessee Ernie Ford's rendition of This is My Country – it was awesome! Tim Carlson followed with an invocation celebrating snow and the sport of skiing. Past President John Baule filling in for President Rick welcomed our guests, recognized November as National Native American Month, and presented blue badges to Tom McGrann and Wendy Hensley. Mike Hummel's sergeant-at-arms raised a lot of money for Yakima Rotary Charities. And with Operation Harvest on October 8th, Pam Cleaver, Sheri Bissell, and David McKinney came up to the podium to share the results. David shared the amazing number of volunteers who participated after which Sheri shared the total amount of food collected and cash donated (details of which are listed). As President of the Yakima Rotary Trust, Pam announced that the money contributed included a donation from the Trust of \$34,000. The Rotary Trust is different from The Rotary Foundation and Yakima Rotary Charities. The governance of the Trust is made up of 6 Sunrise Rotarians, 6 Southwest Rotarians, and 9 Downtown Rotarians. It was created as a way for Rotarians and non-Rotarians to contribute and leave bequests to be used for projects to make our community a better place. The donation to Operation Harvest was the result of an anonymous bequest from a Rotarian for the purpose of supporting Operation Harvest from earnings earned. The generosity of Rotarians and our community is remarkable.



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