



# Wenatchee AppleSeed



February 23, 2017 Meeting at Noon on Thursdays at the Red Lion Hotel Volume LXVI - No. 34

## ***"Trust for Public Land"*** ***with Cary Simmons***

Kiwanis Methow Park: A neighborhood's vision to create a new place for community gathering and play. The Trust for Public Land is working in partnership with the City of Wenatchee and more than ten local community groups and non-profit organizations to support a resident-driven process to reimagine Kiwanis Methow Park. Since 2015, more than 850 community members have shared their vision for the redesign and eventual use of this 1.2-acre park and central community gathering space. The project is specifically aimed to engage and benefit South Wenatchee, the neighborhood surrounding Kiwanis Methow Park. Cary Simmons, Northwest Program Manager at The Trust for Public Land, will share insights from South Wenatchee community members as well as the current renovation plans for the park.



## **February is Peace & Conflict Resolution Month**

### ***THINK ABOUT IT!***

It is said that most left handed people are deeper thinkers and more creative. Left-handed people have an excellent ability to multi-task. More men are left handed than women. More than 2,500 left handed people a year are killed from using products made for right handed people. Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people. 4 of the 5 original designers of the Macintosh computer were left-handed. Bill Gates is left handed. 88% of all humans are right handed. Most left-handers draw figures facing to the right. There is a high tendency in twins for one to be left-handed. Left-handers adjust more readily to seeing underwater. Left-Hander's Day is August 13th.





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## The Week in Review –

**PRESIDING OFFICER AND REMARKS:** President Jim Russell opened the meeting with an explanation that our scheduled K9 program was postponed due to a scheduling mixup. He then mentioned some reminders of club history back in 1986-89.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Myers shared some ideas from his PRE-PETS meetings regarding ideas for publicizing Rotary and attracting new members. He and Jim then requested table groups discuss ways we might do that. Each table then shared some excellent ideas from their discussions. Even our Exchange student Olivia shared some ideas that only youth would know. The list of ideas will be considered by the PR committee; Jill Leonard (chair) announced that the committee needs more members.

Joe St. Jean gave a report on the activities of the Humanitarian Service Committee and its four funding cycles. He reported on how some of the monies raised at the 2016 auction are currently being used throughout our community. He had received checks to distribute to Wenatchee High School Speech and Language Department for use with special needs students and a check to help fund the last scoreboard at Morris Little League Park. Joe gave Don Myers a check for Young Life and Don gave an update on how Young Life was already in the process of putting it to good use. Joe explained how the \$3000 that we had allocated to the Wells House for rebuilding of the outdoor picnic canopy was being redirected to the refurbishing of the period-correct lighting fixtures. This redirection was necessitated by structural problems and costs encountered with the original idea of rebuilding the outdoor canopy.

Jim reminded us about the Million Dollar Dinner and the Cadman Tribute Fund. and emphasized the Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the world's best. Christina Davitt mentioned the DG Vern Neilson Memorial fund, related to his recent passing. Jim mentioned that all donations will count toward the MDD. He spoke highly of Vern, stating that Vern was advised to take off and do some things on his bucket list; Vern replied that "Rotary IS my bucket list".

**BRAGS:** Dawn Davies, Executive Director of the local Humane Society, related that one of their shelter dogs (Boomer) was accepted into the WA State Patrol. He is already on duty! She also announced the "Peace, Love and Paws Auction" February 25, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Tickets are on sale now. Pete Van Well paid a fine for missing last week's meeting when his invited guest Sonja Knief of Eastmont High School, who was instrumental in raising money for Polio Plus at a recent event.

### SUMMARY OF PROGRAM : AUCTION Wrapup

Jay Smith recognized committee members who made substantial contributions to the success of the event. Those present then stood for photos and were heartily thanked. Several members then shared some interesting stories of unexpected

auction experiences in auction preparations, some funny some frightening. Jay was happy to have his office back.

Ford Barrett announced one final auction item yet to be purchased, a tour and dinner at Rocky Reach dam on May 18. Doug Button will lead the tour. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased from Jill or Angela at CliftonLarsonAllen. Also they may be available from club web site.

Gary Provo selected the black marble in the drawing.

– Respectfully submitted, Frank Clifton

### WENATCHEE ROTARY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Your Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is doing lifesaving work by providing college scholarships. One of our recipients who obtained his RN and is working on a bachelor's degree, is already working as a nurse saving lives. Your gifts to the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation make this and many other good stories possible.

We are looking for energetic and talented individuals to join our Board starting July of 2017. We are a caring committed group - and are all proud to call ourselves "Rotarians." Please contact Christina Davitt (cdavitt@omwlaw.com) (509) 393-9467 for more information on how to serve your community and save lives through the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Board.



### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

This is a gentle reminder encouraging Wenatchee Rotarians to register and attend this years District Rotary Conference in Kelowna

B.C., April 27-30.

Kelowna Rotarians have arranged for a terrific slate of renowned speakers as well as several fun events for us. Go to the Internet and access District 5060 and select District Conference 2017 for information and registration.

Several of your fellow club members have already registered and there will thus be several potential opportunities for ride sharing.

District conferences are always fun and provide opportunities for meeting Rotarians from other clubs and countries. Kelowna is a wonderful Canadian city that you won't regret visiting.

*Terry Sorom, Chief Encourager*



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It is with great sadness that I must report that this morning District Governor Vern Nielsen finally succumbed to the cancer that he has been fighting since last April. He was surrounded in his final days by his family, and you must all know that he was fighting with everything he had left to make it to his District Conference and his Million Dollar dinner. He lived for you, he lived for Rotary. As our Rotary International Director Dean Rohrs has said, "Rotary and Rotarians were the wind under his wings".

He will be sorely missed.

– Peter Schultz, PhD - Rotary Club of Kelowna

Your Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is accepting donations from across our District for the Vern Nielsen Memorial Fund. We are so sad to hear that our District Governor passed away this past week from pancreatic cancer.

When Vern received his terminal diagnosis, he had the opportunity to step down as District Governor, but as a true Rotarian, he put "Service Above Self" and continued to lead our District even as his days dwindled down and were spent. In concert with the Kelowna B.C. Club, the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is collecting memorial gifts and donations in Vern's name in order to raise \$25,000 to establish a permanent fund with the Rotary International Foundation. These donations will also receive credit for Million Dollar Dinner donations (two gifts for one!) Checks should be sent to the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation, c/o Heidi Myers, Washington Trust Bank, 523 Valley Mall Parkway, East Wenatchee WA 98802 "DG Memorial" in the memo line. We are also accepting online donations through our website. Thank you Frank!

## WENATCHEE ROTARY CALENDAR

**March 2nd Meeting**

**Club Membership ByLaws - Don Myers**

**March 9th Meeting**

**Million Dollar Dinner - Jim Russell**

**March 16th Meeting**

**Town Toyota Center - Jennifer Bushong**

**March 23rd Meeting**

**DECA - Matt Pakinas**

**April 27 -30, 2017**

**District Conference, Kelowna, B.C.**

**June 10 - 14, 2017**

**Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia**



Goal  
15,000

LIVES  
SAVED  
13,673

## SAVING LIVES ONE VACCINE AT A TIME

We have set a goal of saving 15,000 lives through our Club 60 donations this year. Remember the Bill Gates Foundation is still matching our donations 2 for 1. All it takes is 60¢ a week, not even a half a cup of coffee, and you will save someone from the debilitating effects of polio and perhaps their life. Bring your loose change each week or if you don't have any change bring dollars and place them in the cups on each table.



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## *Did you know that you can make up a meeting at the following places?*

Wenatchee North	@ Town Toyota Center	Wed. Noon	East Wenatchee	@ Shari's Restaurant	Thurs. 7 am
Wenatchee Sunrise	@ Red Lion	Tues. 7 am	Lake Chelan	@ Tsillian Cellars	Tues. Noon
Cashmere	@ Cashmere Presbyterian Church	Wed. Noon	Quincy	@ Quincy Senior Center	Thur. Noon
Leavenworth	@ Kristall's	Fri. 11:45 am			

## THE WENATCHEE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The mission of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is to improve educational opportunities for citizens living in the Greater Wenatchee area. Funding for the foundation is through immediate and deferred giving from current and past Wenatchee Rotary Club members.  
Each club member in good standing is also a member of the Foundation.

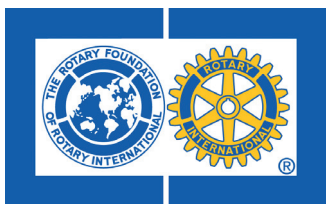
**Officers:** Christina Davitt, President; Bill Monnette, Secretary, Heidi Myers, Treasurer  
**Board Members:** Joe St. Jean, Ruth Esparza, Alice Meyer, Tom Ross, Don Myers

## Rotary Ambassadors

*This week's greeters will be*



**JIM CORCORAN**



**BOB CULP**

## This week's Cashiers will be



**DEE CURCIO**



**BRANDI DAHMEN**

*Greeters & Cashiers, please try to arrive by 11:30 a.m.  
If you cannot be here please find your own replacement!*

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OF EACH MONTH IN THE CADMAN ROOM @ RED LION HOTEL  
NEXT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017

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