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# "Senior Moments" with Marc Heminger & Jim McDonald



This week we have the privilege of hearing from two of our old timers. Marc Heminger joined our club in 1976 and is one of the owners of the Gellatly Agency. Jim McDonald joined our club in 1983 and is one of the owners of Inside Design Carpet One. They are going to give us a history of their lives. Most of you were not in the club when they gave their classification talks back in the olden days. They didn't do all that good of a job back then and wanted a chance for a do over. So get out the popcorn, sit back and get prepared to be regaled with what they remember from their past. We might even learn something about their future plans, that is if they have any idea themselves.



We do ask that you not interrupt them during their presentations as they are easily distracted and may wander off in any direction telling us things that have absolutely nothing to do with their lives but just popped into their minds. These stories can sometimes go on and on and we only have a half hour for their presentations. Their lives have been so full they really didn't think they could condense them into only 15 minutes apiece but have agreed to try. They should probably bring their caretakers along to keep them on task and to make sure "is it the truth".

# Ramblings of a Retired Mind...

"I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals."

"I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it."

"I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and call it 'Pumping Rust'."

Aging: "Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it."

"Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable."

# January is Rotary Awareness Month

## - The year was 1949 - 1950 -

Roy Downey was our president this year. This year Cliff Godfrey, a charter member, our first secretary and a past president of our club passed away. This was also the year the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation was set up as a means of providing financial aid for projects which the Club might wish to approve. Donations included student loans, scout a vista, polio, and the start of the Rotary cabin at the YMCA Camp. The club had 130 members at years end.

## Upcoming Probable Programs —

January 28 - Tech School February 4 - Classification Talks - Chris Rumbles and Gary Provo February 11 - Citizenship Lunchion - Norma Gallegos February 18 - Wenatchee Wild Players





# The Week in Review -

This week we learned about immunizations and autism. Dr. Frank Collins along with 2 of his associates started out with a brief history of immunizations and why it is important to get those vaccinations at an early age. As a result of these vaccinations many diseases have basically been eliminated in many parts of the world and dramatically reduced them in others. A number of years ago a doctor Andrew Wakefield asserted that vaccines were a major cause of autism in children. This turned out to be a complete fabrication as there is absolutely no connection between the two. Vaccines do not cause autism.

We do not know exactly what causes autism but we know that some factors contribute to it. Those factors include inherited genes, environmental factors during conception such drugs/depressants, etc. It is important when a child is young to be aware of symptoms as early as possible as there are learning therapies that can help depending on the severity. We need more education of the public.

It is important that we continue to immunize people at least until a particular disease is completely eliminated like small pox was some years ago. Last year a child at Disneyland that had not been vaccinated spread the measles virus to over 50 other children and we had a small epidemic result. A very informative program.





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### WENATCHEE ROTARY CALENDAR

January 30, 2016 Wenatchee Rotary Auction

May 12 -16, 2016 District Conference - Yakima, WA

May 28 - June 1 RI Convention - Seoul, Korea

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

This Thursday we inducted Andy Petro as a new member to Wenatchee Rotary.

Andy Petro was introduced to our club today by Jim Corcoran. Andy has been a Rotarian since 1997. First in the Ketchikan, Alaska Club and then the Anchorage International Club. He is a past president of the Ketcikan club and the Youth Exchange Coordinator in Anchorage.

Andy is a Vice President of Wells Fargo Bank here in Wenatchee. *Welcome to Wenatchee Rotary, Andy!* 

### PLAN TO ATTEND DISTRICT CONFERENCE Jump Right In to enjoy Footprints, Fellowship, & Fun

District Governor Greg & Jan Luring invite all District Rotarians to join them in Yakima for this years District Conference May 12-16, 2016. There will be good food, great speakers, music and enlightening breakout sessions.

Sign up early to receive best prices and don't forget to sign up for Home Hosting, tours and lots of fun Rotary Fellowship. To register just go to the District website and click on the District Conference Registration form. Now isn't that easy?

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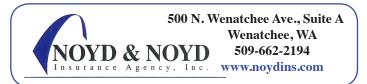
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#### **"BUILDING COMMUNITIES" AUCTION UPDATE** JUST OVER 1 WEEK TO GO

The countdown has begun to Saturday night, January 30th. If you have not yet bought your ticket please do so NOW. We are now at about 225 tickets sold, so keep it up. We would like to get at least another 50 people there. We have a lot of great items to auction and most of you have received a copy of the Auction Items. A few changes have already been made to that list and a few additional items may be added. We currently are looking at about 30-35 items in the Oral Auction and about 165 for the silent auction. Our wine cellar is going to have at over 100 bottles of wine. Tom and I would like to thank all of you for your support. These fund raisers don't just happen, your committee has been working over time to get everything together.

PLEASE come to the auction and enjoy the evening. It is a great place to come for some fellowship and the opportunity to shop for that family vacation you know you want to take next summer. You get to have a lot of fun and know that you are helping many very worthwhile entities. Recipients are the Women's Resource Center, Rotary Park, our Interact club's Habitat Build, Scholarships through our Wenatchee Rotary Foundation, the Pybus Foundation, WestSide, the Wells House and other charitable community causes. *Get Your Tickets Today!* 

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My dear friends,

I am pleased to bring you the good news that His Holiness Pope Francis will officiate at a Mass to Rotarians at St. Peter's Square, Rome, on 30 April. We will have 8,000 seats reserved for Rotarians, as well as friends and family.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join me in Italy on this day as we celebrate the Jubilee of Rotarians, a special event hosted by Rotary District 2080 and the Vatican.

In addition, local Rotarians will host special celebratory dinners and plan a service project for attendees.

I believe this event is a tremendous honor that will raise Rotary's status across so much of the world, and it should bring us all great happiness to be a part of it, regardless of our own religions and beliefs.

For more information, please visit the Jubilee of Rotarians website, which has been provided by our friends in District 2080. Updates and additional information will be available leading up to the event. Registration will open 18 January. I ask that you also include mention of this event in your governor's monthly letter.

This Jubilee, as established by Pope Francis, is known as the Holy Year of Mercy. It marks the time of forgiveness and reconciliation, of solidarity, hope, and justice. It is a commitment to serve with joy and in peace across the world.

As you work hard to Be a Gift to the World, I do hope you will make the effort to be in Rome with as many members of your district as possible



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

Wenatchee North @ Town Toyota Center Wenatchee Sunrise @ Red Lion Cashmere @ Cashmere Presbyterian Church @ Kristall's Leavenworth

Wed. Noon Tues. 7 am Wed. Noon Fri. 11:45 am

East Wenatchee Lake Chelan Quincy

@ Shari's Restaurant @ Campbell's @ Quincy Senior Center Thurs. 7 am Tues. 11:45 am Thur. Noon

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