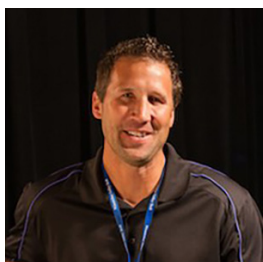




“Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center” ***with Pete Jelsing***



The Wenatchee Valley Technical Skills Center is an additional opportunity for students from around the greater Wenatchee Valley to experience and train for a profession. Their mission is to provide industry standard technical training and employability skills while personally assisting students in finding a pathway to a successful career opportunity and/or post-secondary education. Each staff member has made a personal commitment to using their professional efforts to create successful students.

Here are few things the Skills Center offers our students:

- An extension of your local high school located at an off-campus training site.
- An opportunity for students ages 16 to 20 and/or those who are in grades 11 & 12 to receive highly technical job training.
- An opportunity to get a jump-start on a post secondary education, apprenticeships, technical and two/four year colleges or universities.
- Preparation for immediate entry-level employment.
- Staffed by outstanding instructors from industry with many years of experience in their fields.
- The College Connection - We work closely with Wenatchee Valley College to provide advanced placement and credits for high school students. Currently many programs are connected to post secondary training.

Today, you'll hear from the Director of the WVTSC, Pete Jelsing. This is Pete's first year as Director of the program and he spent the previous two years working as the Student Services Coordinator. Prior to that Pete taught and served in various roles at Wenatchee High School.

January is Rotary Awareness Month

- The year was 1950 - 1951 -

Leo Lowe was our president this year. This was our 30th anniversary year. It was also the year that established the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Fund apart from the club. Harry Whiteman was chosen president and the trustees included Paul Scea, Don Phipps, Sam Sumner, Leo Lowe, Wilbur Elder and Ernest Elder. The club had 128 members at years end.

Upcoming Probable Programs —

February 4 - Classification Talks - Chris Rumbles and Gary Provo
February 11 - Citizenship Luncheon - Norma Gallegos - *Meeting Off Site*
February 18 - Wenatchee Wild Players
February 25 - Fruit - Pete Van Well



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The Week in Review –

This week we got an insight as to what next year might be like with Jim Russell. He tried to inject a little humor in meeting and managed to control the past presidents at the head table quite well getting us out almost on time. He said he felt he was at Mount Rushmore with 4 blocks of stone around him. I'm not sure the past presidents understood that one but the appeared to be taking notes for future reference.

Our program entitled Senior Moments seemed appropriate as everyone at the head table was over 70 except Judy Conner who was the youngest but has been a member for 29 years.

Marc Heminger was the first to speak and of course as a past president of our club could talk forever. However, he brought his resume to try to keep some sort of continuity to his talk. Looking at his notes he discovered that he was born in 1949 which of course makes him only 66 not 70 as stated above. Marc grew up on an orchard in East Wenatchee where his grandparents had moved in 1896-1907. So makes him the grandson of some of early pioneers. He is a graduate of Eastmont High School and the University of Washington. He married Karen Gellatly in 1975 so he get a job in the insurance business. He is now a co-owner of the Gellatly Agency Insurance brokers and one of the oldest businesses in Wenatchee. His father Ross Heminger introduced him to Wenatchee Rotary in 1978. He served as president of the Wenatchee Rotary foundation in 1985, club president in 1991-92, Sweetheart Auction Chair in 1991 and currently as our club historian. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Paul Scea Fellow. Marc is truly one who lives the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self".

Our second speaker today was **Jim McDonald**, although not a past president after 33 years in Rotary he sounded like one. Jim brought a 4 page document so that he could chronicle his life in some logical order, of course he wondered from time to time. Jim's life started out on January 21, 1944 when he was born in Spokane. He didn't mention that this was his 72nd birthday as he was afraid we might try to sing Happy Birthday to him and we haven't done this for anyone else all year. (But I digress.) As I

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January 30, 2016

Wenatchee Rotary Auction

May 12 -16, 2016

District Conference - Yakima, WA

May 28 - June 1

RI Convention - Seoul, Korea

was saying, Jim's family moved to Entiat in 1945 after his father was discharged from the Army Air Corps after WWII. In Entiat his family started the McDonald Construction Company which eventually became a family owned business with his father, himself and his two brothers. In the mid 50's the family business expanded to include a lumber yard and a ready mix concrete operation. Little Jimmy in his early years worked as a helper around the construction sites and learned many skills to would help him in later life. He graduated from Entiat High School in 1962 and continued his education at "5th Street U" and Seattle University. He met his wife Pat (an airline Stewardess) while in Seattle and they were married in 1969. Shortly after getting married they had the opportunity to purchase an interest in Ramey's Paint and Glass. In 1975 he bought the remainder of the business and it is now know as Inside Design Carpet One. In March of this year he will be turning that business over to his son Joel who is a member of Wenatchee North Rotary.

Jim will have no problem with retirement. He loves to ski, boat and has a passion for corvettes. He has owned over 40 corvettes since his first one, purchased in 1965. He is currently president of the Wenatchee Corvette Club and an active member of the Ap- plarians. Jim is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Paul Scea Fellow and always available to help Rotary with whatever needs to get done. These two gentlemen are the part of the heart of Rotary. They know how to get things done and are an inspiration to us all. Great talks guys, glad to get to know you just a little better.

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Your procurement committee has done a great job in getting a lot items and a great variety. You should all give yourselves a big pat on the back for a job well done. Other auction committee members are now getting the ballroom ready to showcase our items and show you a wonderful evening of entertainment.

We want to thank everyone who has participated in making this event happen, as do our recipients.

Let's Have a Party!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

PLAN TO ATTEND DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*Jump Right In
to enjoy Footprints, Fellowship, & Fun*

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Wenatchee Sunrise	@ Red Lion	Tues. 7 am	Lake Chelan	@ Campbell's	Tues. 11:45 am
Cashmere	@ Cashmere Presbyterian Church	Wed. Noon	Quincy	@ Quincy Senior Center	Thur. Noon
Leavenworth	@ Kristall's	Fri. 11:45 am			

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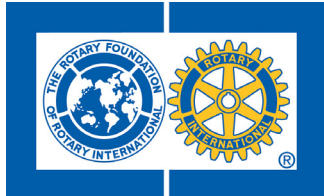
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