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Meeting at Noon on Thursdays at the Red Lion Hotel -

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"PACIFIC COAST TRAIL" with Rich Brinkman Meeting at the Wenatchee Valley Museum

Hiking the Pacific Coast Trail (PCT) with WVC Professor Richard Brinkman is the subject of the May 12 Rotary program. The presentation is Thursday, May 12 at 12 p.m. noon at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. The public is invited to attend.

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is a 2,650 mile footpath that runs from the Mexico to Canada. A notoriously up and down route, the PCT passes four national monuments, six national parks, five state parks, 25 national forests and 48 federal wilderness areas. Brinkman—who hiked the PCT from April through September 2015—explored not only the incredible majesty of the trail, but a subculture of those who attempt to hike the entire length of the trail. He studied the long-distance hiking subculture as a participant/observer and conducted interviews with fellow thru-hikers along the length of the trail. His journey took 150 days. Brinkman will present photos and stories of his trek.

Brinkman is collaborating with Marshall University sociology professor Dr. Kristi Fondren, who pioneered the first of such studies on the Appalachian Trail (AT), the PCT's sister trail on the Atlantic coast. Fondren and Brinkman plan to present the first paper on the PCT subculture at a sociology conference this August in Seattle.

Brinkman is a sociology professor at WVC and has taught sociology at the college or university level since 1992. Prior to teaching full-time at WVC, Brinkman served the cities of Aberdeen, Wenatchee, and Leavenworth, the latter as city administrator. His bachelor's and master's degrees are in sociology from the University of Oregon and Iowa State University respectively. Brinkman has long served the community with his talents as a comedy magician.

Wenatchee Rotary is hosting this presentation as part of its weekly meeting. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be focused on this presentation. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$15 (cash or check only) per person. Questions may be directed to Ford Barrett, 663-7526, or at ford@financial-alternatives.net.

Our meeting this week is at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center

May is Rotary Volunteer Month

- The year was 1965 - 1966 -

"Slim" Mathews was our president this year. A classification survey was completed in booklet form by the classification committe. part credit can be given to the survey for the large number of new proposals that followed. Once again the Apple Blossom Festival Coronation was produced by our club and Ed Cadman. The club had 164 members at years end.

Upcoming Probable Programs — May 19 - Engage Now May 26 - Mental Health - *Meeting at Pybus* June 2 - Classification Talks June 9 - Planned Parenthood





The Week in Review -

All Service Club luncheon hosted by Wenatchee Lions Club- Jerry Anderson presiding.

American Legion posted the colors followed by the National Anthem and the Flag Salute. Invocation by Chuck Largent.

All of the local service clubs were introduced.

There was an announcement of an All Service Club Fair May 21 at Pybus Market

The All Service Club Golf Tournament (flyer attached) is Thursday, May 26 at 3 Lakes Golf Course

Justin Peterson was introduced. Justin is the young man who raised \$2100,000 over a 7 year period for honor flights. He received a standing ovation.

ABF Director General Debbie Gurnard introduced this year's festival theme of "Simply The Best". She also introduced her board, and many of the volunteers that make the festival so much fun for everyone.

Lehman Johnson award winners this year are Garry & Patti Sparks. The Apple Citizen of the Year David Smeltzer was introduced.

We had 2 speakers this year Lt. Cdr. Korinna Donald & her husband Mark Donald. Mark is also the Grand Marshall of this year's parade.

Korinna is the Dept. head for Naval Special Warfare, Logistic Support Unit 2, Medical Dept. When a soldier is badly wounded or killed she makes the arrangements to get them home and notifies the families of what has happened and what to expect. She is an advocate for wounded warriors. A teriffic lady in a tough job. Like she says- understanding the process is easy, carrying it out is not easy.

When introducing Mark Donald the introducer recognized Leo Cope who is 94 and was one the Navy's first Frogmen in WWII. He specialized in underwater demolition and was involved in the recon for the planned invasion of the Japanese mainland.

Mark Donald is the most decorated Physician's Assistant in the



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WENATCHEE ROTARY CALENDAR

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

May 28 - June 1 **RI** Convention - Seoul, Korea

August 4 District Governor, Vern Nielsen Visit



history of the US Navy since WWII. He spoke to us about the fact that it is not all about the physical, it is your mental attitude and your ability to think under pressure in the chaos of combat that is most important to your survival. He said in anything you NEVER EVER QUIT. You give it 110% always. He also told us that one person does not win a medal. You are recognized because you were the point man in an operation where every single person did their job perfectly. If everyone does not do their job right he would be resting under a tombstone in Arlington National Cemetery today. We all do our jobs- it is how we do them under pressure that counts the most. THE most important thing you can do is to be there for your teammates and just do your job.

Mark spoke about Americans being the most caring, loving and giving people on earth. It is what sets us apart from almost everyone else. It is why we make the sacrifices we do. All we have to do is to do what's right and it will work out and all be good.

Mark is very humble and very soft-spoken but he is a true American hero. He has written a book entitled Battle Ready- Memoir of a SEAL Warrior Medic.

Respectfully submitted- Marc Heminger, Senior Cub Reporter.





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YOUNG LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Chris Baker announced that the Young Life organization is holding its All Day Golf Classic on Monday, May 16th at the HIghlander Golf Course.



They are looking for sponsors and players. The idea is to get as many sponsors as possible with the hope that each golfer will be able to raise \$500 through donations and sponsorships. It is a whole day of golf including breakfast, lunch and dinner, all the golf you can play and loads of fun while helping to support the programs of Young Life. All donations are tax deductible and checks should be made payable to Young Life. For additional information contact Chris Baker or Don Myers.

> Dear Mr. Ferguson and Members of Downtown Rotary,

Thank you so very much For having Us at your meeting. This was hands down my Favorite service club! You Were all so Kind and engaged in Our Presentation. The Flowers were so beautiful and the meeting was an absolute blast. Many thanks,

Oven Kori Martin



Dear Mr. Ferguson and the Members of the Dawntown Rotany,

Thank you so much for allowing US to introduce curseives at your meeting. I had so much fin having lunch and socializing. Also, the flauers where gargeous! your support for Apple BLOSSOM is greatly appreciated. with gratitude,

Princess Emily Homes

Thank you notes from our Apple Blossom Royalty Queen Kori and Princesses Emily & Sami

Dear Mr. Ferguson and the Members of the Downtown Rotary,

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch and beautiful flowers! I really appreciate your thought and kindness. Rotary, in my opinion, is one of the greater service clubs in Wenatcher. Their involvement and need to make the world a better place is something I find very respectable. The chances you give to students or people to improve and enrich their lives is so generous. I know without Rotary I wouldn't be able to go on my exchange next year and I am so grateful for that. Your servic club gives so many oppurtunities to others, which is why I am a firm believer that Rotary is truly a "gift to the World" Sincerely, Princess Jami Everhart



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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 Presbyterian Church Cashmere @ Kristall's Leavenworth

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

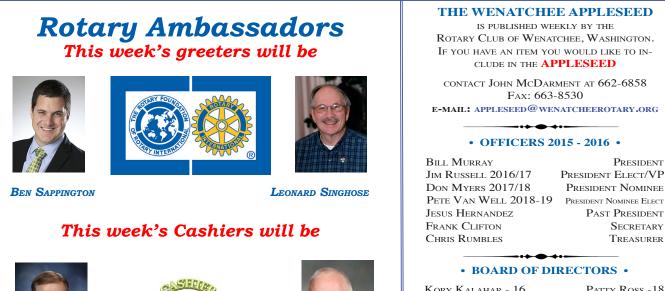
East Wenatchee Lake Chelan Quincy

@ Shari's Restaurant @ Tsillian Cellars @ Quincy Senior Center Thurs. 7 am Tues, Noon Thur. Noon

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