



Wenatchee AppleSeed

November 24, 2016 Meeting at Noon on Thursdays at the Red Lion Hotel Volume LXVI - No. 21

"Happy Thanksgiving" No Regular Meeting

Thank you for an incredible retirement celebration. I am so grateful for the kind words, special memories, and generous gifts to the future of the Y. I will be forever grateful for your friendships and the honor of having worked with you and I am so excited to see what the future holds. May God bless you all in your individual and collective efforts.

I am amazed at how few changes there have been to the game of baseball over the years. Other than the designated hitter in the American League, the rule changes have been rare and minor. If you hadn't seen a game in twenty years, you'd find that rookies had become old pros, old pros had become coaches, and that there was a new group of rookies. But the game would still involve a bat, a ball, throwing, catching, and running, and the distance between bases would still be 90 feet. Even with athletes who are faster, stronger, and quicker, a ground ball to the hole at shortstop would still be a close play at first base.

The essence of the YMCA has also remained relatively unchanged over time. Oh we've had several different logos, and Secretaries came to be known as Executive Directors and now as CEOs, but the Y has always been about creating community. From the first Bible study group, to dormitories, to basketball, to Hi Y Clubs, to parent child programs, to board meetings, to staff meetings, to camping, to group exercise classes, it's always been about bringing people together for the common good.

So, a child is supported and nurtured and becomes a teenager who can see possibilities for the future; a teenager is guided and challenged and becomes a self-confident adult who gives back to their community; a CEO retires and new leadership is welcomed; but the core mission, the fellowship and the spirit of community remain the same. That's why I'll always be a Y guy, because I know a ground ball to the hole at shortstop will always be a close play at first base.

Eric



Thank you Eric for all your many years tending to the kids in our community. We are thankful we had you guiding them. For those of you who were not in attendance at his retirement party Wednesday night he was honored with the knowledge that they will be building the Eric Nelson Bunkhouse at the Y Camp in the coming year along with the Eric Nelson Chapel on the Lake Wenatchee waterfront. Eric retired recently after 40 years with the YMCA. The changes he has overseen during his 23 years here in Wenatchee are nothing short of spectacular. We hope you enjoy your retirement Eric, it is well deserved.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

THINK ABOUT IT!

"As your friends and family gather around for Thanksgiving dinner, think of all the wonderful time you have spent together. Count your blessings, as you have the gift of love and companionship. Share happy thoughts, optimistic plans, and dreams with your family and friends."

"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 12 minutes. Halftimes take 12 minutes. This is not coincidence." -- Erma Bombeck





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The Week in Review –

The featured program was a presentation by PDG Roger Perry who gave a condensed overview of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), while explaining facts about what it does and how Rotarians can support it and its work. He mentioned that, over the last 100 years, TRF has grown from Rotary Klumph's original donation of \$26.50 at the 1917 Atlanta International convention where he was elected president and expressed his dream of a Rotary endowment for doing good in the world. Since his donation of \$26.50 TRF has received more than \$3 billion. He further explained from TRF began great growth when Paul Harris died in 1947, and is now rated in the top three charities in the U.S., earning a 100% rating by Charity Navigator. He discussed –

- 1) details of the three ways to give: The Annual Fund, the Endowment Fund, and Polio Plus (and other restricted funds).
- 2) the TRF Mission: "Doing Good in the World", always following Rotary's guideline of the "Four-Way Test".
- 3) Programs within the six areas of focus, e.g. Humanitarian Service, scholarships, Vocational Training Teams, Rotary Peace Centers.
- 4) Polio is now down to about 32 cases per year worldwide, and that but for current world conflicts, it would be eradicated. Bill Gates is our greatest partner, matching 2 for 1, all donations to our Polio-Plus fund.
- 5) how Rotarians can help TRF through estate planning, to get our dollars to go further, and still take care of our loved ones. See last week's Appleseed.
- 6) To read an excellent history of Arch Klumph and TRF (in comic-book format) see the November Rotarian magazine.

As usual, a Polio-Plus donation was made in the speaker's name. Pete Van Well made a presentation promoting a potential beautification project in South Wenatchee at the Mission View School, in keeping with the goals of our upcoming "Building Communities" auction. The project had been approved by the club Board of Directors prior to the meeting. President Jim called for a vote of the members and it was unanimously approved, stating the unlikelihood that all of the designated \$10,000 would be needed. The initiative was supported by United Neighborhood Association of South Wenatchee, of which several representatives were guests and spoke sincerely concerning this and the many other needs of the area, including child safety.

Jay Smith discussed the progress of the auction and some needs:

- Members are asked to bring a bottle of wine or liquor to a meeting
- Auction tickets are available at \$50, or they can be ordered from the club web site (Frank demonstrated)
- There will not be a donor list for at least 2 weeks (so that we know who not to approach), so don't wait for it. It will be posted on line when available.

WENATCHEE ROTARY CALENDAR

December 1st Meeting

Classification Talks - Amanda Keller & Chris Baker

December 8th Meeting

Annual Meeting and Elections

December 15th Meeting

Christmas Party - Santa

Don't forget to bring your donation for the Salvation Army

December 22nd Meeting

Auction Recipients

January 28, 2017

Rotary "Building Communities" Auction 2017

April 27 - 30, 2017

District Conference, Kelowna, B.C.

June 10 - 14, 2017

Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

- Sponsorships are still available.
- Team leader needed for Team 2

Gil Sparks made an appeal for members to attend the Annual Gala Fundraiser and live auction at the Women's Resource Center (WRC) on December 2. Tickets are \$100. At the event Jim and Karen Russell will be honored as the Campbell Humanitarians of the year. Please respond by November 18.

Frank Clifton promoted the upcoming StageKids Christmas musical production at the Performing Arts Center December 1-3. The show is "Elf, (Jr.)", based on the recent movie and Broadway show. There will be 5 performances. Frank showed a promotional video.

Michelle Shermer, representing the ONE Campaign, made an appeal for members to write letters to Senator Murray for her Senate support of legislation promoting a bipartisan House education bill co-sponsored years ago by Congressman Reichert. Named "Education for All" it seeks to assist 263 million children worldwide not in school, including many millions in conflict areas.

– Frank Clifton, Club Secretary



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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION HAS BEEN NAMED THE 2016 OUTSTANDING FOUNDATION BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FUNDRAISING PROFESSIONALS (AFP).

From its first contribution of \$26.50 almost a century ago, The Rotary Foundation's assets have grown to approximately \$1 billion, and more than \$3 billion have been spent on projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies.

The Rotary Foundation's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its PolioPlus program in 1985, and in 1988 became a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Since then, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than two billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. The Foundation's advocacy efforts also have resulted in another \$9 billion from world governments and foundations, increasing its impact.

Today, polio is on the verge of becoming only the second human disease ever to be eliminated, after smallpox, with a 99.9 percent decrease in cases since the initiative began.

To mark the Foundation's centennial year, Rotary members aim to raise \$300 million by July 2017. "We are honored to receive this recognition from the AFP, which give us even more reason to celebrate during our Foundation's centennial year," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Kalyan Banerjee. "The continued strong support of Rotary members will help us keep our promise of a polio-free world for all children, and enable the Foundation to carry out its mission of advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace. We look forward to another 100 years of Rotary members taking action to make communities better around the world."

Rotary clubs have long embraced the call for peace at the grassroots level by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence, such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy. In 2002, the Rotary Foundation took a direct approach by providing future leaders the tools to become catalysts for peace in their communities. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are chosen to participate in a master's degree or certificate program at one of Rotary's Peace Centers

in partnership with universities around the world. Today, more than 1,000 peace fellow alumni serve as leaders in national governments, nongovernmental organizations, the military, law enforcement, and international institutions such as the United Nations and World Bank.

"While almost everyone is familiar with Rotary, not everyone may realize just how much an impact Rotary and the Rotary Foundation have had on countless people and communities across the globe," said AFP President and CEO Jason Lee. "On behalf of the entire charitable sector and people around the world, all of us at AFP are honored to be able to recognize The Rotary Foundation as our 2016 Outstanding Foundation."

The Rotary Foundation will receive its award at AFP's 2017 International Fundraising Conference in San Francisco, April 30 – May 2, 2017.



Goal
15,000
 LIVES
 SAVED
11,350

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

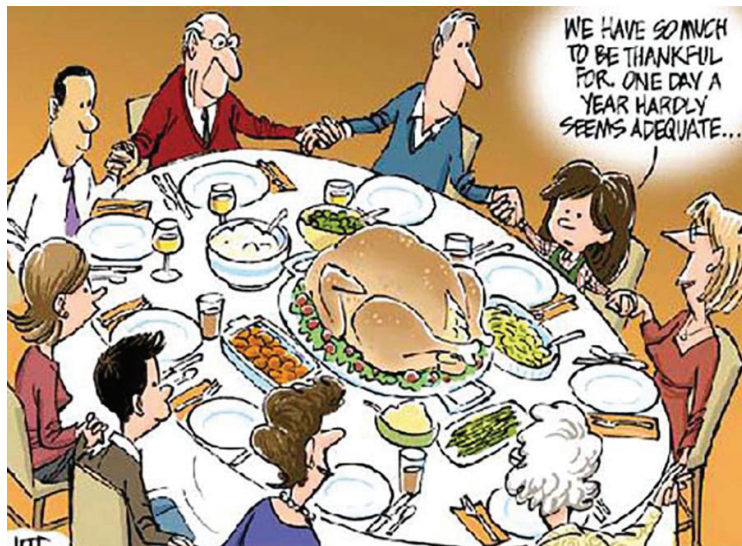
The mission of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is to improve educational opportunities for citizens living in the Greater Wenatchee area. Funding for the foundation is through immediate and deferred giving from current and past Wenatchee Rotary Club members.

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



GROW ROTARY

WHO DID YOU INVITE THIS WEEK?

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OF EACH MONTH IN THE CADMAN ROOM @ RED LION HOTEL
NEXT BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016

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