



November 9, 2017 Meeting at Noon on Thursdays at the Red Lion Hotel Volume LXVII - No. 19

## **"Veteran's Day"** with AF Colonel Marshall Groves

We are honored to have Air Force Colonel Marshall Groves as our Veterans program speaker. He is a seasoned helicopter pilot. A dozen years ago he and his crew were part of the major offensive on the Al-Qaida who controlled Fallujah, Iraq. The Marines were storming the city in door to door fighting. His lead aircraft was shot down by a rocket propelled grenade that directly hit the cockpit. In an exceedingly dangerous combat environment, Colonel Groves and his crew were able to find the downed aircraft and rescue the crew. These experiences put his current role as the commander of the United States Air Force's Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion, SERE for short, training group in perspective.



SERE is based at Fairchild AFB near Spokane. Much of the field work is done in the Colville National Forest. Other units he directs teach arctic survival training at

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska and evasion and conduct after capture training in Texas. Colonel Groves graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1995. He earned a Master of Science degree from Georgia Tech in 2007. He is a Command Pilot with experience in the UH-1N, MH-53, and CV-22 aircraft. He has many years of experience in special operations having served both in aviation and staff positions and in Iraq, Kuwait, Djibouti, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

We will find this a stimulating program. You are encouraged to bring family and guests to meet and hear from this fine military leader.

Members should be aware that Ford is now maintaining club attendance data and selling squares for the Apple Bowl raffles, at \$5 and \$10. This is a busy man!

**New-Member Proposal** - The board has approved membership for Joel Lhamon, a retired advertising executive proposed by Al Bridges

# November is Rotary Foundation Month

### THINK ABOUT IT! - Veteran's Day...

Veterans Day is an official US holiday honoring armed service veterans. It has been observed annually on November 11 since 1919, when it was proclaimed by then-president Woodrow Wilson as Armistice Day, a celebration of the formal end of the so-called Great War (WW-I). The fighting had actually ended months earlier with a temporary truce on the 11th hour of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918. In 1954, it became known as Veterans Day.





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## The Week in Review -

Program highlights. Dorry Foster, Executive Director of the Wenatchee YMCA displayed energy, enthusiasm and expertise with her excellent PowerPoint presentation. A Jersey Girl born and bred; she spent much of her youth in various places on the East Coast. She met her husband at college in Connecticut and his career as a football coach prompted many moves for their family. A stay-at-home mom with her 3 children in Albany, NY, she began work first as a personal trainer and then as a kick boxing instructor at her local Y. Her responsibilities increased and her career evolved from instructor to fitness director, then executive director. After 27 years, her husband was ready for a change from his demanding 90 hour a week position. After their children had relocated to the west coast, she became enamored with the Wenatchee area during her interview process here. She was impressed with the great praise from the national YMCA due to the support and involvement of the board and the community. She was attracted by the smaller organization, the vitality and vibrancy of our Y under Eric Nelson's leadership, the dedication and tenure of many of the board members.

During her first year, interviewing members, staff and board; gathering ideas and generating a sense of ownership for their work together, they have developed a vision for the Y and goals toward manifesting that vision. Challenges include improving and updating infrastructure and equipment; increasing philanthropy; broadening access to all strata and age groups of the community. Many new membership types and fee schedules have been created. There have been program expansions for gym and water sports, hiking and outdoor excursions, classes added to appeal to the elderly, women, children and families. Many of these programs are generated with collaborative organizations in the community. Collaborators include CASA, the school district, Columbia Valley Community Health, the Land Trust, Women's Resource Center and NCW Diabetes Coalition. The diversity of activities Dorry proposes and the vibrancy she exhibits made me want to put on my sneakers and run beside her. Program audio is posted on our web site.

**Announcements.** Joe St Jean distributed cards for members to sign, say hello and write words of encouragement to the 9 students our club foundation sponsors. He then reported that the Community Outreach

Committee will be accepting grant applications for projects needing people power and funds. The deadline is November 15.

**Laurel Turner** announced that her committee has arranged a Summer Fundraiser to be held at the Wells House July 14. It will be a Wine and Food event embellished by fundraising fun and games. Details to follow, plus appealed for a few more people to help on this committee. **President Don** announced a 1 week extension of the opportunity to purchase a shirt with the Rotary insignia at GPA. See prior edition for details.

Coming events of note (also see calendar, page3):

-Nov 9th our program for Veterans Day. - Nov 16- in lieu of a regular meeting, our board will brain storm ideas for a club vision and focus for the future. Send any suggestions to a board member. - Friday Nov 17 Tailgate Party at the Numerica PAC, a celebration of local athletes and college loyalties. - Nov 29. Frank offered invitations for a free evening performance of "Bah Humbug" by Stage Kids at the PAC, a fundraiser to help send a team to compete in a national youth in theater event. -Christina Davitt - the next regular new-member orientation at Tastebuds, 4:30 PM. - Susan Albert and Frank Clifton attended the District 5060 Fall Assembly in Osoyoos October 27, 28. - Visiting former member Richard DeRock, president of Wenatchee North, was congratulated on becoming District Governor Designee. Richard then invited all to his meeting next Wednesday 11/8 at Town Toyota Center as they host our WA state Attorney General, Bob Ferguson. If attending, call Richard (665-3690), but walk-ins are welcome.







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The meeting ended with the recognition and presentation of pins, by Tom Ross and Heidi Myers, to the many current and past members who have generously donated to TRF and to the club's Wenatchee Rotary Foundation (WRF, named for past member Paul Scea). Eric Nelson (PHF +2). -WRF pins = Don Myers, Gary Provo, Sue Rose, Tom Welch;

-WRF+2 = Scott Ballard, Jerry Copp, Don Elfving, Allan Galbraith, Bill Murray, Linda Evans Parlette, Tom Ross, Peter/Karen Rutherford, Leonard Singhose; -WRF+3 = Dick Harris, Tom McNair, Terry Stuller; WRF+6 = Ford Barrett, Jim Russell, Bud Truswell.

-Grace Van Well received an honorary WRF pin.

Sue Rose provided photos from Rotary night at the WHS-Eastmont football concessions. Respectfully submitted by Dee Curcio (with a few minor edits by Frank).

For more information on WRF and TRF, visit our web site, click on the Foundation menu tab. Haiti Clean Water Project update from Jim Russell - The team is planning to take supplies to Milot and complete repairs; Drainage is to start in the next month or two.

We are gathering cost estimates for travel, lodging and labor costs for our operators. We have an estimate for parts. We appear to be within budget. Our next report will be to the Board for approval on November 16.







#### GOAL \$4,000

2651

#### **END POLIO NOW**

Last year, our goal for the PolioPlus/Club 60 was \$3000.00, equivalent to \$9,000 or 15,000 lives saved when taking into account the Gates Foundation 2 for 1 match (being extended for 3 more years). Our goal this year is increased to \$4,000 through the cups and other fundraisers, equivalent to 20,000 lives saved.

The amount raised to date = \$2651 (\$7954 with match), or 13283 lives saved. Additionally the amount collected on 10/24 was \$2575 at KPQ/Wells Fargo, plus \$100 online.

WENATCHEE ROTARY CALENDAR **November 16th Meeting Changed** Joining in All Club Tailgate Lunch on November 17th **November 20th Bob Parlette Menorial-Convention Center 3 PM** November 23th - No Meeting **Happy Thanksgiving November 30th Meeting** Habitat for Humanity - Bob Bugert & Gil Sparks **December 7th Meeting Classification Talk - TBA December 14th Meeting Annual Meeting (Elections) December 21st Meeting Annual Christmas Party** February 9-11 Zone Event **President's International Peace-Building Conference** Vancouver, BC



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

Wenatchee North	@ Town Toyota Center	Wed. Nooi
Wenatchee Sunrise	@ Red Lion	Tues. 7 am
Cashmere	@ Cashmere Presbyterian Church	Wed. Nooi
Leavenworth	@ Kristall's	Fri. 11:45 :

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@ Shari's Restaurant@ Tsillian Cellars@ Quincy Senior Center

Thurs. 7 am Tues. Noon Thur. Noon

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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: Tom Ross, President: Jay Smith, Vice President; Heidi Myers, Treasurer; Bill Monnette, Secretary Board Members: Joe St. Jean, Ruth Esparza, Alice Meyer, Susan Albert, Dee Curcio, Pete VanWell (ex-offico)



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