

# North Notes

## Spokane-North Rotary Club

October 21, 2024

Lenore presided over today's meeting, standing in for Melinda.

### Calendar:

**Oct. 28:** Noon luncheon at the Bark. Program: Lumen scholars.

### Tours and activities:

Club activities chair **Laura Zahn** said upcoming events include:

- Following on the luncheon meeting this summer with Teresa Conway of Joya, members and guests are invited to join two special events.
- Pending: On Friday, **Oct. 25** Joya will have a tour of its new building and an optional Thai lunch. However, only a few members have signed up—we need more people to sign up!
- On Wednesday, **Oct. 30**, a pre-Halloween event is “Trunk or Treat,” at 5-6:30 p.m., where treats are filled with decorated car or trunks or trunks for 100-150 kids.



Contact Laura or use SignUpGenius.

### Fall Assembly:

**John Mailliard, Lenore Romney** and **Nancy Hanson** attended the District Fall Assembly in the Spokane Valley to learn about grant opportunities. **Jerry Logan** attended the session on RI Global Grants. Grant deadlines are next April for consideration in the following Rotary year.

John said about \$87,000 should be available for the next year from about 55 clubs and 16 district grants were funded this year.

### Happy Bucks:

- **John Mailliard** was delighted that the Cheney Road was re-opened after four months, easing all the drivers in the Eagle Ridge area.
- **Michelle Fossum** was happy to spend a restful week at home after her plans to visit Florida were washed away by the hurricanes.
- **Ron Noble** was happy to be back at the club following some health challenges.
- **Chuck Rehberg**, wearing an “Oregon Football” shirt, celebrated the Duck’s number one Associated Press ranking.



- **Jerry Logan** was happy for a grandchild's chance for a first place to qualify an all-city cross country meet.
- **Janine McKorkle** was \$5 happy to work at a pre-school class of 4 year olds at Holmes.
- **Sandy Fink** was happy to be back after some time off in the passing of her brother.
- **Bill Simer** was happy that the EWU fund he has been leading for the university reached \$67 million. In honor of his leadership, Bill tossed the coin to open the Eagles game. He won the toss, but the Eags were not as successful.



## *Welcome, Teresa*

Scott McKorkle and acting club president Lenore Romney officially welcomed the club's newest member, Teresa Flegel. Teresa owns and operates the UPS store at the Wandermere Mall in North Spokane. Her daughter is the print and production leader at the store.

In an e-mail film clip, Teresa said, "I'm a morning person and workout daily." Prior to buying the UPS franchise she worked at a local credit union, moving up from receptionist to loan officer.

## *Classification talk: Jessica Shew*

Spokane seems like "Midwest nice" to Jessica Shew – happy to be here in a wide-ranging list of places to call home.

Club program chairman Bill Simer handled the Q&A session with Jessica at the Oct. 21 meeting.

Shew is senior mortgage loan officer at the Idaho Central Credit Union in downtown Spokane. "I was born in Texas and have relatives there, but "no exes," she said.

After a stay in the Midwest, Jessica pursued a photography career at the Seattle Art School. Then she followed her newly-wed husband to his naval post in Virginia. They moved back to Seattle and she got into sales.

Jessica said some 25 years ago she worked with bank loans and reverse mortgages. Wanting a home for the family, but facing the soaring Seattle housing market, the family decided in 2021 to move to Spokane. She has been with Idaho Central for two years.

Also in her real estate work was club member Eric Johnson. Melinda Keberle introduced Jessica to our Rotary Club and she liked the vibe. "Everyone is so welcoming at our club," Jessica said, adding she likes the work the club does with Holmes School.

Though her husband had roots in Issaquah, she said his boss was looking to open an office in Spokane for the high-end woodworking firm and the timing worked well.

Teresa said, "I had never been to Spokane, but it feels like the Midwest. Our neighbors became our best friends."

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