

North Notes

Spokane-North Rotary Club

October 28, 2024

Calendar: (See Club Meetings listings, luncheons are Noon at The Bark unless noted. No meeting on 11/11, Veterans Day.)

Announcements:

- Club President **Melinda Keberle** said, “We need a president-elect soon; someone to go to PETs training early next year.”
- She thanked those who attended the Rotary District Fall Assembly, which qualified the club to apply for a district grant. An on-line version of grant training also is available in January.
- Gift tags for the club’s “\$60 for 40” holiday program for needy families at Holmes Elementary School will be available at the Nov. 25 luncheon meeting, when the district governor will be attending.
- A club holiday gathering also is in the planning stage.

Tours and activities:

Upcoming events include:

- On Wednesday, Oct. 30, a pre-Halloween event is “Trunk or Treat,” at 5-6:30 p.m., at the Joya building, where treats are filled with decorated car or trunks or trunks for 100-150 needy kids. Contact Laura or use SignUpGenius.

Happy Bucks:

Chuck Rehberg, suggesting that the name personified him perfectly, \$5 was donated in honor of Percy “Happy” Watkins, who died at age 82. Chuck recalled Happy visiting him some 20 years ago during a hospital visit. **Bill Simer** said “I’ll second that” in honoring Watkins.

Welcome, Lumen scholar T'yanna

Lumen School has indeed been a “light” for T'yanna, one of the club's scholarship winners.

At the Oct. 28 luncheon, T'yanna talked about her future and showed cell-phone photos of her son, Lucas, and daughter, Eden.

Lumen High School, W 718 Riverside, is a public charter high school for grades 9-12 and a specialized early learning center to meet the needs of teen parents in Spokane County.



T'yanna with club member Jerry Logan

The school was founded in 2020 by Executive Director Shauna Edwards. Each student follows a personalized pathway to graduation.

T'yanna said “I had only a few classes (in another school) that I liked, but a visiting nurse told me about Lumen.”

“I got nervous – some of the other students were a little immature – but I got over it. The teachers give you some laughs, but then they get serious,” she said.

T'yanna added: “I was a year and a half behind, but Lumen got me up to speed.”

Now she is looking to graduate college, as she attends Spokane Falls Community College and wants to go to Eastern Washington University.

T'yanna said her partner also is in school and he wants to be an electrician.

She said she was 17 when Lucas, now 3, was born and Eden is now 7 months. “He actually lets her beat him up,” she joked. Both children have their costumes ready for Halloween, she said.

T'yanna also works with infants and youngsters at the central YMCA. “As fun as it is to change a million diapers, I want to work with the 5 and 6-year-old kids, she said, as she completes a practicum.

She is completing her second \$1,500 club scholarship. Board member Jerry Logan coordinates the scholarship program.

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