

# North Notes

## Spokane-North Rotary Club

October 7, 2024

### Calendar:

**Oct. 12:** Free Rein Therapeutic Riding tour, 2 p.m., if enough sign up on Sign Up Genius

**Oct. 14:** **No meeting.** (Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day holiday.)

**Oct. 21:** Noon luncheon at the Bark. Program: TBA

**Oct. 24:** 10:30 a.m. tour of Joya, 1016 S Superior (sign up at Sign Up Genius)

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

**Nov. 18:** 1:30 p.m. tour of the city's Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility (sign up at Sign Up Genius)

### Tours and activities:

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

Saturday, **Oct. 12**, 2 p.m., Free Rein therapeutic riding tour in Spokane Valley. Laura reports that only a few participants have signed up, so more members and guests are invited to join.

Following on the luncheon meeting this summer with Teresa Conway of Joya, members and guests are invited to join two special events.

On Friday, **Oct. 25**, Club members and guests will have a tour of Joya and an optional Thai lunch.

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.

Please use SignUpGenius to register for these events (*see Laura's email on how to set up your free SignUpGenius account.*)

## **Happy Bucks:**

Among the dollar days, **Sheila Fritts** and guest were happy to share the ticket-draw winnings for the week.

We welcomed guest Deena Budano and hope to see her in future meetings.

## **Foundation moments:**

**John Mailliard**, Rotary Foundation club coordinator, recounted some of the Paul Harris rules and milestones, including the ability to use accumulated points from a member's Rotary International donations to nominate a friend, loved one, or anyone they feel is deserving as a Paul Harris Fellow.

John also noted the club needs a third member to attend the District Fall Assembly, 9-3 p.m. on **Oct. 19** in the Spokane Valley to allow the club to qualify for District grants.

## ***Congrats, Bob (and Lenore)***

Lenore Romney a multi-level Paul Harris Fellow, honored husband Bob Romney as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Lenore thanked Bob, a fellow club member, for supporting her in all of her years of board leadership roles (she is club treasurer now), adding "you know how much Rotary means to me."



## ***It was a very good quarter***

Outgoing president Nancy Hanson summarized the past quarter: Luncheon programs and speakers included "Little Free Pantries" for the hungry, Joya, Transitions and four candidates – Spokane County 5<sup>th</sup> District's Molly Marshall and Al French, and Congressional 5<sup>th</sup> District Carmela Conroy and Michael Baumgartner.

Four new members joined the club and another new member, Teresa Flegel, is "on deck" at the next meeting, Hanson said.



She added that all board members and special committees were active, especially Sheila Fritts in handling the club's social media and Laura Zahn in setting up tours and hands-on projects.

As Nancy's quarter of leadership ends, the club presidency now moves to Melinda Keberle for the second quarter of the Rotary year.

Also new will be major communication changes.

The Club Runner system will move after this week to the DACdb system which is used throughout the Rotary district. This includes both the club's external website ([www.spokanerotarynorth.org](http://www.spokanerotarynorth.org)) and its intranet.

Club member Scott McKorkle previewed the new external website. Knowing that nothing is easy, it took member Eric Johnson to step up – literally – as he balanced on a chair, to connect the video link in the Bark conference room.

But the balancing act was worth it as Scott walked through the website, which should go live within the next several days. Members should begin to familiarize themselves with the new club intranet, DACdb. To sign on, members should go to [www.dacdb.com](http://www.dacdb.com). Their username is the email address they use for club mailings. To create a password, click the Forgot Password button and follow the steps to create a new one.



One page of the site includes photos of club members - Sheila Fritts offered to take new headshots of people with missing or outdated photos.

Scott welcomes feedback and ideas about the new web site. The hope is to make it more relevant, easy-to-read and show our club accurately in terms of its activities and participation to help the community.

Many thanks to member Sandy Fink for operating the sometimes-challenging Club Runner system for many years and thanks and good luck to Scott for helping with the new DACdb system.

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