

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Rotary Olympics

By Jim Balz on Thursday, August 19, 2021

President Cyndi and the Membership Committee held the first ever Olympica for Rotary clubs. **Rotary Wheel for Meeting of August 16, 2021**

President Cyndi Zechmann called the meeting to order at 12:30pm

Invocation: Carolyn Manger

Salute to the Flag: Mark Elliott

Song: America The Beautiful, led by Laurie Maricle

Four Way Test: Jim Larson

Happy Bucks:

Corina Phillips, who announced the next Happy Hour is to be held at Ricardo's, date to be announced.

President Cyndi, who had a recent wonderful boat trip to the San Juan Islands in a rented 38 foot "aircraft carrier".

Visiting Rotarians:

Treacy Derfeldt is the President with the Capital Centennial Rotary Club

"Van" Van Jepmond from Lacey

Guests of Rotarians:

Pastor Carol Tomer, guest of Bob Wubbena

Induction ceremony for Whitney Holm, complete with pin and Badge: conducted by President Cyndi. Whitney will serve on the Service Project Committee, and is a great "addition" to our Rotary group. Whitney of course had been a member a few years back and is sponsored by our very own Mark Elliott, and has already memorized her member number as "dictated" by Mr. Denny Peterson, who recalls, by memory, the numbers of us all.

President Cyndi presented Heather Antanaitis her blue badge.

Announcements:

Former Secretary of State, Ralph Munro. Ralph advised us of nearly total eradication of Polio in the Mekong Delta, Africa, and India, three countries in which such eradication was considered impossible to achieve. Ralph went on to advise us about the heart breaking events taking place in Afghanistan, where those administering vaccines of all types, as well as needed Translators have been murdered by the Taliban. A moment of silence appropriately was held.

Program

ROTARY OLYMPICS

SPONSOR: Membership Committee Members, led by the very Capable Judge Debra Stephens and the Infamous Instigator Tom McLean. Banners were paraded across the entire premises of the coliseum, followed by the chant: "Let the Games begin..."

Five very physically demanding stations had been set up in order to test the mental and physical attributes of the membership of Olympia Rotary. Doubtless months of preparation were needed in order to undertake the stresses these men and women underwent in order to qualify for the following events: Ladder Balls, Basketball, Table Tennis, Beanbag Cornhole, and paper airplane construction for long distance javelin achievement (no engines allowed!) Teams were chosen from countries representing Rotary exchange students. All contestants were required to test their capabilities in each of the five events, leaving them totally exhausted following the countless hours of mental and physical stress placed upon them...Their only saving grace was having consumed some 6,000 calories prior to the demands of these almost inhuman challenges. With most of the contestants lying on the floor (prone position) unable to stand, due to dehydration, lack of needed sustenance, and (probable) absence of mead, the Olympic Judges made a final decision of the very gifted winning teams.

For the Bronze: Team France

For the Silver: Team Paraguay

For the Gold: Team Belgium

Votes were certified; there was no disagreement thereof, nor was there any declaration of corruption therein.

Contestants were then helped from the floor to the stands, where appropriate medals were presented and well-earned applause given.

Olympic Banners were once again paraded, this time from the coliseum, and the Games declared ended for the year 2021.

Meeting was then adjourned by President Cyndi Zechmann at 1330