

North Notes

Spokane-North Rotary Club

February 24, 2025

- Mar. 3rd – “First Monday” meeting
- Mar. 10th – Dr. Melissa Graham, Director, EWU MESA program

Announcements:

- **Chuck** will not need surgery on his broken leg, but will be out for at least another three weeks.
- **Lenore** shared that the Board accepted **Deena**'s membership application. Her induction ceremony will be 3/10/25.
- **John** presented Lenore with her Paul Harris Pin, this time with a red stone!
- **Laura** had a great four days at PELS (President Elect Learning Seminar – formerly PETS). She shared that she was grateful for how well Rotary North runs and for its strong board.
- Laura asked club members for donations to raise \$120 for Polio Plus in honor of Rotary's 120th Birthday. She passed a cup, which was packed with donations at meeting end.
- **Sheila** brought a guest to the meeting. **Brandy Tarala** is founder and director of a local nonprofit called “United We Rescue.” Brandy is also communications relations for American Medical Response.
- **Bill** reminded the club that there is a Rotary app called DACdb and encouraged all members to download it to their smart phones. (Members can contact **Scott** for any assistance needed installing the app and with DACdb itself.)



Lenore Romney showing her Paul Harris pin

Happy Bucks

- **Janine** was happy to describe a text from a fellow Rotarian in Agra, India, who sent a photo of a cake celebrating Rotary's 120th anniversary.
- **Michelle** was \$5 happy that her son has returned home from service with the NSA. Michelle was also happy to invite Rotary members to the table she is sponsoring at [Rock the Runway](#).
- **Ron** was happy to celebrate being cancer-free for several years and for the cancer survivor shirt presented to him by Bill.
- **Jerry** was happy his friend Nancy is now cancer-free for the third time.
- **Melinda** was happy about her recent vacation to the Philippines.
- **Laura** was ~~\$20~~ \$20 happy for her experience at PELS. She also shared her thanks for Sheila and the terrific work she does running the club's social media.



Ron Noble with his new shirt

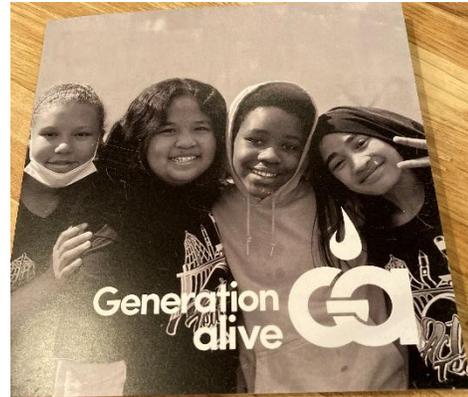
- **Teresa** was happy that Michelle helped her finalize her will.
- **Deena** was happy for the upcoming birthday of one of her grandchildren, and the fact she has another grandchild on the way.
- **Bill** was happy with **Paulette's** great presentation at last week's meeting.

Helping Develop Future Leaders

Our guest speaker was JJ Vancil, Executive Director of Generation Alive, a youth service organization. Generation Alive is focused on growing the next generation of leaders. Their goal is to activate youth to live and lead with compassion.

Generation Alive maintains five core values:

- Experience of belonging
- Power of Understanding
- Joy of Service
- Opportunity to Lead
- Life of Compassion



They accomplish these goals through three main programs:

- Action Teams comprised of students who lead their school through an assembly, fundraising campaign, and a service project that benefits their community.
- Leadership Development invites youth to participate in internship programs that equip college students with leadership and character development skills.
- Summer Serve Camps provide students with an opportunity to volunteer at various local non-profits in the Spokane area and further their involvement within the community.



JJ Vancil

As JJ noted, participants in the organization will develop the skills to help them become Rotarians.

Generation Alive provides services to over thirty schools spanning from Airway Heights and Cheney to Coeur d'Alene. Typically, a school will participate in the program for two or three years, then take some time off to keep the program fresh with the students.

Holmes has participated in the past, but has lost contact in recent years. Our club will work with JJ to introduce him to Kale Colyar, Holmes' principal.

Jerry commented that JJ's wife, Katy Vancil, is a school counselor at Lumen High School. Our club and Katy have worked together quite often with our Lumen Scholar program.

Generation Alive's goal is to create civic-minded teens with compassion to make their community better.

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