



Club Assembly Recap: The Duck Race and More!



We discussed the history & evolution of our annual Duck Race, financial obligations, potential rewards, & encouraged members to join our Special Projects committee.

Duck Race History and Evolution: Treasurer *Dick Richter* shared that our Duck Race **began 39 years ago**, with the first event facing slow currents. We've released up to 40,000 ducks; this year, we'll release 25,000. Each ticket includes a free car wash from **Autobahn Car Wash**.

Sales Targets and Achievements: Foundation Chair *Andrew Cook* set our goal at 4,000 tickets annually. In 2022, we sold 126 extra tickets. This year, we **aim to sell 121 more**. The Duck Race funds our scholarships and community service activities.

Call to Action: *Denise Buel*, Special Projects Chair, emphasized the importance of every member selling their tickets. She encouraged members to share suggestions & ideas to enhance fellowship and engage participants.

In Addition to the Duck Race, we have other exciting fundraising activities lined up!

Hal's Booze Drawing: This will be held on **July 30th from 4pm to 6pm** during our 75-year Kickoff celebrations at the Riverfront Hotel.

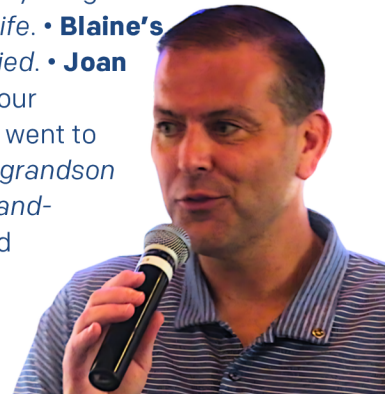
When Santa Shaves His Beard: This popular event continues to generate funds for our initiatives.

Let's work together to make this year's Duck Race and other events a success. Your participation and support are vital to our club's impact on the community. Thank you for your dedication and efforts!



Brags & Confessions

• July birthdays were acknowledged. **Jan** took a vacation and unfortunately caught COVID. • **Ken** brought flowers for his wife. • **Blaine's** daughter is getting married. • **Joan** presented a gift to **Fien**, our exchange student. • **Jim** went to Bellingham to watch his grandson play baseball, met his granddaughter's boyfriend, and announced that another granddaughter is getting married.



Guest Speaker: Dianna Ruff

Dianna Ruff presented on Superior Court Operations, covering the role of the courts, an overview of Benton & Franklin County Superior Court, and courtroom procedures. In 2023, 61 trials were completed in Franklin County and 166 in Benton County. She discussed *Specialty Programs* like Adult Drug Court, with 90 participants and a 6.33% residual offense rate, and the Juvenile Individual Treatment Court.

The *Prosecutorial Division Program* identifies candidates needing housing or case management after arrest. Updates include digital audio recordings, new court staff, case managers, a remodeled jury assembly room, and a Law Day Committee to engage civic leaders and schools. Local court rules were also *overhauled*, reducing from 144 pages to 33.

Thank you, **Dianna**, for your insightful presentation.



Announcements

Joan presented **Terri** with her *Past President Badge*. **Bob Tibbet** discussed *Duck Race Tickets*, and **Linda** requested *host families for visiting delegates* in August. The **50/50 raffle** was won by **Fien**, our exchange student, who pulled the \$10 chip.