



Rototeller - Rotary Club of Forest Grove

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Duties

Program

Jul 18 Club Assembly
Jul 25 Concours Wrap Up
Aug 1 Tom Vogt - Future
Of US Health Care
Aug 8 Chris Didway,
Children First, Oregon

Rototeller Article

Jul 18 Tom Meier
Jul 25 Jim Crisp
Aug 1 Tom Raabe
Aug 8 John Forsyth

Greeting Partners

Jul 18 Jim Crisp & John
Crosley
Jul 25 Ken Cunningham
& Nicki DeBuse
Aug 1 Yvonne Curtis &
Michael Doherty
Aug 8 Jeff Duyck &
Geoff Faris

Thought For The Day

Jul 18 Jeff Hoyt
Jul 25 Marykay Morelli
Aug 1 Sharon Olmstead
Aug 8 Dan Mueller

We Are Meeting In The MPR At Pacific This Week!

July 18, 2018

Commercial Fishing In Kodiak Alaska

I have craved adventure all my life. When I was 20 years old I went with my best friend, Bill Goodfellow, to fish in Kodiak. I didn't have a job but was sure I could get one once I got up there. My friend was experienced and he told me how to go about it.

Landing in Kodiak at 1100 PM- It was raining and there was mud 14" deep and I carried my little pack and walked a long ways to get to town. So I was down on the docks every day talking to skippers and danged if I didn't get a job AS A COOK of all things. The skipper gave me \$250 and told me to go to the grocery store and get food for seven days. I didn't have a clue so I went to the store- low and behold- all the other cooks were getting supplies. So they helped me out, whatever they took, I took. It didn't take them long to figure out I knew NOTHING about cooking but I had a job. They weren't happy.

Commercial fishing is DANGEROUS. I didn't know this. I came very close to losing my life on six different occasions:

I got knocked into the water by a loose boom- prompting me to swim 20-30 yards w my HIP BOOTS ON.

The water pump went out while crossing the Shelikof Straights in rough water. That skipper changed that pump out in about 20 minutes. He saved our lives, I kid you not.

While making an all-night run to the cannery with a load of fish, I beached the boat on a small island, I didn't see it- going full bore. The boat flopped over on the sand and we floated off at high tide. We had to change the prop and that was the only damage. We were lucky!

We encountered a huge storm- the winds were in excess of 75 mph. We were hunkered down in a cove but we had to have an all-night anchor watch. While pulling the anchor once, I could feel my eyeballs being flattened out by the wind. That storm scared the hell out of me.

We had a 9 foot monster Blue Shark come into the seine once. The skipper shot him with an old army rifle. We hooked him on to the winch by the tail, pulled him up on the boat to photograph. His teeth were going clackity clack- we had to lay him down, unhook and roll him over the boat into the water. His skin was like sandpaper and my deck was covered w blood. It was pretty impressive for a 20 year old kid.

Raffle Prize

Jul 18 Lorrie Hutchins
Jul 25 Luis Jimenez
Aug 1 Mckenzie
Johnston Carey
Aug 8 Geoff Johnston

Meeting Place

Jul 18 MPR Pacific U
Jul 25 MPR PacificU
Aug 1 MPR Pacific U
Aug 8 MPR Pacific U

Events

Rotary Board Meeting

July 19, 2018

Thirsty Thursday

July 19, 2018

Concours Board

Meeting

July 24, 2018

Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance

July 15, 2018

Board Members

Director 2016 - 2019

Pete Van Dyke

Director 2016 - 2019

Lorrie Hutchins

Director 2016 - 2019

Bryce Baker

Director 2017 - 2020

Doug Thompson

Director 2017 - 2020

Mackenzie Johnston

Carey

Director 2017 - 2020

Josh Shinoda

Director 2018 - 2021

Michelle Thomas

Director 2018 - 2021

Paul Waterstreet

Director 2018 - 2021

Ryan Garcia

Community Outreach

Chair

Mike Hundley

Fund Raising Treasurer

Jim Crisp

Club Services Group

Chair

Geoff Faris

New Generations Chair

Ryan Garcia

While the fishermen were on strike- I took a job as a Rod Man- (holds the pole for the surveyor) We used two way radios, it had three channels- I switched to a music channel until he motioned me to switch back for the next direction. Not paying attention, I saw him waving his hands frantically. He said, "Tom there is a giant sow (bear) with two cubs and they are very CLOSE TO YOU- get out of there but DON'T RUN. I think I beat him back to our hotel. Ha!

I worked on purse seiners. The skipper would choose when and where to make a set. We had a crew of four and I usually worked as a deck hand. When we pulled the purse seine in, I had to use long poles with a funnel on the water end to plunge in the water on both sides of the net. This imitates a seal and keeps the fish in the seine.

Oh man we would bring thousands and thousands of salmon into the hold. When we got to the cannery, I had to jump into the hold with fish up to my abdomen- spear them w a pew and throw them up and out while the slime came back in our faces. This took two hours and was back breaking dirty work. While touring a modern cannery on our last trip to AK, I saw them bring a load in and they used a huge 24 inch suction hose to off load in about 20 minutes. Boy that made me mad! Modern technology!

Did I make a lot of \$ money? Not really, the season was only 21 days, and those %\$#@ guys were always on strike it seemed. I made expenses and a little more. However, I accomplished my objective, I have stories to tell my grandchildren and kids for a long long time.

Thank you for listening to my drive!

Tom Meier

New Member Proposal

The Board has received the following membership proposal.

Name: Shayla Elliott

Classification: Banking

Sponsor: Claudia Yakos

Any objections must be received in writing by Alma Lozano, Club Secretary, no later than July 25th.

Number of Wild Poliovirus Cases Globally as of July 10, 2018

New Cases Last 7 Days	1
YTD - 2018	12
YTD - 2017	7
Total - 2017	22
Total - 2016	37
Total - 2015	74
Total - 2014	359
Total - 2013	416
Total - 2012	223
Total - 2011	650
Total - 2010	1,352
Total - 2009	1,604
Total - 2008	1,651

Source: <http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>