

THE BACKWASH

Rotary Club of Edmonds

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This is the first edition of the “New Adventures of the Old Backwash”... or the last edition of “The Backwash”, in favor of something altogether new... more on that later.

First, let’s say thanks to Kirk Greiner, and before that, Michael Kealy, for their good efforts to keep the news flowing the past few years. They are both on to bigger and better challenges, so this editor is picking up the charge. Many members have spoken up for a “hard copy” newsletter, so that’s what we’re going to try, as a way to help members stay better informed. We also plan to post on the website, for those who want to view it there, or for people outside the club who would like to see what we are up to. While we’re on the subject, some have said we should change the title of our newsletter. (See first paragraph.) “Backwash” is a nautical term (ask Bill Toskey) and relates to our longstanding custom of holding our meetings at various places along the Edmonds waterfront. Now we meet at the “Floral Center”, so-o-o... Do you think we should change the name of this newsletter? If so, what would be a better name? Email your ideas to me at pmtbroker@comcast.net .

Second, we need input from all of you. What info do you want to see in this newsletter that you may be missing now? Board members and Committee Chairs, we need your contributions for this newsletter. We may request an article time to time, or you can “volunteer” an item if you want to reach out to the members. Members want to know what you are working on and how it is all working out, and especially if you need help. In fact we welcome items from any member who would like to contribute.

Third, as time and space permit we hope to give our dear readers a sense of Club history and continuity, and maybe even some fun reading along the way.

Now, for a bit of news...

Our first photomathon is over and was a success, at least as measured by how much fun everyone had. In the interest of accountability, we submit the following: With net income of \$900, and expenses of \$490, we had a net profit of \$410. We hope to repeat this event in the spring. Dust off your camera!

Our club Auction was November 8. It was a sparkly event. Kudos for a hard working committee effort. Thanks to Libby Freese and her team. This event has been the key fundraiser for our scholarship program for a number of years now. Unfortunately, it wasn't as well attended as in the past, and many items went below projected levels. Final numbers are not in, hopefully we made our needed amount for scholarships. Maybe it's time to rethink whether this event is still relevant to our members. What do you think?

You will note the lack of graphics in this edition of the Backwash. That's because we want to encourage you to do more reading... No, it's actually because this new editor is still illiterate in the ways of graphic newsletter production. As we learn, we promise that it will all get more interesting. And there will be more news. You can also find lots of info on our club website at www.rotaryclubofedmonds.com .

With Thanksgiving and other holidays coming up this is a good time to remember to cherish the camaraderie of Rotary. And that can be easily done by being here for meetings, and while you're here, take a little time to get to know someone a little better.

In closing, on the attached page is an excerpt from an old newsletter, written by the late Dick Cole, a well-loved member of our club for many years. He created a fictional club, "Ohvada Hill," and used it as a platform for thoughtful meanderings about Rotary, and about life. Enjoy.

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