

# District 7 News



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## Compassion

Frequent readers of this column have gotten used to the fact that I often reflect on moments with my daughter, and this week brought yet another reflection.

As a flute section leader in the Mercer Island High School marching band she was assigned the additional responsibility of keeping an eye on Brad, a student with Downs Syndrome. Brad couldn't play an instrument but he proudly marched with the band, sometimes playing maracas, other times carrying a banner.

At the end of the pre-game ceremony one crisp autumn Friday evening all 270 members of the band began to funnel into two staircases leading to the band's place in the stands when I noticed Brad nearing the top of the stadium with kind of a lost look on his face. I then saw my daughter racing, two steps at a time, to catch up to him and heard her say, "Do you want to sit with us?" I thought: Hmm, how about that?

The following morning I told her what I saw and how proud I was of her. I told her that she had many gifts, and that I knew that she worked very hard to make the most of those gifts. But the gift that would make her the happiest and the most successful, and the gift that made me the proudest, was her gift of compassion.

She gave me a puzzled look and said, "Dad, that's not what happened. Brad came up to me." Wow, it was a reflex action; she didn't even realize what she had done.

For the past several weeks the airwaves have been dominated by news about regions that were about to be, were in the midst of being, or were just overcome by storms of Biblical proportion. Even with the constant coverage it's hard to imagine what the millions of hurricane victims are actually going through right now.

It's time for one of those compassionate reflex actions.

*WB John Gebhart*

## District 7 Month-at-a-Glance

September 18	Monday	West Gate #150	Stated
September 21	Thursday	Myrtle #108	Stated
October 3	Wednesday	Unity #198	Stated
October 4	Thursday	Mercer Island #297	Stated
September 9	Saturday	Falls City #66	Stated
October 9	Monday	Lakeside #258	Stated
October 12	Thursday	Kirkland #150	Stated

DDGM schedule at [more-out-there.blogspot.com](http://more-out-there.blogspot.com)

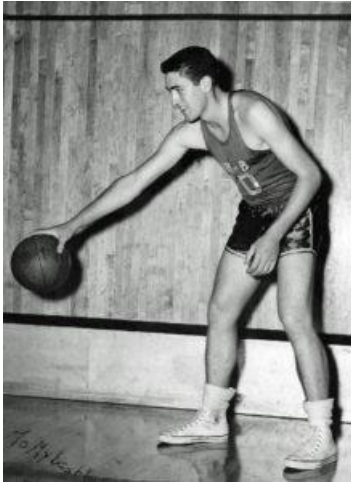
## WB Les Snavelly

1932 - 2017



WB Leslie Edward Snavelly, 85, died September 2, 2017 at home with his wife of 61 years, Joyce M. Snavelly and son Brian G. Snavelly by his side.

Les was born June 6, 1932, in Bell, California; he is survived his wife, older sister Florence Fowler and husband Glenn Fowler, and younger brother Dee Snavelly and wife Kara. He is also survived his sons, Scott Edward and wife Lisa, Brian Glen and wife DoraLee, and Keith Loren Snavelly. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



*Les playing ball in the Navy*

Les starred on the varsity basketball team at Roosevelt High School. After graduation, he joined the Navy and served during the Korean War in Hawaii and Guam. Among his duties in the Navy he also played on his unit's basketball team. After the Navy, Les attended Fresno State College graduating in 1960 with a degree in Education and a minor in History.

Les and Joyce were married June 1, 1956. They lived in Fresno, Santa Barbara, Exeter and Sacramento California. Les worked for GE and the family moved in 1971 to the then remote location of Redmond. Les retired early from GE and took a job at Sahalee Golf Course where he worked until the summer of his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Les was passionate about sports and he spent many years coaching his three sons' youth sports teams. There are many children in Redmond in the 70's that learned about sportsmanship and fair play from Les' leadership as a coach.



*Coach Les*

Les was an avid golfer and had several hole-in-ones, earning him the moniker "Lucky Les". He was a loyal member in the Westgate Lodge #128 for 49 years and served as long time treasurer and secretary. In his spare time, he became an accomplished watercolor artist. Snively family homes are filled with Les' beautiful paintings.

A celebration of life will be held at Redmond Senior Center, 8703 160th AVE NE, Redmond, Washington, Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please donate in Les' name to the Evergreen Hospice Foundation (click on "Donate": [evergreenhealthfoundation.com/support/hospice](http://evergreenhealthfoundation.com/support/hospice))

## **Hurricane Relief**

The Grand Lodges of Texas and Florida are requesting donations to extend relief to Brethren impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Please click on this link to donate: <http://www.msana.com/msappeals.asp>

Other avenues for hurricane relief:

<http://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/hurricane-relief>

<http://www.unicefusa.org/mission/emergencies/hurricanes>

## **Rainbow Girls: Chemo Care**

Bellevue Assembly is gathering items to create Chemo Care Packages for people going through chemotherapy treatment. Collections will be made through the end of October. Items needed include:

- fuzzy socks
- teas
- lip balm
- hard candy
- magazines
- books
- playing cards

Cash donations will also be accepted. For more information contact Mother Advisor, Jean Dankberg, at [jean@dankberg.com](mailto:jean@dankberg.com).

## Letters to the Editor

### *Old Car Syndrome (August 31, 2017)*

WB John:

Liked you allegory. My mother told me years ago if you are looking backwards you will miss the future. As Masons we have challenges ahead of us in order to ensure we continue long into the future.

Well stated, John.

Cheers,

~RWB Charles (Woody) Wood

WB John:

If I could still have them my favorite two cars they would be my CooperS from the 1950s and before that my Studebaker, long sleek and ahead of its time with things like overdrive and brake hill-holder. Of course in my advancing maturity what I need may be the kiddie-car my dad bought for me in the 1930s.

By the way we are NOT DDGM. That proposal for our title was solidly defeated after the GM proposed the change in title in the 1980. It is correctly DDofGM.

~VWB Coe Tug Morgan

VWB Coe,

*Thanks for pointing out my careless error on the DDofGM acronym. I'll see if the typesetters will correct this in the future, but I have my doubts.*

~Editor

WB John,

I want one of these as my ride.



~VWB Roger Barnstead

WB John:

Wow! I could never have let go of that Beemer convertible! I get your point, but I also feel that some old things are worth holding on to. You are tougher than I.

~WB Jonathan Seaton

WB Jonathan,

*I could have held on to the BMW, but at the risk that it would die in my driveway. Instead I joyfully remember how great it was and I keep driving. (I had no idea that I'd get this much mileage out of that Old Car Syndrome metaphor).*

~Editor

## Deadline

Submissions for the September 30<sup>th</sup> issue of the **District 7 News** are due on Sunday, **Sept. 24, 2017**.  
Early submission is encouraged.

## Shallow Discount Section



## Square Meals

**Myrtle #108** welcomes Masons and friends to breakfast at the Gas Lamp in Issaquah every Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

**Goose and Gridiron, Nest 0** meets Mondays for lunch at the Longhorn restaurant in Auburn.

**Falls City #66 Sticks & Stones** meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lit Cigar Bar in Snoqualmie Casino. Consumption of solid food at this "meal" is not customary.

**Fern Hill #80 Past Masters** welcome Masons and friends in South King and Pierce counties to breakfast at Angleas Restaurant just south of E. 72nd St on S. Portland Avenue (behind Safeway), Saturdays, 8:00 a.m.

## District 7 Stated Communications

<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Meeting Times</b>	<b>Contacts</b>
<b>Falls City #66</b>	4304 337th Place Southeast Fall City, WA 98024 <a href="http://www.fallcitylodge.com">www.fallcitylodge.com</a>	2nd Saturday, 1st Saturday June; dark July & August. 7:30 p.m. except January, 7:00 p.m.	WM: David Hisel <a href="mailto:dh.mason@yahoo.com">dh.mason@yahoo.com</a> Sec: Nick Michaud (contact WM Hisel)
<b>Myrtle #108</b>	<i>Street Address:</i> 57 West Sunset Way Issaquah, WA 98027 <i>Mailing Address:</i> PO Box 766 Issaquah, WA 98027 <a href="http://www.myrtlelodge108.org">www.myrtlelodge108.org</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (The lights stay on in the Summer months)	WM: Chad Reece <a href="mailto:damnthings@gmail.com">damnthings@gmail.com</a> Sec: Jeff Swanson <a href="mailto:jeffswanson@platosnw.com">jeffswanson@platosnw.com</a>
<b>West Gate #128</b>	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://westgatelodge.org">westgatelodge.org</a>	3rd Monday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Earl Lara <a href="mailto:earllara@westgatelodge.org">earllara@westgatelodge.org</a> Sec: Les Snavelly - <a href="mailto:lsna761057@aol.com">lsna761057@aol.com</a>
<b>Kirkland #150</b>	702 1/2 Market St. Kirkland, WA 98033 <a href="http://www.kirklandmasons.org">www.kirklandmasons.org</a>	2nd Thursday (3rd Thursday June) except July, August. 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.	WM: Bill Reynar <a href="mailto:wjreynar@gmail.com">wjreynar@gmail.com</a> Sec: Topher White <a href="mailto:topher.white@comcast.net">topher.white@comcast.net</a>
<b>Unity #198</b>	119 North Bend Way North Bend, WA 98045 <a href="http://www.unity198.org">www.unity198.org</a>	1st Wednesday. If Holiday, 2nd Wednesday except July, August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Matt Roalkvam <a href="mailto:webmattr@hotmail.com">webmattr@hotmail.com</a> Sec : Jonathan Seaton <a href="mailto:jonathanrseaton@gmail.com">jonathanrseaton@gmail.com</a>
<b>Lakeside #258</b>	8561 Willows Road NE Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://www.lakeside258.org">www.lakeside258.org</a>	2nd Monday, except July & August. 7:30 p.m.	WM: Mike Campbell <a href="mailto:mikecampbell_759@hotmail.com">mikecampbell_759@hotmail.com</a> Sec: Dean Markley <a href="mailto:wdeanm@gmail.com">wdeanm@gmail.com</a>
<b>Mercer Island #297</b>	1836 72nd Avenue Southeast Mercer Island, WA 98040 <a href="http://www.mercerislandmasons.org">www.mercerislandmasons.org</a>	1st Thursday; 2nd Thursday if Holiday or Grand Lodge, dark July & August  Open bar 6:00 p.m., catered dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner, \$20.	WM: Dan Taylor <a href="mailto:dantaylor@msn.com">dantaylor@msn.com</a> Sec: Scott Anderson <a href="mailto:papabear120@hotmail.com">papabear120@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Renaissance #312</b>	11440 Avondale Road Northeast Redmond, WA 98052 <a href="http://www.renaissance312.org">www.renaissance312.org</a>	Last Monday of February, April, June, August, October and December; if holiday, next available Monday that is not a holiday.  Meeting at 6:30 p.m., Table Lodge at 7:30 p.m. RSVP for dinner, \$25.	WM: Bill Werner <a href="mailto:bigwer1@hotmail.com">bigwer1@hotmail.com</a> Sec: Craig Wood <a href="mailto:cwood1234@hotmail.com">cwood1234@hotmail.com</a>

## District 7 Officers

District Deputy of the Grand Master: VWB Doug Stamper [dstamper@outlook.com](mailto:dstamper@outlook.com),  @dstamper

	<b>Falls City #66</b>	<b>Myrtle #108</b>	<b>West Gate #128</b>	<b>Kirkland #150</b>	<b>Unity #198</b>	<b>Lakeside #258</b>	<b>Mercer Island #297*</b>	<b>Renaissance #312**</b>
<b>WM</b>	WB David Hisel	WB Chad Reece	WB Earl Lara	WB Bill Reynar	WB Matt Roalkvam	WB Mike Campbell	WB Dan Taylor	VWB Bill Werner
<b>SW</b>	Br Robert Coats	WB Geoff Joosten	WB Phil Nylin	Br Brian Clubb	WB Mark Goodwin	Br Vincenzo Sainato	WB Paul Hoeffer	WB Joe Oates, Jr.
<b>JW</b>	Br Joshua Bushman	WB Jeff Craig	Br Vance Hill	Br Bryan DeNosky	WB Ernest Jenner	Br Phu Huynh	WB Thomas Aquino	Br JN
<b>Sec</b>	WB Nick Michaud	WB Jeff Swanson	WB Les Snavelly	WB Topher White	WB Jonathan Seaton	WB Dean Markley	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
<b>Treas</b>	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB Mark Staveley	WB Les Snavelly	WB Bob Wilson	WB Jonathan Seaton	VWB Gene Ulrich	WB Scott Anderson	WB Craig Wood
<b>SD</b>	Br Noah Phillips	VWB Bill Werner	Br Kurt Egts	Br Steve Preston		Br Kevin French	Br Carl Bronkema	WB Todd Pike
<b>JD</b>	Br Norris Daltman	Br Gerry O'Brien	Br Arjay Protacio	Br MG	Br David Bach	WB Jim Groves	Br Denis Osmanbegovic	Br Sheraz Malik
<b>Chp</b>	WB Matt Roalkvam	Br Thomas Monds	VWB Mark Williams	WB Dan Chadrow		Br Steve Banin	Br Dane Shaffer	VWB Doug Stamper
<b>Mrsh</b>	Br Warren Oltmann	Br Shane White	WB Jim Nash	Br Gary Weber		Br Derk Benisch	VWB Roger Barnstead	Pending
<b>Mu</b>	Br Carlmer Sorensen		Br Bert Bertram			Br Praveen Sattaru	WB John Gebhart	
<b>SS</b>			Br Karl Egts			Br Pat Brennan	Br. Brent Fleckner	
<b>JS</b>			Br Ken Hill			Br Kevin Ward	Br. Stephen Burns	
<b>T</b>	WB Frank Schumacher	WB Brian Thomas	VWB Henry Fletcher	WB David Pearson		WB Josh Rice	WB Steve Paige	Br Jeff Guthrie

\* VWB Dean Quigley is Mentor

\*\* Br Andy Precious is Master of Ceremonies for the Festive Board