

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY

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Early Birds' Inaugural Golf Tournament drew 121 players. Someone commented, "Nobody does it this big, this early."

President Casey's last meeting was kicked off with Prizes In Cups. No, they weren't



all great prizes. Take the reluctant Justice Chamberlain, for instance, that drew a \$2.00 fine. Or Tricia Soto who drew, "sing I'm a Little Teapot."



More on that throughout the meeting.

Amy Ouellette talked about [Rise to Shine Education Foundation](#) as an example of where our money goes. We have sponsored the secondary education for three Kenyan students. Since 2012 RTSEF has educated 500 children in the Lake Victoria region of Kenya. Their stories were read by our Youth Exchange Students.



Cai Woolsey read Felix's thank you. Justice read Hazel's and Tricia read Josephat's.

Back to Casey's Prize Cups. Brian Doyle was tasked with giving Kenny a hug. I regret not

spinning around fast enough to snap an pic of that one.



Rod drew, "Serenade Bob." "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy, when skies are gray ..."

Back to Youth Exchange. [Cai's "Imagine Rotary" speech](#) was one of only two selected during this year's District Conference in Kennewick. Calling it impressive is a gross understatement. Give yourself 4 minutes when clicking that link.

Now, Rachel Huber's classification talk (yeah, we covered a lot of ground).



Rachel is the third of nine kids and found herself in foster care at the age of seven. Her foster parents weren't able to adopt her as their own until she was eighteen because her natural father refused to give up parental rights.

She grew up in Southern California and she describes the beach as her happy place.

Now that she's here, the beach has been replaced by the river as her happy place.

She loves baking, gardening and salt water (they have an 85 gallon aquarium).

At the age of 17 she was already in full time ministry, teaching and building churches.

In 2010 during dinner at a friend's house she was alarmed when a guy she didn't know walked in the back door. It was the friend's brother and is now Rachel's husband.

In 2017 she earned journeyman status as an electrician.

Not feeling it, she went back to school to become a CNA before finding her way back to ministry.

On a trip to Oregon to visit his grandparents she fell in love with our corner of the world. They married 2013 in Hillsboro.

She worked for Friendsview then Avamere in administration for five years.

Now, at [Krohn's Appliance](#), an opportunity from meeting Brian Love (Uncle Big Cheese) at Avamere, has been her home for the last five years. To say Brian treats people like family, well, when he found Rachel has lupus, he studied up to learn what to watch for and how to help.

[Huber's Custom Creations](#), a custom cookie side business, was born in 2019 to get her mind off of life stuff. She started doing birthdays, showers and tea parties.

Her husband works for the post office. When he was returning to work after an injury, she created letter-shaped cookies with the Post Office in the return address corner and big, red Return to Sender piped across it like a rubber stamp.



Then came Doug's draw. "Do a little dance, ... get down tonight..."