

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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Mini Classifications were the agenda last week featuring John Powell, Carrie Palmore, and Jay Ouellette.

Graduating NHS in 1988 and GFU in 2011 **John** was having a Thirty Something career crisis.

He asked everyone he knew that loved their jobs and tried a couple on for size. Undercover State Police wasn't the right fit but insurance was.

He approached his agent, Hopp Insurance, and convinced them to sell him the agency.

He met Rachel as a blind date. A bunch of years later and they have three sons in their twenties; Christian, Connor and Cole.

Dennis Nicola invited John into Rotary. He liked that we build stuff, care for our community and all get along together.

His original classification was that he "wasn't here to take rich people's money." John was the last member to be screened by Ken Austin Jr.

John approached Ken for a loan to buy Hopp. Ken turned him down flat, but said, "don't feel bad, I also said no to Del Smith (Evergreen Aviation)."

Carrie, born in Glide, OR, moved to Newberg 33 years ago when their eldest daughter was a year old.

She worked for Intel from 1988-03 as secretary, IT/Help Desk, and project manager.

She plied those project management skills to education with CS Lewis and St. Paul High from 2003-06.

She started real estate at the onset of the crash in 2006 and is still at it and is now also VP Education & Training.

Jay's folks bought property on the Willamette in 1960. With no neighbors nearby he had to

entertain himself. So he built forts.

He met Amy in high school youth group. They were both going to OSU but Amy changed course last minute to U of O.

Jay lasted a couple years at OSU (bad study habits) so finished his degree in civil engineering at University of Portland.

Jay and Amy married in 1985 and now have three sons; Quinn, Ely and Eddy.

A very supportive dad Jay made sure his sons knew he would support anything they wanted to be. Civil engineer, structural engineer, electrical engineer ... you know, anything.

Jay and Amy lived in a 14' trailer while they designed and built the home that was paid for by the age of 33. He says he's "almost finished with it."

He hung a shingle as structural engineer in 2011 and got a call from a potential client. The client had called the County who said he was the best. "So, Mr. Doyle, when can you come out." [egos apparently are also affected by Newton's Law ... what goes up must come down].

Jay served 2014-15 as club president. As an engineer he works with absolutes more than people so it was an adjustment learning to rely on people whether or not they pulled through.

Cinco De Mayo Mexican Dinner and Tequila Tasting sold at last year's auction got changed up a little. It was still a Mexican style dinner but served by Bon Apetit. And since we're being hosted by Meraviglioso Winery it will be wine instead of tequila (liquor license restrictions).



And for those of us that enjoy drinking wine we didn't have to pay for, thanks to Mike and Peggy Taylor who kept the corks open for us.

