

# EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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**Sherwood Rotary** is ramping up for its inaugural **Wine Festival**, August 5th & 6th. Congratulations Tom Tesmer for the winning bid on the 2 tickets Sherwood donated for us to auction off last week.



We are building a work party for **Beyond Backpacks**, Saturday, Aug 20 at Northwest Christian Church. To volunteer, send an email to [volunteer@beyondbackpacks.org](mailto:volunteer@beyondbackpacks.org).

The winner of last week's 10x100 Pool was Dennis Lewis! No, he did not need to be present to win. ;)



President Casey presented Linda Sandberg and Karen Hall with the newly resurrected Blue Tape Award. When learning that last week's presenter had to cancel at the last minute they scrambled and asked new Early Birds, Ken and Lindsay Stoller, if they'd like to do their Classification Talk. They graciously accepted.

## Ken and Lindsay Stoller.

Casey (their sponsor into Rotary) has known Lindsay since Lindsay was Dance Team Captain.

Lindsay was born in Corvallis, Ken was born in California but has been an Oregonian since about two weeks old.

Lindsay was raised in McMinnville, Kenny in Dayton.

Lindsay enjoys performing ballet, square and jazz dance but considers her favorite time as High School Dance Team.

Lindsay and Casey also performed High School Musical, a stage adaptation of the Disney film of the same name.

With her father's upbringing in North Dakota and Minnesota, Lindsay recalls lots of road trips as a kid to the Midwest visiting

family and vacationing in Sun River, OR.

But, she says, she's has not yet been outside of North America.

Most of Ken's childhood, since third grade, has been in Dayton, OR.

He had, and was encouraged by his parents to, have a variety of interests growing up. Karate was his first.

He graduated Dayton High School with a student population of 300 and a graduating class of 60.

When he got older his parents gave him a simple choice. Get involved in sports or get a job.

He chose sports. While dad really wanted to see Kenny in baseball, he admits, "I still can't throw overhand." That means that baseball would never happen.

He graduated Dayton High as class valedictorian and says he gave the shortest speech ever (no, he didn't repeat it for us).

Lindsay's dad, Jon, was the youngest with three older sisters. Lindsay is the eldest with three younger sisters. Even the family pets are all female. Talk about a testosterone crisis!

There are eleven years between her and her youngest sister, who happens to be the tallest and Lindsay the shortest.

Her middle sister, Erica, was diagnosed with lymphoma while in middle school. Lindsay recalls coming home every weekend from college during her sister's ordeal. It has been 13 years' worth of remission.

She describes her mom's (Vicki) family as "very Italian." Great grandmother had visited the U.S. and hated the boat ride so much that she chose to make a life here rather than ride back to Italy.

Lindsay's Sicilian cousins visited the family in McMinnville a while back.

Ken's family is much smaller. He and his twin brother were adopted into a family with siblings sixteen years older than them.

His dad, Bill, a big sports fan, was disappointed that Kenny wasn't going to apply for sports in college. But that doesn't mean he doesn't enjoy activity and competition.

His mom, Kathy, passed in 2011.

His first Tough Mudder (mud run and obstacle course) was in Fossil, OR and included a wall, shock fence, the obligatory mud pit (submerged to get beneath



obstacles) and iced mud, a welcome relief in the 98 degree day.

Lindsay and Ken met their first day at Western Oregon U. Lindsay working on her BA Education, Ken on a BS (undecided major ... he was in college because he was told to).

Lindsay made it 3 years into teaching and found it a bad fit for her. Back to school in '15 for Computer Science, OSU (she decorated her mortar board with LS, her initials, in binary).

They were dating by Spring Break and he proposed 5 years later and were married at St. James in Mac. They celebrated their 8th anniversary a couple weeks ago.

Lindsay's first job at Open Dental Software and is now a software engineer with a-dec.

By the end of his sophomore year Ken had decided on accounting with an end goal of working for the IRS. His first job was Platt Electric in Collections, then Fordham Goodfellow as a staff accountant.

His last 5 years has been with Open Dental as an Accounting Supervisor after having been recruited by Lindsay.

Someone asked if he and his twin ever pranked anyone when they were younger. No, he says he didn't have the confidence to pull it off. (editor's observation ... that doesn't sounds like a lack of confidence. That's healthy respect. Just sayin')