

# NORTHWEST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## Special Convention Edition

by Jerry Thompson, Regional Vice President, Region 2

I went through a quadruple bypass operation on March 29<sup>th</sup> and am recovering at home. The recovery process is slow and it will be some time before I will be to the point that I can do many of my normal activities. As a result, I have time to prepare a newsletter that promotes the upcoming Spokane convention as well as bringing you all up to date on the District Awards Program and other information you need to know.

Don Tuttle and his team in Spokane are putting together an outstanding, first-class convention. It will be held at the historic Spokane Athletic Club right in downtown Spokane on June 3 and 4. Please refer to the Convention Information page later in this newsletter. If you are Club President-Elect, your registration is paid by the District. This is a \$165 value this year.

Our National Representative is Jeff Young, Region 7 Vice President, from Indiana. He is finishing his first term on the National Board and has had a huge impact chairing the Public Relations Committee. He made a dramatic difference in his Region in his work on behalf of Veterans Matter. He will make presentations about both Public relations and Veterans Matter.

You will also find articles from your district leaders in this document and information on the District Awards Program.

You'll also find information on the National Convention in Jacksonville later in this newsletter.

Please share the information in this newsletter with your members.

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**2017 Northwest District Convention  
Spokane Athletic Club  
Spokane, WA**

Don Tuttle and the Downtown Spokane Club are sponsoring the 2017 Northwest District Convention. They are finalizing the program which features a Saturday and Sunday morning convention. For information on the Spokane Club go to <http://www.spokaneclub.org/>.



The Spokane Club is a 1901 club that is truly a first-class facility that features ornate chandeliers and fixtures. We attended a convention here a few years ago and found the facility and food to be great.



Spokane is situated on the Spokane River. There are numerous Riverfront park areas and strolling paths throughout the city. Many remnants of the 1974 World's Fair remain.



**Friday, June 2, 2017:** The convention starts with registration and a hospitality room for you to mingle with other members of the district. The District Board will meet off-site to finalize the business of the convention.

**Saturday, June 3, 2017:** There will be a **Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast** featuring a local expert in the field. A morning information session will follow. The **Youth Luncheon** will feature our ACE and Youth of the Year Award winners. The afternoon will feature other information and the election of officers for the next year. The evening **Installation Banquet** features Region 7 Vice President Jeff Young, our National Representative, who will give us information from National and he will conduct the installation.



RVP 7, Jeff Young

**Sunday, June 4, 2017:** A morning session will feature **One Nation Under God Breakfast** with a local speaker. A District Board meeting concludes the convention.

**This year we will be electing Division 1 and 3 Directors, Secretary and Treasurer and a District President-Elect. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please contact DP Lynn Boge (503 363-8746), or IPDP John Hammill (503 393-1866).**

Start planning for the 2018 Convention will be at Hilo Hawaii.