



North Spokane Exchange Club

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We meet every **Thursday** morning at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast in "The Spare Room" at The Eleventh Frame (Lilac Lanes, 1112 E. Magnesium Road).

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Mel Lindauer was born, raised & educated in Orville, WA. He attended Wenatchee Valley, WSU and later Southern CA Optometrists School. He now has 3 eye care clinics & a property management business.

Mel's joined the race 5 mo ago—he loves Spokane but there are many issues being shelved. Issues such as health care, education, fuel, and pharmaceutical costs. He believes these issues need a bi-partisan approach. Mel sees himself as a Socially Conservative Republican and his greatest assets are his 10+ years of successful business experience and his ability to get people to work together.

His specific challenges are health care and education. With affordable health care—2/3 of Americans not insured are small businesses or self employed individuals, 4% are children, and 4% are non-citizens. Mel pointed out that Don did not sponsor one pro small business bill in his time in office.

Mel called Kevin's view of health care myopic and uneducated. He said that Mandated Insurance is like a car without the engine. He favors a state subsidized sliding fee schedule. A minimum wage earner would pay around \$60/mo.

Mel's focus for Education would be on updating computer equipment, textbooks for each student, and WASL testing—the test does not offer real time feedback. Revamp funding sources and getting back to the basics of teaching. Spokane is a wonderful place to live. Let's Make it even better! www.ElectMel.Com

Some items of interest:

Meeting Location Update:

The Old European meeting room will seat around 40 people—they will have a screen projector and there will be no cost to us. The only drawback is that the breakfast cost is higher.

Transitions Golf Tournament:

Chuck and Bob are going to start investigating possible golf courses for next years Tournament. We had some issues with the cooperation of the Indian Canyon Golf Course. In particular unclean facilities and an unwillingness offer cheerful services.

The second thing for the tournament is the number of hours that Terri worked. Next year we will need a more turnkey system where Terri can oversee and not have to take care of every item herself.—We will need 4-6 exchange members to be on the golf board

Additional speaker ideas: Dick Vandervert, Commissioner, Our contacts from Transitions

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Thursday, 7/31 - Don Barlow
www.leg.wa.gov/house/barlow

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