

COMMENTS ON 2008 GRIDIRON DINNER

Good event. Very cool to have on Eastside as well. Maybe Kemper would donate the hotel every other year. I think he was genuinely moved.

— Patti Payne, Puget Sound Business Journal

I think last night went very well. The girls were so nervous but were quite the hit! I haven't heard any complaints.... Kemper and Betty were pleased. And Kemper hopes the event helped the News Council.

-- Barb Catt, Kemper Development Company

Dear Washington News Council members and friends,
Thanks for delivering "They Walk the Line" at last night's Gridiron Dinner. Once again the Council raised its collective, creative voice in song and reaffirmed its mission and message. I know from talking with folks at the tables that your song was well received and appreciated. You wore your bandanas with distinction! Thanks for your trust in me as your song coach, and for the honor of participating in the toast to Kemper.

-- **Michael Harris, Song Leader, Power of Hope**

Thanks again for asking us to help with the auction -- and we did make a bit of \$\$ but folks were there to have fun, enjoy the roast and their friends, so we felt fortunate to capture the bids that we got....It was so fun - and of course, Kemper's daughters stole the show. Thanks again for asking us to help. We saw lots of dear friends.... And John, you played a huge role in making this happen. Congratulations!

-- Sharon and Dick Friel, Auctioneers

Just one more pat on the back for last night's Gridiron. The Cabaret singers could NOT have done better than to kick off with "The Leader of the Pack." That set the perfect tone.

-- Bill Morton, Second Half Strategies

As you know I had been a doubter about the Kemper-Eastside event, but last night's sure was a hit. It has never been clear to me actually how much of the song lyrics you write, but I thought

last night's were the best I'd heard....If you wrote the song about "I'm going to Neiman's," you deserve particular credit. And I think the room was full. Nice work.

| David Schaefer, WNC Board Member

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Superb job, from a musical standpoint, definitely creating silk purses out of sows' ears (meaning board members).

-- Mike Flynn, WNC Board Member

Event seemed to go well last night. Kemper was beaming so I hope that means big \$\$\$ for the WNC.

-- Jim Anderson, Cabaret Productions

Congrats on pulling off a successful "east-side" event.

-- Chuck Rehberg, WNC Board Member

Give us a person to honor, a room, and some singers, and we'll make it happen! Thanks again and congrats on a wonderful night.... You always raise the bar! Congratulations on getting through a couple of busy weeks! It was fun and you have much to be proud of!

-- Mike Egan, Emcee

Congratulations, John. This was a great success. Three cheers for you and Monica. I'm thrilled Kemper, Betty and the family was pleased.

-- Peter Horvitz, WNC Board Treasurer

Our table enjoyed the evening very much; and found Bellevue to be a good setting.

-- Jim Bricker, PEMCO

Great banquet last night! Congratulations! I had a great time and you put me at a great table! Thanks, again!

-- Mike Colbrese, Washington Interscholastic Activities Association

It was a great dinner! Good time had by all.

-- Susan Hutchison, Charles Simonyi Fund

Great program. Had a lot of fun. Thank you!

-- Gregory S. Porter, Berntson Porter & Co.

I know our guests enjoyed the evening.

-- Aurelie McKinstry, APEX Foundation

Great event. Thank you! I learned more about the WNC and it was a great and fun tribute to Kemper.

-- Mary Kay McFadden, Seattle University

We thoroughly enjoyed our time. Great Job!

-- John & Kathy Hennessy, Nuprecon

Caught it on cable last night. Very creative, as always.

-- Robert C. Wallace, Wallace Properties, Inc.

What a fun evening! Thanks to you and your team, everything was perfect. Again, a wonderful evening.

-- Betty Freeman, wife of honoree

I watched the video on TVW -- what a great commercial for the WNC!

-- Chuck Rehberg, WNC Board Member

John and I enjoyed the evening....Kemper should have been very pleased with the outcome and, and yes, his daughters were the best!

-- Sarah & John Rindlaub

It was a great evening and we both enjoyed ourselves very much. You did a terrific job. Thank You!!!

-- Ed Springman & Jane Hague

I did catch some of the broadcast on Saturday night... a terrific dinner program. Looks like it was a tremendous success. I just checked out the website and the streaming video is excellent!

-- Ken Jones, KING5 Television

My wife and I had a great time and are most appreciative of the opportunity. I would certainly look forward to any chance to work with you in the future, should you need the services of a cartoonist.

-- Jeff Johnson, Cartoonist

Congratulations on a very successful Gridiron Dinner. I especially liked how the work/purpose of the WNC was presented to the audience. I think everyone there left with a clearer idea of what the WNC actually does. It should help our fund raising. The testimonials made a BIG difference.

-- Eddie Reed, WNC Board Member/Past President

John, that was quite fun last night, and a good chance to catch up with several people.

-- Eric Scigliano, Seattle Metropolitan magazine

Just want to let you know how much fun we had at the Gridiron event! It was beautifully done....Thanks again for such a wonderful evening!

-- Wendy & Bob Wiley

Congratulations again on a terrific evening! I know Kemper and the family enjoyed it immensely.

-- Jim Hill, Kemper Development Company