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# Rotary Opens Opportunities

## Speaking with Purpose: Messages that Influence Our World



Toyia T. Taylor, Executive Director and Founder of WeAPP, earned her Master of Fine Arts in Arts Leadership from Seattle University. Her passion for inspiring others was kindled early, from the journal entries she made while a student at Renton High School. She discovered her imagination could take flight through her voice, both written and spoken.

*"Today, I celebrate my voice as an instrument of change inspiring others to write and speak their truth into existence. My sole life purpose is to collaborate with brilliant minds invested in the arts so that children invest in themselves and together; we build a legacy of promise."*

Ms. Taylor's original oratory, Wake-up, offered at the 1999 - 2000 Miss America Pageant, the first by a woman of color, earned accolades for Best Interview and Talent. That same passion fuels her dedication to community service, social justice, and the performing arts. WeAPP gives each person a platform to share their truth in a safe and brave environment, turning messengers into the leaders that will impact our world.

### SPEAK WITH PURPOSE.

We.APP is a public speaking company preparing young scholars, adults, and organizations to use their voice to develop powerful and authentic messages.



### May Birthdays

\*Lora Ueland - 1 st \* Sally Rochelle – 4 th \* Charles Delaurenti – 25<sup>th</sup>  
\* Diane Pahlke – 26th \* Todd Lantz – 28th

### Time to Celebrate Renton Students

Save these dates, so many of us attend these Zoom meetings to honor Renton School District Top Ten Students and Rotary Scholarship Recipients

- May 27<sup>th</sup> – A salute to students from Hazen High School and Talley High School
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – A salute to students from Lindbergh High School and Renton High School.

[www.rentonrotary.org](http://www.rentonrotary.org)

### 2020-21 Board Officers:

President - Linda Foley  
Past President - Mark St. Peter  
President Elect - Aaron Easter  
Treasurer – Lora Ueland  
Secretary - Mary Fitzgerald

### May - Teachers of the Month

Nelson Middle School  
Ann Bucher

Meadow Crest Early Learning Center  
Shauna Gantt

Bryn Mawr Elementary School  
Gina Muto

Renton High School  
Melanie Walker

### In the Coming Weeks

#### Mau 20<sup>th</sup>

Jen Peters, Archivist  
King County Archives

#### May 27 & June 3<sup>rd</sup> RSD Scholars

#### June 10<sup>th</sup>

Michael Lasecki, Board member  
Shadow Lake Habitat Preserve

### ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?