

Rotary Club of Leavenworth



Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Program This Week



Our presenter this week will be York Baur, who will be presenting The Critical Role of Local and Regional Airports in the State of Washington.

Club Meeting

Leavenworth Meets at Kristalls
280 Highway 2
Leavenworth, WA
98826
Time: Friday at
12:00 PM

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

David Wagner
January 1st
Siegrid Willems
January 1st
Lynda Finegold
Brine
January 1st
Mary Kostka
January 4th
Melanie Baur
January 20th
Christine Morgan
January 21st
Heidi Kuhn
January 25th

Club Leaders



Melanie Baur
Bulletin
Editor
President



Kiffen Fishburne
President

Gary M.

Thank You to Our Speaker Last Week

Senator Keith Goehner was our speaker last week. Keith shared with us the committees he will be involved in, including Housing (as Ranking Member), Local Government, and Transportation (as Assistant Ranking Member). He also shared with us the issues to be addressed and the challenges to be faced during this upcoming legislative session. To listen to Keith's presentation in its entirety, click [here](#).



Dia de los Reyes Celebration a Huge Success!





Schuster
President-Elect



Shawna Alexander
Treasurer



Bradley Brown
Club Director
Membership Chair
Vocational Service Chair



Pamela Brulotte
Club Director
Youth Services Chair



Jane Dingman
Satellite Chair



Tracey Edou
Club Director
Youth Protection Officer
Youth Services Chair



John Wood
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Community Service Chair



Karla Nolton
Club Director
Club Service Chair
Webmaster



Deb Schnellman
Public Image Chair
Webmaster



Roy Mike Worden
Past President

Brad Blackburn
Accounting

Día de los Reyes 2025

Día de los Reyes/Three Kings Day in Leavenworth is a celebration of generosity. Thank you, Fellow Rotarians, for giving your time, talents, funds, and flexibility at this new annual event. Together we served about 1000 residents and visitors so they could come together and celebrate our colorful and generous community.

In round numbers:

- 200 adults and children engaged in snow play and family activities at Wenatchee River Institute
- 600 guests were served a delicious meal and entertained at the Festhalle
- 300-400 additional people experienced ranchera singing, mariachi, and traditional Mexican dancing at the Front Street Gazebo/Kiosko
- 500 bags of candy were given to children of all ages
- 200 gifts were given to children
- 100+ community members (incl. 20 Rotarians) and 25 businesses, nonprofits, government, and church organizations partnered in the event
- 50% of the budget was from in-kind donations

Rotarians made this happen:

- Festhalle decoration, set up and clean up
- WRI set up and clean up
- Cooke and serve food and manage waste close to 0
- Master of Ceremony and sound management
- Performances and presentations
- Backstage and parking support
- Event organizing, fundraising, and promotion

Thank you again for showing up and serving the community. Rotarians Rock! Please share any feedback and lessons learned that you think will be helpful for next year's Día de los Reyes in Leavenworth.

This is what The Echo wrote:

[Hundreds gather for Día de los Reyes celebration - Ward Media](#)

Christine Morgan

on behalf of the Steering Committee for Día de los Reyes in Leavenworth

Dia de los Reyes Volunteers



Mahala
Murphy
Martin
Club
Fundraising
Chair
iPast
President



Mary N.
Scheibler
International
Service
Chair



Karen Haire
Rotary
Youth
Exchange
Chair



Thank you to our Leavenworth Rotary Club Volunteers who helped make the **Dia de los Reyes** celebration so successful!

Karen Brown (decoration coordinator), Brad Brown, Mike Worden, Doug Walter, Mahala Murphy-Martin, Karen Haire, Gary Schuster, Pam Brulotte, Heidi Kuhn (kids backstage), York Baur (sound), Melanie Baur, Pamela & Steve Helmick, Meeche White, Tracey Edou, Kiffen Fishburne, Elisabeth Sanders, John Fishburne, and all the friends and relatives of Rotary Club Members who showed up to help!

And of course, the Leavenworth Rotary all-stars of the show who initiated this event and made it happen:

Carlos Sarabia, Canuche Terranella , Norma Gallegos, Gustavo Montoya, Brisa Peacock & Christine Morgan

If I've forgotten anyone, please forgive me, and please let me know!

Please bring the Rotary vests with you to the next meeting if you still have one.

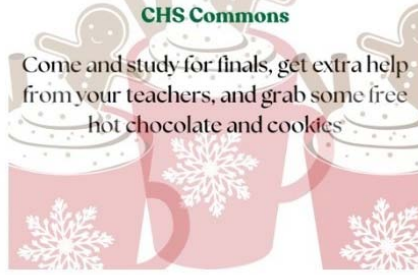
Interact Cocoa and Cram

Cocoa and Cram

January 13th 3-5 PM

CHS Commons

Come and study for finals, get extra help from your teachers, and grab some free hot chocolate and cookies



Cocoa and Cram

- This year Interact Club is hosting their second annual Cocoa and Cram. Last year was such a success for all of the students and teachers who participated and helped. We would love it for your help to come and serve cocoa and cookies during this time; so that our Interact members can spend their time studying instead of serving.

Roselyn Robison, our CHS Interact Club Advisor, along with the CHS Interact club, is requesting our help with their Cocoa and Cram event: ***"It's basically a huge study session for finals. We ask the Rotarians to come help serve cookies and cocoa so all the kids can study. We have teachers from every content area available to help kids. It's from 3-4:30 after school on Monday, January 13th"***.

If you have time, please consider helping our Interact club with this very worthwhile event.

Rotaryfest 2025 - Next Meeting Date & Time



Rotaryfest 2025 will be held on **Saturday, April 5, 2025**.

We will be celebrating our 50th "Golden Anniversary" year with a Gold Rush Theme in an old-west style saloon vibe. More details will be coming soon!

We are seeking sponsors ASAP!

If you know of possible sponsors for our event, please contact Mahala Murphy-Martin at

All members interested in volunteering are welcome to the next Rotaryfest planning meeting:

Tuesday, January 14th

4:30 pm

Woodsman Pub at the Bavarian Lodge

Join us in making this a big and successful fundraiser!

Satellite Meeting



Our Satellite Meetings will resume
January 2025!

Jane Dingman has graciously stepped up to reboot the breakfast meetings after Bill Dick retired. Satellite meetings are for those who cannot attend our Friday general meetings due to working hours. Typically, the satellite meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month, but for January, Jane has reserved this time:

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7 am

Rennaisance Cafe

Jane is already busy working on an agenda for this meeting!

All are welcome to come and participate in this unique style of meeting and fellowship.

January Fellowship

Heidi Kuhn, Fellowship Chair, has scheduled our January Fellowship.
Details are below:

Yonder Cider Co

111 Railroad Ave

Cashmere

Thursday, January 23, at 4pm

No Food is Available at the venue, so

Rotarians, please bring food to share as you wish!

Find us over Yonder!

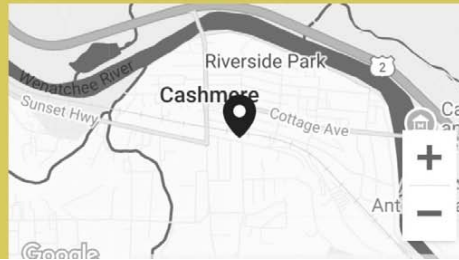
Address

Located within the [Side Street Building](#)

111 Railroad Ave
Cashmere, Washington

Hours

Monday–Closed
Tuesday–Thursday 3–9pm
Friday–Saturday 12–9pm
Sunday 12–8pm



Books and Puzzles for Guatemala



Karen Haire is collecting both **children's books (in Spanish)** and **children's puzzles** for her upcoming trip to Guatemala. She will be leaving on January 18, so please give her any contributions you may have as soon as possible. Karen's contact information is: karenehaire@gmail.com or 509.433.6402.

Thank you for helping make her trip to the Guatemala Literacy Project a success.

Outbound Youth Exchange News

Leavenworth Rotary Club has selected an Outbound Youth Exchange student to be sponsored by our club. **Coal Fiano** will be going to the Netherlands for exchange. Read more about

Coal below:



Hello! My name is Coal Fiano. I'm currently a Junior at Cascade High School and I've been accepted as a 2025-26 Exchange Student through the Rotary Club. When I'm not working or at school, I like to spend my time drawing, practicing piano, or participating in dance classes three nights a week. Along with these activities, I also love rehearsing my pieces for the Speech and Debate club I'm in; it's a big part of my life. I applied to be an exchange student because I found the idea of studying abroad fascinating. I wanted to learn a new language while my mind is still young, and I wanted to study a different country's culture. I still don't know where I'm headed, but I can't wait to find out! When I arrive in my host country, I'm super ecstatic to meet different people, expand my view of the world, and learn how to navigate new, challenging situations.

Jill Leonard asked that this be shared in our newsletter as well:

Following is a press release regarding the youth exchange:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Rotary District 5060 Announces Selection of 2024-25 Youth Exchange Students

December 28, 2024 — Rotary District 5060 is proud to announce the selection of 12 exceptional students to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program. These students will embark on a life-changing journey, living and studying abroad for an entire year as ambassadors of goodwill.

Spanning from Clearwater, British Columbia, to Prosser, Washington, Rotary District 5060 represents a vast and diverse region. Twelve Rotary Clubs within the district are sponsoring students, who were chosen through a competitive selection process. After submitting applications in September, candidates underwent local interviews in October and district interviews in November. Each selected student ranked their top four preferred destinations from a list of partner countries, ensuring a tailored and meaningful exchange experience.

The RYE program aims to foster global understanding and peace. During their exchange, students will live with host families, immerse themselves in a new culture, and learn a new language. By participating in this program, they will gain lifelong leadership skills, build enduring international friendships, and develop a global perspective.

To prepare for their journey, students will participate in two intensive training weekends over the next six months. These sessions cover essential topics such as culture shock, language adaptation, and managing homesickness. The district provides robust support for its participants, including access to two mental health counselors and a dedicated Rotary

Youth Exchange Counselor from each sponsoring club, who ensures the students' well-being throughout their experience.

In addition to sending students abroad, Rotary District 5060 also welcomes international students to live and study within the district, further enriching the cultural exchange and fostering mutual understanding.

For more information about the Rotary Youth Exchange program, please visit rotary5060.org/for-youth.

From Co-President Melanie: Club Board Nominations

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Dear Club Members,

It's that time of year to consider Board nominations for the upcoming 2025-2026 Rotary Year. While Gary Schuster has been selected as President, other positions are available to be filled. Please consider what you can bring to the table given your skills and interests. A nominating committee has been selected, but we are asking members to nominate themselves if they are interested in a particular position.

We would like to remind you of an important procedure outlined in our Club bylaws regarding the nomination and election of officers.

As stated in our bylaws:

"At the first regular meeting in February, one month prior to the meeting for election of officers, the President-elect as presiding officer shall ask for nominations by members of the club for president, president-elect, secretary, treasurer, and open director positions."

We encourage all members to actively participate in this important process by considering potential nominees and discussing their interest in serving on the Board. Your involvement ensures that our Club continues to thrive with strong and dedicated leadership.

Please reach out to Mahala Murphy-Martin if you are interested in any Board positions at mahalamartin@outlook.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your participation in the upcoming nomination process.

Yours in Rotary,
Co-President Melanie

Get Ready for Calgary!

There is still time to register for the **2025 Rotary International Convention** in Calgary, Canada.

The conference runs from **June 21–25, 2025**.

For more information and to register, visit [Rotary Convention](#) or click [here](#).

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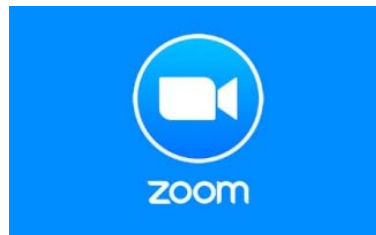
leavenworthrotarywa.com

Rotary Club of Leavenworth Contact Info

If you wish to contact the Rotary Club of Leavenworth by mail, our address is:

Rotary Club of Leavenworth WA
P.O. Box 532
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Weekly Meeting Zoom Link



If you cannot join us in person, the ZOOM link is listed below:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84344654802>

Password: Rotary
