

The Appleseed

Official Newsletter of Wenatchee
Rotary
Since 1921



This week

This week: Noon Thursday, March 27



**The meeting will be held at
PYBUS EVENT CENTER**

Lunch at 11 AM, Lecture at noon

ZOOM Link <https://zoom.us/j/484306077>

Watch for text alerts/reminders.



Lunch is available from The Paradise.

MENU

- 11 Chicken Strips
- 11 Cheese burgers
- 1 vegetarian.

Submit Appleseed stories [here](#).

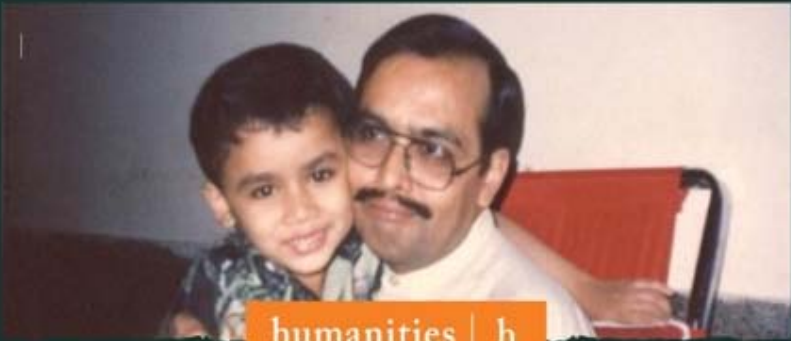
This week 03/27/25 - When your Grandpa is a Bot

After the passing of his father, **Muhammed Aurang Ahmed** brought him back - digitally. To give his young children the experience of knowing their grandfather, he created an artificial-intelligence (AI) simulation which he called "Grandpa Bot" that could act like his father. As his kids grow up interacting with Grandpa Bot, Ahmed has had to confront firsthand the increasingly blurred lines between what is human and what is computer code.



Ahmed will use his experience to explore how AI will transform our society, culture, and relationships. How might AI change what it means to be human?

This is a one-hour live lecture beginning at noon. Catered Lunch at 11 AM.




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PRESENTS A FREE PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

When Your Grandpa Is a Bot:
AI, Death, and Digital Doppelgangers



PRESENTED BY:

WHEN:

WHERE:

Muhammad-Aurangzeb-Ahmad

Wenatchee-Rotary-Club


March-27,-2025

12:00-pm




Pybus-Market

Wenatchee,-WA-98801

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This presentation is part of Humanities Washington's Speakers Bureau program, in which cultural experts discuss history, politics, music, philosophy, and everything in between at venues around the state.

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state. It is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

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Last week, 03/20/25 - Apple Blossom Royalty



(click image to view detailed bio info on each girl)

The club meeting was made fun and lively by these lovely and energetic high school seniors. They are (L to R) Princess Daeja Carlson, Queen Ella Johnson, and Princess Yasmin Perez. They were each confidently articulate as they explained the challenges and joys of being selected to the Royal Court. Particularly enjoyable was the performance of their special festival tribute tune, adapted from Neil Diamond's "*Sweet Caroline*". It was difficult to resist singing along!

An informative introduction was offered by sponsor PP Alice Meyer.

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News and announcements 03/20/27



Rotarian Jennifer Devereaux, principal at WestSide High School, and two of her students announced the 9th [Annual Spaghetti Feed](#) fundraiser on May 15, supporting a 10th grade female student named Eliot Babcock who is fighting stage-3 Nodular Melanoma. Click the link for details. Our club is a long-time supporter of this event.

PP Alice Meyer was excited to provide initial approximate results from our big "For the Kids" fundraiser of March 15.

- YMCA - more than \$150K
- Scholarships & Community Outreach - \$8-10K each

Additional donations can be made by mailing a check to Wenatchee Rotary Foundation, PO Box 4613, Wenatchee 98807.



Joe St. Jean expressed appreciation to those who provided toys and games for the big event. Those items not claimed by attendees were divided between two worthy causes which we have supported: Sage Advocacy Center and Women's Resource Center (Bruce Hotel).



Joe also announced what his committee is doing with scholarships and community outreach. More info is coming soon.



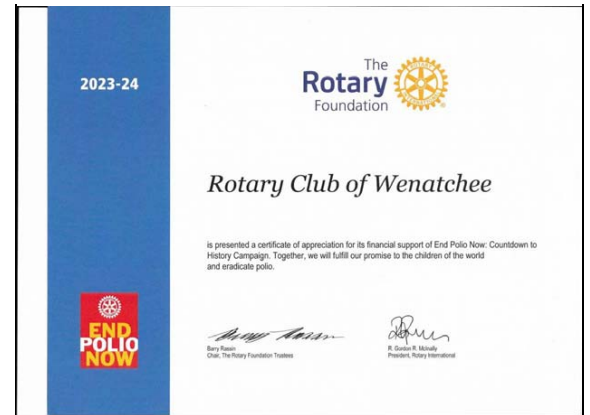
Heaven Henderson promoted her big fundraiser again. Named *Enchanted Forest*, it will be held at the Convention Center March 29.
Click [READ MORE](#) below to see the flyer.

PolioPlus Support.

TRF Chair Frank Clifton recognized our two newest members of The PolioPlus Society, which requires one to agree to donate \$100 annually to Rotary's PolioPlus campaign until eradication is declared by RI. They are Michelle Shermer and Linda Evans Parlette. Frank also praised the club for supporting PolioPlus so that we were recognized by District 5060 in the top 15 clubs. Pete Van Well received the award from DG Tom at last Saturday's fundraiser.



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Environmental Stories - Spring 2025

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES SPRING 2025

MARCH

22 On Saturday at the Pybus "Non-Profit Day", Roberta and Natalie shared what our local club and foundation contribute to our community and what Rotary International contributes to the world!



APRIL

Date

5 10 AM Spring cleanup with DoT @ Easy St.

11 AM Rotary Garden Spring maintenance

10 7 PM 'Eating For Tomorrow' movie at the Museum (plant-based dessert buffet to follow)

19 10 AM Earth Day Fair @ WVC

22 Earth Day. The [ESRAG Plant-Rich Diet Task Force](#) is inviting all Rotarians to take the ALL NEW Plant-Rich Challenge for Earth Day. Believe it or not, adding more plant-foods into our diets supports the Rotary area of focus on protecting the environment, but it also supports all other [areas of focus and the 4-Way Test](#). To register for the Challenge use the QR code on the flyer, or use this [LINK](#). Click **READ MORE** to view flyer.

24 - 27 Apple Blossom TZW booth staffing **Be a Rotary hero - help us get to net zero!**
Join fellow Rotarians for one of our biggest community events of the year - our award-winning Towards Zero Waste Apple Blossom project. We've made many improvements this year to help us divert even more organic and recyclable waste from the landfill than ever. We hope you can participate in this fun and easy volunteer opportunity!

Sign up to staff a station at the AB **Food Fair** [HERE](#).
Sign up to staff a station in the AB **Beer Garden** [HERE](#) (TZW Waste Station)

MAY

1-4 - Apple Blossom TZW booth staffing
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Sign up to staff a station in the AB **Beer Garden** [HERE](#) (TZW Waste Station)

Contact - Natalie Williams - (206) 669-4820

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Greeters, Calendar & Other Notes

View [ATTENDANCE](#) for recent meetings.

Greeters
(List changes weekly)
[Greeter Guidelines](#)

If you miss your turn, please greet at your next meeting!

11 AM Greeters

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| 11 AM  3/27/2025 4/3/2025 |  Andy Gut |  Jon Treat |  Barbara Mitchell |
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Check out the upcoming events for the Club, District 5060, and Rotary International.

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| Calendar of Events (log into DACdb for full calendar) June 20-25- RI Convention Calgary Calagary, June 22-25 see stories/calendar |
| Monthly Board meetings 3rd Tuesday, 4 PM Contact the Secretary for more info. |
| All members are welcome. |
| Click READ MORE below for ways to donate! |



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