

# The Appleseed

Official Newsletter of Wenatchee  
Rotary  
Since 1921



## This week

**This week: Noon Thursday, April 03**



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

ZOOM Link <https://zoom.us/j/484306077>  
Watch for text alerts/reminders.



Lunch is available from The Paradise.

### MENU

- 11 Chinese Chicken Salads w/soup
- 11 Club sandwiches

Submit Appleseed stories [here](#).

## This week 4/3/25 - Classification Talk - Keller



Amanda Keller joined the club originally in April 2016, sponsored by President Jim Russell. After leaving soon thereafter for personal reasons, she returned to us in February 2024.

Amanda will review her personal and work life.

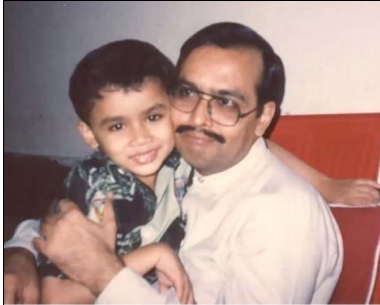
Classification talks are an essential part of Rotary and the best way to get to know the member's life story, occupation, and passion for serving others. [Read More](#)

## Last week 03/27/25 - Grandpa Bot

Following an informative introduction by sponsor Carin Smith, the speaker presented a 40-minute virtual lecture on ZOOM, followed by a lively Q&A session with excellent questions from 10 of the approximately 50 attendees.



While detailing his 10-year experiment in this effort, he learned much about the many aspects of AI, and its potential impacts on society.



In Loving Memory: Mushtaq Ahmad Mirza (1939 – 2013)

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

Shown below are two of the speaker's numerous images.

### [WATCH ZOOM VIDEO](#)

Please click the link below and provide your evaluation of the program whether you were in attendance or watched the recording.

### [Speakers Bureau Audience Evaluation Form](#)

Below is the speaker's followup message.

Dear Carin,

It was great giving the talk to the group yesterday. The group asked intelligent and thought-provoking questions. In case anyone wants to connect, you can share my contact information with them. Here is an article that I wrote recently on a related project that may be of interest to the audience.

[Should AI Speak for the Dying? - 3 Quarks Daily](#)

Kind regards,  
Muhammad

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## Genesis

- Most art and Science is personal
- Why would anyone want to simulate the deceased?
- Almost everyone longs for that one last chance
- Perhaps technology can provide one such half a chance
- The dear departed cannot come back but perhaps we can converse



## Remembering how?

- People lived on in stories and narratives
- Rulers built monuments to themselves
- Only the monarchs and nobles could commission statues and paintings of themselves
- Artifacts are a way of remembering the past
- Most of us do not know how our great great great grandparents looked like?



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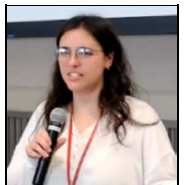
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## News and announcements Mar 27, 2025

**Heavan Henderson** issued an invitation to the big fundraiser on Saturday night for Camp Zanika. If you did not attend, you can still donate here for summer camp scholarships.

[DONATE HERE](#)

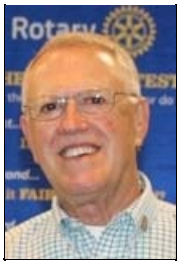


Donations are still being accepted for our big fundraiser on March 15. Learn how at the next meeting.

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH GRANTS AVAILABLE

Good News!



Your Wenatchee Rotary Community Outreach committee is excited to announce that they will be accepting spring grant applications starting April 1. The committee members, Susan Albert, Eric Nelson, Bill Monnette, Kathy Gut, Jill Leonard and Joe St. Jean, are pleased that, once again, the Club has allocated funds for the intent of helping our local community. We have a tremendous “track record” of doing that in a variety of ways in the past. The ideal projects for your committee to consider are those that provide a needed service or those that support a worthy cause. As always, we are encouraging applications where Rotarians can be directly involved in fulfilling our motto of

“Service above Self.”

The Community Outreach updated grant application can be found under “Grants” on the header section of Wenatchee Rotary’s website starting April 1. This year’s deadline for applications will be April 30 with awards announced before the end of May.

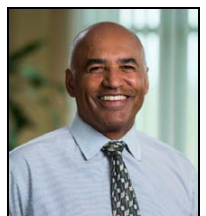
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### A message from Rueben Mayes.



Join us for an exclusive First Look at the new Science Inspiration Lab on Monday, April 14, noon to 4 PM. It is a cutting-edge mobile laboratory designed to spark curiosity and introduce students to STEM and healthcare careers.

It will be located at Seattle Children's Wenatchee Clinic, 526 N. Chelan Avenue. **Don't miss this exciting opportunity to experience the future of science education!** All ages welcome.



[RSVP HERE](#)

Step inside this **state-of-the-art, 45-foot mobile lab** and see how it's bringing hands-on science education to communities across **Central and Eastern Washington**, inspiring the next generation of scientists, doctors, and innovators. Optional guided 15-minute tours of the Wenatchee Clinic will also be offered.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS.

Click [READ MORE](#) or...

See [Appleseed for March 27](#), or see the [club website](#).

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## Greeters, Calendar & Other Notes

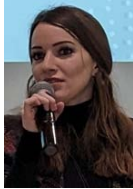


View [ATTENDANCE](#) for recent meetings.

### Greeters

(List changes weekly)

[Greeter Guidelines](#)

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

			
4/3/2025	<b>Bethany</b>	<b>Jon</b>	<b>Barbara</b>
4/10/2025	Alhaidari	Zitting	Arinez
4/17/2025	Ballard	Baldock	Bohart
4/24/2025	Baldock	Bishop	Blair

Check out the upcoming events for the Club, District 5060, and Rotary International.

#### Calendar of Events

(log into DACdb for full calendar)

#### June 20-25- RI Convention Calgary

[Calgary, 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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