

# The Appleseed

Official Newsletter of Wenatchee  
Rotary  
Since 1921



This week

**This week: Noon Thursday, April 24**



**The meeting will be held at the  
Pybus Event Center**

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



Lunch is available from The Paradise.  
**MENU**

8 Chicken quesadillas  
8 Gyro sandwiches

**COMPLETE LUNCH OPINION SURVEY [HERE](#).**

Submit Appleseed stories [here](#).

**This week 04/24/25 - CFNCW Leadership Institute**



Alan Walker and Ruben Betancourt

The [Leadership Institute of NCW](#) was designed to empower community members to become advocates for children, families, and communities. This 20-session training program, held at Wenatchee Valley College, uses curriculum developed by the Parent Leadership Training Institute, a national program founded 30 years ago to build the civic capacity of parents, families, and local residents to improve community outcomes. The Institute [recently graduated its first class](#).



Chelan County [Sheriff Mike Morrison](#) was sponsored and introduced by Madeline Barclay. He was accompanied by Ana Gonzalez, Program Manager for the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU).

[WATCH ZOOM VIDEO](#)

Sheriff Morrison began by explaining how the BHU came to be, contrasting it with how things were done when he began working in the sheriff's office 20 years ago, stating that their approach to law enforcement has evolved from "old-school" into a more sophisticated operation. The **BHU** was initially a separate agency, but was recently absorbed and funded by the sheriff's office mostly through grants. It now has 6 staffers and 2 vehicles, who are always accompanied by an officer when in the field, but who have freed up most of the deputies for more typical police work. He continued by giving an update on recent successful high-profile investigations.

Ana Gonzalez explained her operation, e.g.

- Responds to 911 calls related to behavioral health
- Observations of erratic behavior on the street or in a park
- Works with all local law enforcement teams
- Provides assistance to anyone in crisis
- Works with SWAT and hostage negotiating teams
- She calls herself a "social service broker"
- Exploring the need for so many 911 calls

For safety, her team wears tactical vests on calls, as dictated by the sheriff's office. They carry no weapons, but do carry Narcan, radios, trauma kits, and other life-preserving measures. They may also seek to communicate with others having knowledge of the subject, such as physicians, therapists, or clinics. They may intervene with a phone call, especially if there are weapons involved. They are trained to provide support to individuals involved in active-shooter situations. Ana provided a stat sheet reflecting the number of contacts in recent years (click [READ MORE](#) to view).

For more, watch Zoom video.



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## News & Announcements 04/17/25

### Board actions of 4/15/25.

President Andy reported on two recent board actions:

- The Board would like better control of our current lunch service at meetings. As a result of having an unusually high number of leftover lunches last week, fewer lunches were ordered this week. Also, an [opinion survey](#) is included in this edition. Every member is requested to provide feedback.
- The board also decided to conduct the annual presidential changeover meeting on Saturday evening, June 28, at the Museum to include a buffet dinner. There will be no regular meeting on June 26. More details are coming soon.



### Meeting of 05/01/2025.



In lieu of our regular club meeting on May 01, we will be attending the annual Apple Blossom All-Service Club Lunch at the Convention Center. Tickets are available from Rachel Evey at a price of \$31.50. The club is purchasing 4 tables. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Rueben Mayes is the keynote speaker.

### Community Outreach and Scholarships.

Joe St. Jean briefly shared news about...

1. Our Club's Community Outreach Grant applications being accepted through the end of April. The grant application timeline, application, and evaluation rubric are available on the Wenatchee Rotary webpage. With all of our Club members various community connections, i.e. friends, social groups, churches, and youth groups, we should be able to encourage a wide range of applications. Help us put out the word!
2. Members were encouraged to attend the May 15<sup>th</sup> Wenatchee Rotary Foundation annual meeting to hear about the 5 new 2025 scholarship award recipients. They will also learn a little about the 9 college students that will be receiving continued financial support from our Club. A WRF scholarship supports students for up to 4 years of college study or a bachelors degree, whichever comes first. These 9 continuing students represent the following institutions – 3 each from WSU and U of W, one to CWU, one to EWU, and one from Gonzaga. Interestingly enough, none of the 9 are majoring in the same field. We have a range from Accounting to Agricultural Education, from Anthropology to Criminology, and Computer Science to Construction Engineering.



Laurie Flarity-White provided these photos of Karen, Ciara, and Mr. Alley with Smokey Bear and Ciara & Jimmy with Owly (a Forest service animal concerned with helping people keep trash out of our forests.)

Ciara, Karen & Jimmy volunteered for Earth Day Celebration this Saturday, April 19th!



Natalie Williams - "Here are a couple pics from the Rotary booth yesterday. Thanks to Sustainable



NCW for hosting us. Right in line with our Seventh Area of Focus: Sustainable NCW's mission: "To promote a culture of environmental stewardship and social sustainability in NCW through educating and inspiring our community to live more sustainably." This is also the purpose of our Earth Day Fair." Center pic shows raffle winner loading his prize. View Kris Cameron's photos from the marathon [here](#).



## 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!**  
**Any member can greet at any meeting; jump in!**

<b>4/24/2025</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>Nate</b>	<b>Katie</b>
5/1/2025	Bridges	Brink	Button
5/8/2025	Campbell	Clifton	Conner
5/15/2025	Corcoran	Darling	DeRobles

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

<p><b>Calendar of Events</b>  (log into DACdb for full calendar)</p> <p><b>May 01 - Festival All-Service-Club Lunch,</b>  Convention Center  Doors open - 11:30 AM  (in lieu of our regular club meeting)</p> <p><b>June 20-25- RI Convention Calgary</b>  <a href="#">Calgary, June 22-25</a>  see stories/calendar</p>
<p>Monthly Board meetings  3rd Tuesday, 4 PM  Contact the <a href="#">Secretary</a> for more info.</p>
<p>All members are welcome.</p>

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