

# The Appleseed

Official Newsletter of Wenatchee  
Rotary  
Since 1921



This week

**This week: Noon Thursday, January 16**



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

ZOOM Link

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

Watch for text alerts/reminders.



Lunch available from The Paradise.

**MENU**

9 Club Sandwiches

9 Beef quesadillas with rice

Submit Appleseed stories [here](#).

**This week 01/16/25 - Club Strategic Plan**

Over the past 18 months, the RC of Wenatchee has engaged in several initiatives that eventually led to the adoption of the D-5060 **Multi-Year Planning (MYP)** process. This week, PP Gary will provide a summary of those initiatives, a review of the formation of the initial MYP committee, and the results of the initial "visioning" efforts that were organized and preliminarily ranked last



summer. Our membership has characterized these early outputs as very fruitful. Importantly, they insist that these thoughts and ideas be fully cultivated and transformed into club deliverable actions. Gary will address the next couple of stages of refining and condensing the information, and packaging it with the evolving leadership to help turn these ideas into actionable club responsibilities over time.

### Last week 01/09/25 - Cascadia



#### CASCADIA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

With Marcy Bartelheimer & Kelly Luebbering, Resource Specialists, presented by Britt Dudek.

[ZOOM video](#)

The [Cascadia Conservation District](#) is a non-regulatory organization, funded by grants and a system of rates & charges, dedicated to encouraging the wise stewardship of all natural resources in Chelan County.

The Cascadia board and staff members work cooperatively with local landowners and communities to provide technical and financial assistance for soil, water, forest, fish, and wildlife conservation efforts. They currently serve all of Chelan County.



**Conservation Districts:**  
Your Local Natural Resources Partners!

- 45 in WA state
- Governed by 5-member Board of Supervisors
  - 1 seat open!, Election and Conservation Fair March 25th
- Technical assistance and cost-share funding for voluntary conservation and stewardship efforts
  - Programs vary by needs of area and funding

**Primarily grant-funded - federal, state, local**  
**Very partner oriented**

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## News & Announcements 01/09/25



### Wenatchee School District

Superintendent of Wenatchee School District **Kory Kalahar** (Past-president, 2020-21) brought in his Director of Communications, **Diana Haglund**, to explain the proposed school levy that voters will consider on February 11. It replaces our current EP&O levy that will expire in December 2025.



Wenatchee School District, like other districts across the state, relies on local levies to fill the gap between state funding and the actual cost of running a school district. Every four years, Wenatchee and Malaga voters are asked to consider renewing the [Educational Programs & Operations \(EP&O\) levy](#), which funds programs, services, staff and day-to-day operations that are not fully covered by the state. Without this levy, approximately \$18.6+ million would be lost each school year, including state matching (Local Effort Assistance) funds, which is 12% of WSD's budget. This would significantly impact staffing, special education, transportation, building maintenance, extracurricular activities, music, arts, athletics and other services. The levy is not a new tax or funding source. If approved by voters, this continues a current essential funding source. The money collected from local, voter-approved levies stays in our district to support our students.

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Assistant District Governor Mike Kintner provided some important quarterly updates. See Mike if questions.

- New club, *Rotary After Hours*, meeting at [Ground Control](#) twice each month. Next meeting is January 21 at 5:30 pm.
- Pollinator Garden - PDG Karl Ruether is seeking stories for the RI Convention
- RI Convention, Calgary - Rotarians are encouraged to register for the June 21-25 event which will include a mini Calgary Stampede . [Info here](#). The District Convention event will be the Rockin' the Roundhouse event on Sunday, June 22.
- RLI is coming March 22 in Yakima - Register [here](#)
- New District 5060 sites - [Website](#), [Facebook site](#)
- Rotary night at Applesox (summer 2025, date TBD)
- There are now 5 local RYE students outbound on this side of the border, all excellent young people.
  - Three students from Wenatchee, one student from Leavenworth and a student from Yakima.



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International MEGA-Meeting on Peace, honoring US President *Jimmy Carter*, January 15 online, 10 AM. Info and registration [here](#).



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**Sustainability.** Here are a couple of upcoming sustainability events that our members might be interested in. These are sponsored by our partners Sustainable NCW and Waste Loop.

- Jan. 14: Mending night @ Ground Control Brewery, 6-8:00 pm - [Ground Control Bottle Shop + Taproom](#)
- Jan. 23: Repair Cafe @ Pinnacles Prep, 6-8:00 pm - [Pinnacles Prep](#)



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### Paul Harris Fellow

Michelle Shermer was recognized as our newest [Paul Harris Fellow](#), a recognition reserved for anyone achieving the equivalent of a \$1000 donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).



## For the Kids Fundraiser and Dinner: Supporting Youth in the Wenatchee Valley



Mark your calendar to attend the annual club fundraiser.

March 15, 2025  
Wenatchee Convention Center

This year we will be having a celebration complete with exciting Heads & Tails activity, live auction, and lots of fun. We will be raising funds to benefit Youth in the Wenatchee Valley.

The goal is \$100,000 net. The proceeds will benefit the YMCA, Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Scholarships, and Community Outreach Grants.

Tickets for the event will be on sale in a few weeks. There will be an opportunity for table sponsors, too. Grab your friends and get ready for some fun(raising)!

Any questions, contact Past President Alice Meyer

### Greeters, Calendar & Other Notes

View [ATTENDANCE](#) for recent meetings.

#### Greeters

[Greeter Guidelines](#)

 <b>1/16/2025</b>				
	<b>Pat</b>	<b>Leonard</b>	<b>Carin</b>	<b>John V.</b>
<b>1/23/2025</b>	Smith, J.	Smith C	Speidel	John V.

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

**Calendar of Events**  
(log into DACdb for full calendar)  
**March 15 - For the Kids Fundraiser**

**March 22- RLI Yakima**  
**June 20-25- RI Convention Calgary**

see stories/calendar

Monthly Board meetings  
3rd Tuesday, 4 PM  
Contact the [Secretary](#) for more info.

All members are welcome.

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## **The Wenatchee Rotary Club**

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