

# The Appleseed

Official Newsletter of Wenatchee  
Rotary  
Since 1921



This week

**This week: Noon Thursday, December 12**



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

ZOOM LINK....

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

Watch for text alerts/reminders.



Lunches are provided by The Paradise Restaurant....  
*Menu is TBD*

Click *READ MORE*\* below for menu and pre-order steps.

Submit Appleseed stories [here](#).

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**This week - Annual Meeting & Club Elections 12/12/24**

The club's Annual Meeting will be held on December 12. In accordance with club [bylaws](#), the club will announce election results for two presidents and three directors to the board.

Other club business will be announced at the meeting.

The annual election is conducted by online ballot. Members can vote using the [Official Ballot Link](#). This link has been emailed to members. You can only vote once. **The deadline to vote is Thursday, December 12 at 10:00 am Pacific time.**

The list of candidates is shown below. If you have any questions about the election process, please contact Nominating Committee Chair, [Gary Provo](#), or call him at 972.998.4221.

**CANDIDATES:**



**President 2026-2027 -**





**Mark Kulaas** joined the Wenatchee Rotary Club in 2005. He has served on the following committees. Public Relations chair 2006; club Board of Directors 2008-2009; Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Board of Directors 2020-2022; Rotary Park Peace Plaza Co-chair 2022; Town Toyota Center concessions volunteer 2023 to present.



**President 2027-2028 -**

**Brett Riley** joined the club on August 24, 2017. He has served on the following committees. Club Board, Interact, and RYE Youth Exchange

**Directors July 2025–June 2028 - Vote for 3**

	<p><b>Dante Gutterrez-Zamora</b> joined the club on October 29, 2015. He has served on the board.</p>
	<p><b>Phil "Raz" Rasmussen</b> joined the club on July 29, 1999. He has served on the Rotary Park Committee for several years and continues to maintain the flags at the park as my club service.</p>
	<p><b>Joe St. Jean</b> joined the club on February 6, 2014. He serves on the Community Outreach Committee, the WRF Scholarship/Student Outreach Committee, and has been on the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation Board for 8 years.</p>
	<p><b>Rich Peters</b> joined the club on August 1, 1994. He currently serves on the Rotary Park Committee.</p>
	<p><b>Natalie Williams</b> joined the club on October 12, 2021. She currently serves as the chair of the Environmental Committee. She is a board member of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation.</p>



## Last week Dec. 5, 2024 - Youth Exchange (Vinzi)

**Vinzi Muhri**, our amazing Rotary Youth Exchange student from Austria, surprisingly confident and self-assured during his 20-minute presentation, primarily describing his family and home country.

He discussed Austria's famous foods, historical architecture and classical musical composers, and some surprising facts about popular products such as Red Bull and Glock. Some of his images appear below.

[WATCH ZOOM VIDEO](#)



Vinzi is halfway through his exchange year, and there are still many things he hopes to do while here in the U.S. Here are a few things on his wish list.

- Reindeer Farm in Leavenworth
- Leavenworth Lights (hopefully with lunch or dinner)
- Any Holiday Tradition your family celebrates. This could include a cookie exchange, a concert, or other activity.
- Day Trip to Seattle
- Paddle on the Columbia
- Farmer's Market in the Spring
- Apple Blossom Activities

Vinzi is looking for activities on the weekends. This could include taking him to lunch or dinner, bowling, or any other activity. Give him a call at (509) 423-6756.

Have an idea of something that isn't on his list? Reach out and let's make it happen!

## Austria: The Heart of Europe

by vinzenz muhri



## Rich Cultural Heritage: Baroque Architecture and Imperial Palaces

### Baroque Architecture

Austria is renowned for its stunning baroque architecture. From the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna to the Melk Abbey.

### Imperial Palaces

Austria was once home to the Habsburg Empire, and its imperial palaces.



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## Announcements and news 12/05/24

### Volunteer Opportunity



The **Earth Club** at Wenatchee High School has begun to reduce the school's carbon footprint by collecting organic waste at lunch in the cafeteria, and sending it to compost at Winton Compost Works. They could use some extra hands to help monitor the stations and guide students to get their waste into the correct stream, and re-set at the conclusion of lunch. Hours are Mondays

from 12:28-1:15, and Tuesday - Friday from 11:44-12:30. Watch the [NCW Life story](#) starting at minute 11:44.

If you can lend a hand, here's what to do.

- 1 - Complete this short online [volunteer application](#) and submit it to the Wenatchee School District. (You can skip the video by clicking on the arrow in the lower right hand corner of the screen.\*)
- 2 - Choose a day(s) and sign up [HERE](#).
- 3 - It's helpful to bring your own gloves, but they will also be provided.

After parking and entering the building through the main entrance doors on the north side of WHS (facing Millerdale St.), check in at the office on your left. Sign in to visit Daniel Deal (Earth Club Advisor), and put on your visitor sticker. Head to the cafeteria and check in at the Earth Club station (straight ahead), or with Daniel or Eva (pictured below).

In addition to all food waste, only three paper items are accepted; the trays & boats in the photo, and paper napkins. Super easy. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Deal at 509/860-6362, or Eva at 509/668-9727.

*Thanks for helping our young people to do their part for a livable planet!*

[Note - this message will soon be added to our "volunteer opportunities"]

Wenatchee High School  
**Interact**



Laurie Flarity White introduced Interact student Karen Rivera who made an appeal to support their **Toy and Gift Drive** for local children in the foster care system (ending Dec. 5). Student-made decorative stockings (per CASA instructions) were passed around for monetary donations. Gift commitments were taken.

**CASA of Chelan and Douglas** counties will handle distribution before our winter school break. For more information directly from CASA: <https://www.cdCasa.org/holiday-stocking-project/>  
Karen is Interact secretary and has been providing the reports recently seen in the Appleseed.

## WRF NEWS.

The Community Foundation of North Central Washington (CFNCW) has over 150 scholarships available, each with its own specific criteria. Their online application process will ask questions that will determine the scholarships for which students are eligible. There are two separate scholarship applications:



- General scholarships due March 1
- Nursing/Allied Health/Trades due June 1

If students are applying for the latter, we recommend they also apply for General scholarships as well. The Wenatchee Rotary Foundation partners with CFNCW for our scholarships, which currently are \$2,000 per year for up to four years, or the awarding of a bachelor's degree whichever comes first.

For more information about CFNCW scholarships, click here:

<https://cfncw.org/scholarships/>

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## BIG BRIDGE BRAG.

Joe St. Jean and PP Alice Meyer paid fines for appearing in a recent copy of The Seattle Times (Now and Then section) magazine story about the renaming of the old black pipeline pedestrian bridge built in 1908. Its owner, Wenatchee Reclamation District, decided it was time to name it for its designer, WT Clark. Actually, it was Joe's wife Teri who appeared in the photo. Click [READ MORE](#) to see the story.

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## November 2024 - Foundation Month



November is Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month, a time when Rotarians are encouraged to support our foundation, the heart of Rotary. TRF is the preferred charity for Rotarians, earning the highest rating from [Charity Navigator](#). Accumulated giving of \$1,000 makes the donor a Paul Harris Fellow.

We mostly support two of many [TRF worldwide funds](#) available:

(1) **PolioPlus** - all donations go directly to fighting polio.

Our club has already met its goal of \$3500 for the Rotary year

(2) **The Annual Fund** - all donations support district and global grants (available to us).

Our club has met only 15% of our \$3500 goal.

DG Tom Tocherman has lost count of the many grants he has received supporting his international projects over many years. Our club has also received many.

The easiest ways to donate and receive donor credits:

- Download the [IGNITE mobile app](#) where payments can be made directly from a smartphone, giving the donor instant credit and access to their donor status (best)
- At [MyRotary](#) online, the Rotary International website (OK)
- Mail a personal check to TRF in Chicago with your donation form (slow)
- Hand a personal check to the club TRF Chair, Secretary Frank (slowest)

Ask the TRF Chair about the club's incentives to encourage donations, especially for newer members.

Thanks to **PP Pete Van Well**, on World Polio Day and our Pennies-for-Polio events, the 4 Clubs of the Wenatchee Valley collected about \$1400 combined. Pete would like all of our members to become members of the Polio-Plus Society (PPS) where Rotarians agree to commit to a minimum of \$100 annually to PolioPlus until polio is defeated. Here is [what one district is doing](#).





For the latest news, [watch this video](#).



View [ATTENDANCE](#) for recent meetings.

## Greeters

[Greeter Guidelines](#)

			
12/12/2024	<b>Raz</b>	<b>Brett</b>	<b>Ken</b>
12/19/2024	Rodgers	Salcido	Scanga
12/26/2024	<i>No meeting</i>		
1/2/2025	Salcido	Scott	Shermer

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>December 26- No Meeting</b></p> <p><b>March 15 - Fund raiser for YMCA</b> 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>
<p><b>Click READ MORE below for ways to donate!</b></p>



## The Wenatchee Rotary Club

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