

The Appleseed

Official Newsletter of Wenatchee
Since 1921 **Rotary**



This week

This week: Noon Thursday, December 19



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

NO ZOOM.

Watch for text alerts/reminders.



Submit Appleseed stories [here](#).

Holiday Party



?? Get Ready for Fun and Fellowship at Our Annual Holiday Party! ??

It's that time of year again! Mark your calendars and dust off your **favorite holiday sweater** for our **Annual Holiday Party**. This is an event you won't want to miss—so leave your laptops at home because there will be **NO ZOOM** this year!

Event Highlights:

A delicious **buffet lunch** for just **\$20 per person** (available for purchase).
Plenty of **fellowship, fun, and laughter** to go around.

Supporting the Salvation Army

In the spirit of giving, our club will be collecting donations for the **Salvation Army**. Bring your checkbook and help

us make **Nathan Darling** smile as we contribute generously to this wonderful annual tradition.

Braggs & Laughs

- **Mandatory brags** are back! Brag for \$1.00 or face the penalty of \$2.00 for staying silent—so come ready to share your best news.
- Be prepared for some holiday fun with **Christmas trivia** and a round of those dreaded yet delightful **dad jokes!**

The Santa Challenge ??

Could Santa make an appearance? If he does, he'll have some answers—but what are the questions? Here's a sneak peek:

- **Sir Henry Cole**
- **Stink, Stank, Stunk**
- **The country Turkey**
- **Cupid**
- **Clarence Oddbody**

Come join us for a merry celebration filled with joy, giving, and plenty of holiday cheer!

Last week 12/12/24 - Election Results

Election results were announced. Watch ZOOM video [here](#).
See previous Applesseed for candidate information.



President 2025-26 - Mark Kulaas
President 2026-27 - Brett Riley
Board members 2025 - 2028

- Dante Gutierrez-Zamora
- Joe St. Jean
- PP Rich Peters

News and Announcements 12/12/24

The club was pleasantly entertained by two performers from the upcoming production of "*White Christmas*", being presented on December 17-21. Rachel Powers and Maggie Jorgensen performed the song "Sisters" to the great delight of the attendees. The event is a fund-raiser for StageKids, but the cast members are all adults. Click the image for ticket info.





PP Alice Meyer promoted the 2025 fundraiser gala March 15 supporting our YMCA capital campaign, requesting items for the live auction, such as airlines' frequent-flyer miles. To donate such items, see Alice or PP Mike Kintner. Alice was aided by Ken Robertson in discussing methods for donating. Donations can be made by check or on-line...click [here](#) for more.

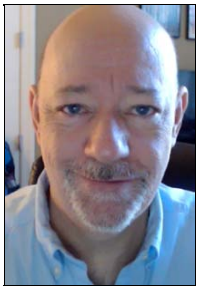


Wrapping up our 2024 promotions of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), TRF Chair Frank Clifton presented [a new RI video](#) about the progress of Rotary's work



to eradicate the dreaded disease, Polio. District Polio Chair PP Pete Van Well provided the video but was away on business travel.

Frank was then honored to recognize **Eric Nelson** for his outstanding TRF support, reaching the levels of Paul Harris Fellow +6 and +7, reflecting total donations of at least \$8,000. Thank you Eric.



Our newest member, **John Vranas**, was introduced to the club by his sponsor, Lee Alley, who related a humorous story about how the recruitment occurred. Lesson learned - talk with your neighbors about Rotary!

John has met with our Membership committee and will be officially inducted in early January.

Inspire Future Leaders: Volunteer for the Middle School Career Fair

Rotary's **Vocational Service**—one of Rotary's five "Avenues of Service"—calls on every Rotarian to contribute their expertise with integrity to address society's needs. This is your chance to share your professional journey and inspire the next generation!

Middle School Career Fair

Facilitated by the **Wenatchee School District Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department**

- **Date:** Tuesday, January 28th
- **Time:** 8:50 AM to 11:35 AM
- **Place:** Orchard Middle School
- **Format:** Three 50-minute, repeated sessions with small groups of 8th graders.



Presentation Focus Areas Include:

- Horticulture/Plant Science
 - Welding/Metalwork
 - Health Sciences
 - Behavioral Health
 - Culinary Arts
 - Engineering/Architectural Design
 - Podcast/Broadcast Media
 - IT Tech and Software Engineering
- (And many more—based on student interest.)*

What to Include in Your Presentation:

- Introduce yourself and your education/career path.
- Share what your career entails and related opportunities in the field.
- Discuss high school preparation needed for the job.
- Include an interactive activity and allow time for Q&A.

Why Volunteer?

This is a chance to encourage 8th graders exploring their futures, showcasing the many career paths available to them. Whether you work in health care, trades, technology, or the arts, **your story can make a lasting impact.**

Sign Up by January 10!

If you're interested or have questions, contact:

- **Jim Adamson** (Sunrise Rotarian) | (509) 630-8562
- **Amy Spietz** (CTE Coordinator) | spietz.a@wenatcheeschools.org

Help Inspire Tomorrow's Leaders—Volunteer Today!

To learn more, watch the zoom video.

[Read More](#)

Interact Club News December 2024

Here's the latest from Karen Rivera, Interact secretary.



Last week, our members decided to meet after school on Thursday the 5th to go shopping for the stockings at Fred Meyer, and meet again on Friday to deliver the toys/stockings to CASA. (37+) We really appreciated all the donations from our community members and the donations received from Rotary as well. We would also like to thank the group at Pinnacles Prep for helping us sew and fill some stockings. Thank you so much for your support, and we couldn't have been as successful as we were without all your very generous contributions!



This week, we updated the whole club about how stockings for CASA went and talked about volunteer opportunities coming up with the help of some guest speakers. They encouraged many members, including

myself, to sign up and volunteer for the New Years party at Pybus! Next week we don't plan on holding a meeting due to very busy schedules from our advisors, so I won't have any more updates until after our Winter Break.

Here are some pictures we received as the interact club delivered the gifts for the stockings. Below these pics, see their thank-you note to the club.





Thank you!
-V Masuda

Thanks for the support!
-Sunny F.

Quinn Kitos ♡

Stephanie Salgado

Thank you
So much for your help!
-Belen

Madeliene Morris

Thank you for supporting
-Melani Toran

Thank You!
-Yveta

Thank You!
-Yvies

Christy Paugh

Thank you Rotarians!

Thanks for supporting
WHS Interacts CASA
Stacking Project 2024.

Ciaerac. ♡

Laurie F.W.

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The many ways to make Rotary payments or donations

You may have noticed many opportunities for making financial transactions in Rotary. Don't be confused We have added a summary document covering most of the options you may need, from dues to donations. This will be added to our public web page. Click the link. Treasurer John Simmons can clarify most questions.

[MAKING PAYMENTS OR DONATIONS](#)

Greeters, Calendar & Other Notes

View [ATTENDANCE](#) for recent meetings.

Greeters

[Greeter Guidelines](#)

 12/19/2024			
	Dan	Malachi	Lauren
	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 align="center">Calendar of Events (log into DACdb for full calendar)</p> <p>December 26- No Meeting</p> <p>March 15 - Fund raiser for YMCA see stories/calendar</p>
<p align="center">Monthly Board meetings 3rd Tuesday, 4 PM Contact the Secretary for more info.</p>
<p align="center">All members are welcome.</p>
<p align="center">Click READ MORE below for ways to donate!</p>



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