

### Second Challenge Scholar Presented



Our club's second recipient of a \$10,000 college scholarship was introduced today. Kayla Villacres, a recent Westside High School graduate, talked about her journey after being selected her sophomore year as one of our challenge scholar candidates. She was working at McDonald's, going to school, and trying to overcome some challenges when the intervention counselor at WSHS nominated her for this program. He felt she could achieve more if she had some structure and motivation provided by the challenge scholar program. Kayla said the encouragement from her mentor, JC Baldwin (Cashmere Rotarian), and the support of family and friends made all the difference. She made a big effort to motivate herself, and learned a lot by working through problems and pain. Both her counselor and JC said that Kayla demonstrated a big growth in maturity and in moving toward her goal. Kayla wants to attend WVC and then transfer to a 4-year college to study psychology in order to find a career helping people with social and mental challenges. After Kayla was presented with the \$10,000



scholarship to use at any college or training program, David Barshes reviewed what our challenge scholar program is. He thanked the mentors of this cohort, who were Taro, Wayne M, Emma, Faviola, Marcy, Julie, JC, and Jimn & Carol. Mentors for the 2023-25 cohort include Taro, Wayne S, Jay, Julie, and Alan Galbraith (Wenatchee Rotary). Kathleen volunteered to mentor for 2024-26 (and would team up if anyone would like to join her). That fills up the slots for mentors of that cohort.

### Club Meeting

Wenatchee Sunrise Meets at LocalTel Event Center at Pybus Public Market  
3 N Worthen St  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
Time: Tuesday at 07:00 AM

### Programs

**August 06, 2024**

[Veronica Masuda](#)  
EARLYACT, Rotary in Middle School

**August 13, 2024**

[Chris Pedersen, Chelan County Fire Marshal](#)  
Fire District updates

**August 20, 2024**

[Amber Hallberg](#), Programs Coordinator

Housing Authority of Chelan Co. and City of Wenatchee

**August 27, 2024**

[Jonathan Clark](#)  
The Journey of NCW Woodshop

# July 30 Meeting Notes



Rebecca opened the meeting. Guests included Abby Prieto (outbound YE student leaving in September for Argentina), JC Baldwin (Cashmere Rotary), Graham Stansbury (WSHS counselor), and Kayla Villacres (Challenge Scholar).

## Announcements

Family social on August 15, 6:00 pm at Union Hill Cider Company. Trivia night, so maybe we can form a few teams. You can bring your own food.

## Braggs & Confessions

- Kathleen is leaving for St. Louis and then the East Coast to care for her mom.
- Rebecca hosted one of her best friends she hadn't seen for years, and took her around the area.
- Chris also connected with an old friend at a high school class reunion.
- Kelly gave kudos to Alan for putting up with the bathroom remodeling.

Wayne M's raffle ticket was drawn (see photo to see why), but he didn't pick the right marble. Pot increases.

**Next week's program** will be Taro Masuda's daughter, Veronica, who will talk about the Early Act program. This is the middle school version of Interact, a high school service club sponsored by Rotary.

## Club Officers

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## Committee List 2024-25

Greeters

Month of August

Carol Adamson, Joel Bankin, Julie Bankin