



THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

*Serve to
 Change Lives*

W.D. FRANK CENTRAL WASHINGTON MOUNTAINEERS



In August 1955, Marcel Schuster led a central Washington climbing party – including Dave Mahre, Gene Prater, and Mike McGuire - on the second ascent of Mt. Rainier's Liberty Ridge. This obscure event has had a profound effect on the development of mountaineering in North America. The impact of Schuster's climb was a motivating factor in the production of "Let's Take the Sporting Route: Mountaineering in Central Washington 1949-1970," the new display (and accompanying exhibition catalog) at the Yakima Valley Museum.

WD Frank is a native of Yakima. He is the author of *Everyone to Skis! Skiing in Russia and the Rise of Soviet Biathlon* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2015); and translator and editor of *Skis in the Art of War* by K.B.E.E. Eimeleus (Cornell University Press, 2019). His third book, *Of Women, Men and Mountains: Kay Kershaw, Isabelle Lynn and the Double K Mountain Ranch* will be available from University of Alabama Press in 2023.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

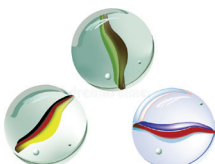
Greeters – Bob Romero, Sheri Smith
 Music – Linda Kaminski
 Invocation – Amy Maib
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Doug Rich
 Program – Cragg Gilbert
 Marble Draw – Laura Crooks, Gail Weaver

FUTURE PROGRAMS

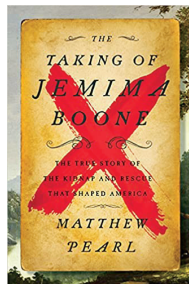
April 21st – Vocational Scholarship Awards
 April 28th – Libby McRae, YVC Allied Health Programs
 May 5th – Dan Peters, Raymond Carver

MARBLE DRAW

9 marbles
 \$530 plus sales from this meeting



MAY BOOK CLUB SELECTION



The selection for May's Book Club meeting is *The Taking of Jemima Boone: The True Story of the Kidnap and Rescue That Shaped America*. In the first nonfiction book by the bestselling author Matthew Pearl, he explores the little-known true story of legendary pioneer Daniel Boone's daughter and the dramatic aftermath that rippled across the nation.

Get your copy today and start reading. The date for discussion is Wednesday, May 18th from 5pm-6pm. Due to schedules, it will be held by Zoom. Call Bob Gerst or the Rotary office to get the link.

ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY

Sign-ups are underway for this year's Rotarians at Work Day on Saturday April 30th. Rotarian volunteers will be working to beautify our community at three locations, the Rotary Welcome to Yakima Sign, Sarg Hubbard Park, and Rotary Lake.

The slots at Sarg Hubbard Park are full. We need a few more volunteers at the Welcome to Yakima Sign. The **GREATEST** need is at Rotary Lake. If you can help, please contact the Rotary office by phone or email. Work at all sites will begin at 9am and end by noon or earlier. Many hands make light work.



GRANT THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Yakima Rotary,

Thank you so very much for your support for the gift to fix the water distribution system centers in Yetebon, Ethiopia. This system is central to all the programs Project Mercy delivers and your support makes a HUGE difference!

It is amazing how many lives are touched by the water system in some way every day. These include children in five schools, patients at the hospital, 30,000 residents in the community, and more. The benefit is not only the access to clean water, but also saving time and avoiding the risks associated with having to go far distances to fetch water from an unclean source.

Because you helped us fix the issue, children go to school and graduate, especially the girls. They do not have to repeat grades or drop out due to absence either from sickness or searching for water. Mothers no longer worry about their daughters' safety in walking hours to find rivers and lakes to fill the jerricans for the week. The children are healthier than before, the families are secure, and the community is thriving because of your kindness.

Thank you again for your generous gift! We are so honored to work with you to provide clean water to remote places in Ethiopia. When travel restrictions ease and time permits, please come to Ethiopia and see first-hand the impact you are making.

Blessings,
Bete Demeke
President



The FABULOUS FIRESIDE DINNERS! May 15-25

One of the most popular things we do.

Fill out the sign up sheet at the next meeting
or Text / email Dana Dwinell 509-952-2711, dana@d2cmu.com

- REVIEW -

This week's program was truly remarkable as we had the CEO of the Holocaust Center for Humanity, Dee Simon as our program speaker. The daughter of a Holocaust survivor, Dee spearheaded the campaign to open a museum in Seattle and has helped the Center expand their outreach and community presence. At the Holocaust Center it is all about educating people about the hate which we see happen all around the world. They fuse the lessons of the Holocaust to push these ideas of peace and respect forward. The Holocaust Center for Humanity began 32 years ago. Located in downtown Seattle on the corner of Second Ave. and Lenora, their main purpose is to educate, whether it is students or the community. Education is key to how they inspire people to act and think differently. The mission is to teach the lessons of the Holocaust, inspiring students of all ages to confront bigotry and indifference, promote human dignity, and take action.

One of the key components to teaching students how to stop hating and to respect each other is teacher training. They work closely with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. In 2019 there was legislation that encouraged Holocaust education in our state. They do 40-60 teacher trainings a year; numbers wise that translate to 750 teachers and a reach of 48,000 students. They offer virtual field trips; a Speakers' Bureau made up of Holocaust survivors and people who have experienced human rights violations and atrocities; and on-line resources. They have a group of teachers called Educators for Change that tell them what to do - how much time teachers have, the obstacles they face, and what administrators are telling them to do. Teachers teach the Holocaust in many different subjects, math, science, language, etc. One time a science teacher came in with his students. Dee asked why; he didn't feel right about teaching science without teaching ethics. They also have a Student Leadership Board that is currently made up of 45 students throughout the state that share what students want to hear. Today those concerns include cyber bullying, false information, and how to process information. Programs are developed around their concerns and can change every year based upon their input.

Education includes community. They hold a bimonthly on-line Lunch and Learn program with many speakers talking about various topics. An average of 200 people participate per event. The museum reopened to the public 2 weeks ago; they partner with other organizations around the state providing programs to museums and community centers; and have a Police Training Program that they started in 2017. They also have a program called Ambassadors for Change and Continued Generations made up of adults 20-40 years old whose main objective is to fight genocide. Many of them are children or grandchildren of Holocaust survivors.

What does teaching look like? Her answer was a question to us - did we know what the Pyramid of Hate was? At the top of the pyramid is genocide. The base of the pyramid is made up of something you and I see every day; scapegoating, stereotyping, jokes, things that humiliate other people, and bullying. If we work to stop the base, then you can't build a pyramid. That is

the concept of how everyday citizens can be proactive. How do they use the Holocaust? She shared a story in the museum about a young girl in her 20s that was sent to Auschwitz. She was relegated to the laundry facility which was a stand-alone structure outside the camp where she stayed and slept. The women who did laundry had a way of ripping clothes without being caught - why? Because there was another room of women nearby tasked with mending the clothes. If they didn't have work, they would be sent away. Their gesture of courage saved lives. There is an entire training program on media literacy that helps teachers communicate to students how to tell the difference between fact and opinion. During the Holocaust people were neighbors, they didn't hate each other. Through propaganda and a constant message of hate, neighbors turned each other in. It happened through endless marketing, propaganda and misinformation.

Before Dee spoke the video chosen for our music was a performance by the PS22 Chorus composed of 60-70 fifth graders from Graniteville, Stanton Island and New York City singing *A World of Peace* as part of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of liberation of the concentration camps in Nazi Germany. Tim Carlson followed with our invocation by sharing the story of he and his best friend going into a pawn shop in their predominately German hometown that had in the back a memorial to Nazi Germany. It was 1962 and at 11-years-old, his friend became terrified and said he had to leave now. Tim asked why, his friend told him he was Jewish. They walked to his uncle's jewelry store. His uncle rolled up his sleeve to reveal his number tattoo as a Holocaust survivor. Tim changed that day. While he shared his story, a picture of a sculpture from the Dachau concentration camp called Never Again displayed on the screen for us to see. As Rotarians we are pledged to ensure that the pledge of Never Again is followed. We should never be too busy or disengaged to allow a repeat of the genocidal atrocities that occurred there or anywhere. April is Genocide Awareness Month. One of the messages that Dee left us with was that Never is NOW.

What else happened at Rotary? Nancy Leahy introduced Yakima County Commissioner LaDon Linde as our newest member. Nancy shared that LaDon is an inspiring person of education, family, local enterprise, professional commitment, and community. He was born in Bellingham, Washington where his parents were dairy farmers. Except for time for college and a mission to Chile, he has lived in the Sunnyside/Granger area since 1976. He and his wife, Sandra have been married for 38 years and have 6 children, and 10 grandchildren. He farmed with his parents until 2006 and subsequently went to work for Sunnyside Community Hospital, now called Astria Sunnyside Hospital. He has served as County Commissioner since 2020. Congratulations to LaDon. We are so happy to have him as part of our Rotary family! Dana Eliason made a pitch for the spring Scholarship Dinners taking place May 15-25 - sign-ups for hosts and attendees are underway. Amy Maib raised funds for Rotary Charities as sergeant-at-arms and our first marble draw took place without a winner. The pot carries over to next week.