



## THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

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Change Lives*

### ROTARY VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many different career paths that one can choose in life. Vocational training plays a crucial role in providing opportunities for people from all backgrounds giving options for training in a highly technical or hands-on field or for those wishing to develop new skills.

Yakima Rotary has been awarding Vocational Scholarships to local high school students and non-traditional students for the past 28 years. No other single part of our Rotary club has had such a lasting impact on our community.

After a process that included scoring written applications and conducting in-person interviews, the Vocational Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the following 21 students have been chosen as recipients of the 2022 Yakima Rotary Vocational Scholarship:

- Jaime Barajas – Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Substance Use Disorder Studies
- Jacquelin Ceja Flores – Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene
- David Covarrubias – Perry Technical Institute, Construction & Carpentry Technology
- Karla Diaz Robles – Perry Technical Institute, Information Technology & System Communications
- Orin Douglas – Perry Technical Institute, Welding Technology
- Kevin Foran – Perry Technical Institute, HVAC Technology
- Victoria Gutierrez – Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology
- Eduardo Haro – Perry Technical Institute, Automotive Technology
- Riley Hull – Perry Technical Institute, Instrumentation & Industrial Automation Technology
- Hailey Kesterson – Perry Technical Institute, Associates of Applied Science in Business Technology & Accounting
- Casondra Macias – Yakima Valley College, Associates in Applied Science in Radiologic Sciences
- Fredy Mendoza – Perry Technical Institute, HVAC Technology
- Carlos Montes de Oca – Perry Technical Institute, Automotive Technology and Welding Technology
- Jose Murguia - Perry Technical Institute, HVAC Technology
- Adriana Navarro – Yakima Valley College, Bachelors of Applied Science in Business Management
- Martha Olivera – Perry Technical Institute, Associates of Applied Science in Business Technology & Accounting
- Edgar Pacheco Rodriguez – Yakima Valley College, Associates of Applied Science in Agribusiness
- Miguel Ramos – Perry Technical Institute, Electrical Technology
- Shallise Rodriguez - Perry Technical Institute, Automotive Technology
- Troy Tahkeal - Perry Technical Institute, Automotive Technology
- Luke Wilmes - Perry Technical Institute, Instrumentation & Industrial Automation Technology

This Thursday you will have the opportunity to meet each of them, celebrate with their family and friends, and hear what school they will be attending and how this scholarship will impact their ability to continue their education and meet their career goals.

#### FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

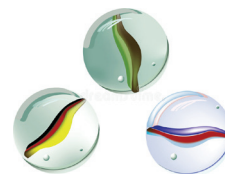
- Greeters – Billy Bacon, Steve Hahn
- Music – Yakima School District Steel Drum Group
- Invocation – David Lynx
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Tressa Shockley
- Program – David McKinney
- Marble Draw – Jane Davis, Sarah Morgan

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

- April 28th – Libby McRae, YVC Allied Health Programs
- May 5th – Dan Peters, Raymond Carver
- May 12th – Thomas Reynolds, Northwest Harvest
- May 19th – Academic Scholarship Awards

#### MARBLE DRAW

- 8 marbles
- \$990 plus sales from this meeting



## PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, April 22, 2022, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

**Tom Gaulke**

CEO

Entrust Community Services

**Classification: Entrust Community Services**

Proposed by: Deb Sterling

Endorsed by: Nicole Donegan

## ROTARY GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Allocation & Review Committee still has grant funds available for this Rotary year ending June 30th. If you know of a non-profit organization in need of funding, please help get the word out. The application and criteria can be found at our website [yakimarotary.org](http://yakimarotary.org) under the Service Projects tab. Deadline to apply is May 1st.



## 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](mailto:dana@d2cmu.com)

### - REVIEW -

It was a joy to see an overflowing room this week and have Laura Crooks and Quinn Dalan selling marble draw tickets and Bob Romero and Sheri Smith greeting everyone. Our music was chosen by Linda Kaminski who brought a young talented musician named Madden Ray to join us. An eighth grader at Wilson Middle School, Madden is a rare and special individual that plays the organ. In January he participated in an event where he played the National Anthem at Englewood Christian Church. We were treated to a video presentation from that day; it was fantastic. Amy Maib followed with a moment of silence and a prayer that for whatever we are celebrating this weekend be it Easter, Spring, life, or spending time with loved ones that we remember people throughout the world that are unable to celebrate due to war, drugs, mental illness, or poverty.

Since the beginning of March, we have had a new member introduction every week. This week, Quinn Dalan introduced her friend and co-worker Erika Rutter as our newest Rotary member. Erika grew up in Port Orchard. After graduating from high school, she attended Concordia University in Portland. Growing up her parents taught her about the importance of public service and giving back to community. That message led her to attend law school at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. With schooling completed she moved back to the Northwest and warmer weather. Her first job was as a deputy prosecutor for Kittitas County. How did she get to Yakima? She went on-line to look for a dinner date and found a picture of a guy who lived in Yakima and had a cute dog; they ended up getting married. Erika moved to Yakima and began working for the Yakima County Prosecutor's Office. When Yakima County Volunteer Services had an opening for a new staff attorney position, Erika was the first person Quinn asked. She said yes. Erika and her husband Casey are the parents to a little girl. In her spare time, she loves gardening, hiking, camping, snow shoeing, motor cross and trail riding. Her introduction left us with a cliff hanger story. Erika spent time serving as a wildlife research volunteer in Northern South Africa. While traveling in the back of a pickup one day they came upon a breeding herd of elephants and found themselves face to face with the bull elephant.... what happened next is for you to find out from Erika herself.

Rotary business finished with two quick announcements about the upcoming Scholarship Dinners and Rotarians at Work Day, and a Doug Rich sergeant-at-arms. Cragg Gilbert then had the honor of introducing WD Frank as our program speaker to talk about the new exhibit and book at the Yakima Valley Museum called *Let's Take the Sporting Route*.

The idea for the exhibit came from a movie put on by the Central Washington Mountain Rescue in 2018. It was a sold-out event; the people who attended were enthusiastic and loved hearing about the story of Fred Beckey, an iconic climber in Washington state who devoted his life to climbing in the Cascades and had over 1,000 first ascents to his name by the time he died. WD was amazed at the outpouring of interest, thinking that all these people from Yakima County probably didn't know the history of the amazing climbers we had from Central Washington. He called Cragg Gilbert about putting together an exhibit at the museum - Cragg liked the idea - he called Peter Arnold and gave him a one-minute elevator speech - the display is the result.

As work on the exhibit began, the one person that WD wanted to feature was Dave Mahre. Dave was an amazing climber, very creative, very strong, and very much overlooked because of the accomplishments of his Olym-

pic medalist sons. The inspiration for the display was the second ascent of Liberty Ridge on Mt. Rainier in 1955 accomplished by three climbers from Yakima and one from Ellensburg led by Marcel Schuster and included Dave Mahre, Gene Prater, and Mike McGuire. It was a watershed event that changed the way climbers looked at mountaineering in North America.

Marcel Schuster was born in Dresden, Germany and learned to climb in the cliffs and mountains outside of town. WD interviewed Marcel in the eighties. His story was as follows. After graduating from high school, he wanted to go to a hotel school in Switzerland. The Nazi regime would not let him out of the country until he had served in the army. He was assigned to the Gebirgsjäger division where he taught rock climbing in the Bavarian Alps until the start of the war. He was assigned to fight Soviet troops in Northern Norway. It was a miserable winter in 1942-43 out in the open surrounded by the Soviets. He was sent to a POW camp in France, escaped, recaptured, and spent the rest of the war in prison. After the war he returned to Germany and worked as a climbing guide in the Bavarian Alps until he immigrated to British Columbia in the early 1950's. He ended up working on a ranch outside of Ellensburg under indentured servitude conditions. He met Gene Prater skiing at Blewett Pass. Gene got ahold of two climbers in Yakima, Lex Maxwell and Bob McCall, who sponsored him to come to Yakima and work for United Builders. Marcel then moved to White Pass where he stayed for several decades as the head of the ski school. He loved skiing, loved climbing, and was infatuated with Liberty Ridge.

Liberty Ridge had been climbed once before in 1935 by Ome Daiber and two companions. Their journey took three days. It began from the Seattle side at Mowich Lake, across the Carbon Glacier, summit of Liberty Ridge and descended to Paradise. They used a three-man rope team leading in a zig zag pattern that required them to change direction wearing 10-point crampons. With a 10-point crampon the steeper the slope, the harder it is to angle their ankles and keep all 10 points of the crampons into the snow thus requiring the exhausting and strenuous task of cutting steps into the ice and snow.

Marcel taught his young climbers (Dave, Gene, and Mike) to climb using a 12-point crampon system with a welded hinge developed by the Germans in between the two wars that allowed them to climb anything and climb it fast. That is exactly what they did. Unlike the team led by Ome Daiber, they completed their climb in 2 days, starting at the White River, crossing over St. Elmo's Pass, across Carbon Glacier, summiting Liberty Ridge, and going back down to White River. They introduced the concept of front pointing on crampons using 2 rope teams of 2, leap frogging over each other the entire way. Dave, Gene, and Mike took what they learned from Marcel and practiced it for the next two decades. Because of their experience climbing Liberty Ridge Dave and Gene Prater adapted construction hardhats to wear climbing. They were the first to wear a climbing helmet in North America. Today everyone uses a helmet.

Dave Mahre cemented his legacy as one of the finest climbers that the Pacific Northwest has ever developed with a climb of Willis Wall on the north face of Mt. Rainier. A talk about Dave is planned as part of the current exhibit. In 1989, Dave shared with WD, that "the recognition of Marcel stature as an influence on climbing in the United States is long overdue." The exhibit at the Yakima Valley Museum is bringing that back to the 20th century.