



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

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 Rotary*

### JOEY LAWRENCE THE PARK: A NEW WAVE IS COMING



Joey Lawrence wants to make Yakima a surfing destination. By partnering with the premiere wave technology on the planet, WaveGarden, he has just the right technology to bring world-class surf waves to places previously thought impossible. His “summer ski resort” concept will make surfing accessible to Pacific Northwesterners from April – October and focused on introducing the sport to beginners in the region. The attraction will focus on teaching and practicing the skills needed so you have the comfort to take your surfing out to the open ocean.

In addition to the surfing, the park will have amenities that make it feel like a day at the beach, sans sand, including a bar and restaurant, swimming pools for non-surfers, beach volleyball, a playground and longboard pump track, and an off-leash dog park.

#### FOR THURSDAY’S MEETING

Greeters – Greg Luring, Gail Weaver  
 Music – Eric Silvers  
 Invocation – Leanne Antonio  
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Casey Corr  
 Program – Bob Gerst

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

August 18th – Mike Johnson & Aaron Ruff, How Thrift Helps Everyone  
 August 25th – Nick Zentner, Central Washington Geology  
 September 1st – Rotary Picnic at Franklin Park  
 September 8th – Carol Ross & Gayle Scholl, Women Painters of Washington

### PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, August 12, 2022, the following candidates will be elected to membership:

**Kaylene Stiles**  
 Executive Director  
 United Way of Central Washington  
**Classification: United Way**  
 Proposed by: Mike Broadhead  
 Endorsed by: Craig Mendenhall

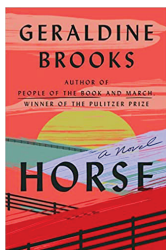
**Wendy Hensley**  
 Director of Marketing & Communications  
 Comprehensive Healthcare  
**Classification: Healthcare Marketing & Communications**  
 Proposed by: Sheri Bissell  
 Endorsed by: Verlynn Best

## ROTARY BOOK CLUB

If you missed the July book club discussion, you really missed a great time. The discussion about July's book *West with Giraffes* was fun, interesting, and only the fifth time the group has all agreed. August's book choice is *Horse* written by Pulitzer Prize winner Geraldine Brooks.

Based upon the remarkable true story of the greatest racehorse in American history, it is a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice.

Now is the time to get your copy today, start reading, and mark the date of August 31st for the next discussion at the John I Haas Innovation Center located 1600 River Rd. at 5pm.



## ROTARY MARKETPLACE GROUNDBREAKING TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022



## - REVIEW -

The first thing you get every week is a wonderful greeting. Stationed at the door this week were Andy Lucero and President Rick welcoming everyone. 12:15 is the magic starting time for official business – it all started with music with Charlie Robin accompanied by Bob Hamilton leading us in the National Anthem. Pickleball was this week's program. Invocation, sergeant-at-arms, and announcements all took that lead. Jan Luring shared a message of gratefulness for the day, the sunshine, and our speaker that ended with a prayer about sportsmanship. President Rick shared pictures from the Rotary Marketplace Groundbreaking on Tuesday and made the first pitch for the Rotary picnic on September 1st – we'll be playing pickleball. Nancy Leahy and Phill Fossum put together a pickleball rules sergeant-at-arms – it was so much fun you couldn't help but smile.

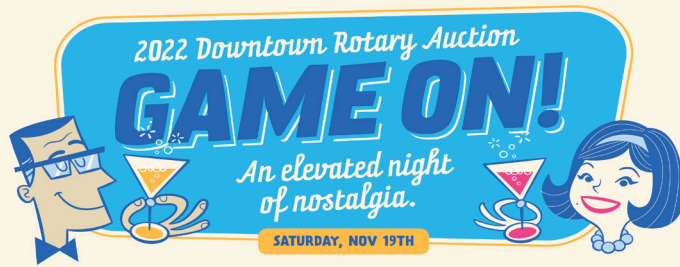
Casey Corr had the honor of introducing Frank Pritchard as our featured speaker. If you didn't read last week's Tooter, you'd probably be asking yourself what does Frank have to do with Pickleball? Frank's father, Joel along with two friends Bill Bell and Barney McCallum co-founded the game.

Growing up, Frank and his family spent every summer on Bainbridge Island. It was the summer of 1965 and Frank, age 13, did not want to be there; he wanted to be with his friends in Seattle. One beautiful day, he told his father he hated it there, there was nothing to do. His dad told him that when he was young, he used to make games up. Frank responded – why don't you make one up then? Joel Pritchard took it as a challenge. There was a patch of asphalt against a small building that was being used as a badminton

court and a wiffle ball laying around. He called his friend Bill Bell in to help. They lowered the net, put together crude paddles from  $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick plywood, and began making rules. They decided they needed one more person, their neighbor Barney McCallum. The three of them created a game that day that they refined over and over again, playing together and sharing with friends. Eventually, Joel Pritchard continued the business of governing America and Bill Bell became a traveling man. Barney was the true believer; he promoted the game all over the country and through schools. In 1972, he launched Pickle-Ball Inc. and started manufacturing the first commercial paddles and packaging. Today, it is the official sport of Washington, the fastest growing sport in America with an estimated 5 million players in the U.S. and is being talked about as an Olympic sport.

One of the most often asked questions is how did it get its name? The name came from Frank's mom, Joann. She loved crew racing. On the UW crew team there was a thing called the "pickle boat." There was the "A" boat, "B" boat, and everybody else (the leftovers) rowed on the pickle boat. Her thinking was the game was part of "this" game and "that" game being thrown together – it was pickleball. It is his mom's little bit of history.

Fun was promised and it was truly fun! There were stories of best friends, the passion of the game from Barney McCallum, and the camp counselor nature of Frank's dad who loved people and games. I can't wait to give it a try!



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