President-Elect...

. James DeGrasse

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### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024 NO MEETING

A Holiday Message from President Jim

*Here it is, December, and I'm already halfway through my year as your club President. I continue to be both honored and humbled to serve in this role for such an incredible Rotary Club.* 

Having been a member for over 20 years, I can confidently say — without boasting or bragging — that this club just keeps getting better and better. That's thanks to all of you. The dedication and involvement of Rotary in our community speak volumes about our members and your desire to make our city a great place to live. As I've said many times, I wake up each day grateful — grateful for the opportunity to see another day, grateful for this beautiful city, and grateful for all of you who generously give your time, talent, and treasure to make Yakima a truly special place.

The success of our club was clearly demonstrated at this year's Under the Big Top auction. We showed our community what Rotary does, asked for their support — and they responded with a level of generosity never seen before. It also shows in our partnerships and sponsors who have allowed us to bring in world-class speakers who have expanded beyond our meeting room to make a tremendous impact, reaching people we've never been able to before.

*As Yakima Rotary embarks on its 106th year, the legacy we've built — and continue to create — will last for generations to come. Let us all rejoice this Holiday and share a toast for all of the commitment, passion, and the contributions you make to our club and the world.* 

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with love, joy, and peace.

*Cheers to a New Year!* 

Jim DeGrasse President 2024-25

#### **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

January 2nd – No Meeting, Happy New Year January 9th – Mick Hoffman, WIAA January 16th – Dr. Melissa Hill, Higher Education in the Yakima Valley January 23rd – Yakima Fire Chief Update

#### **ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY - DECEMBER 19, 2024**





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