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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025
## YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

## HEIDI PELLETIER
## GROWING GREATNESS, TEACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

For nearly twenty years, Heidi has had the privilege of working with individuals, families, foundations, and corporations to make meaningful change through philanthropy. She has partnered with benefactors at Fred Hutch Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, and Heritage University.

Today, she proudly serves as the Chief Development Officer for the Yakima Valley Community Foundation. Heidi is a graduate of Washington State University, a 21/64 Certified Advisor with extensive training in multigenerational family philanthropy and is recognized by the American College of Financial Services as a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy.

A Seattle native, Heidi moved to Yakima in 2021 and loves spending her free time discovering all that is great about the Yakima Valley with her husband, Lance, and much-doted-upon dog.

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### FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Drew Harris, Dave Heinl
Inspiration – Jan Luring
Sergeant-at-Arms – Brad Hansen
Program – Sharon Miracle
Attendance – Kaylene Stiles

### FUTURE PROGRAMS

December 11th – John Canzano, College Sports in the Northwest
December 18th – Holiday Bingo Party
December 25th – No Meeting, Happy Holidays
January 1st – No Meeting, Happy New Year

### ROTARY BELL RINGING WEEK

Sign-ups continue for Rotary Bell Ringing Week starting on Saturday, December 6th and from Tuesday December 9th through Saturday December 13th. With a total of 96 shifts at four locations: Wray's 56th, Rosauers, Fred Meyer Grocery Entrance, and Fred Meyer North Entrance, we have 33 slots left to fill. The day-by-day breakdown is below:

Saturday, December 6th – 3 open shifts
Tuesday, December 9th – 4 open shifts
Wednesday, December 10th – 3 open shifts
Thursday, December 11th – 7 open shifts
Friday, December 12th – 5 open shifts
Saturday, December 13th – 11 open shifts

To sign-up and see the full list of locations and times, use can the link sent out Monday, sign-up at Rotary next week, or call or email the Rotary office today. Your small gift of time will bring joy to those in need.

## IT'S PARTY TIME!

Rotary's annual Holiday Party is set for Thursday, December 17th. Instead of our regular noon meeting, we'll be meeting from 4pm to 6pm for fun, fellowship, hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar, bingo, and prizes. This is an adult only gathering. Spouses, significant others, and friends are invited to join the festivities. Mark your calendar today!

## VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOUS

*To the Yakima Rotary Club,*

*I wanted to thank you all once again for the privilege of being chosen as one of the recipients of the Vocational Scholarship. This scholarship provides a great financial relief for me and helps to allow me to keep my focus on my training, not on finances.*

*I had a great time at the luncheon, and it was a great experience getting to see what the Yakima Rotary Club is and does. Thank you all once again for everything.*

*Sincerely,*
*Chance Cusick*

*Dear Yakima Rotary Club,*

*I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to express my sincere gratitude for awarding me the vocational scholarship in the amount of $1,980.00. Your generosity is not only helping me cover the costs of school, it's also affirming the values of service, perseverance, and community that I strive to uphold every day.*

*As a student pursuing advanced certification in Medical Office Administration and Coding, this scholarship directly supports my commitment to learning the art of becoming a certified medical coder. I'm proud to represent Yakima and the Rotary Club's legacy of integrity and leadership.*

*Thank you again for investing in my future. I'm deeply honored and inspired by your support.*

*Best wishes,*
*James Vera-Ramirez*

## GRANT THANK YOU

*Dear Yakima Rotary Club Members,*

*On behalf of the Yakima Area Arboretum, thank you for your generous support through a $4,000 grant to update our seating for community education and events. At first, our goal was to purchase 100 new banquet chairs. While the grant did not quite cover that cost, it did inspire us to take a more creative and practical approach instead, and that is refurbishing 50 of our existing chairs with brand new seat bottoms and upholstery as needed.*

*This solution not only stretched your gift, but it also inspired Chris' Upholstery Shop to contribute toward the project, and together you both gave new life to our well-loved chairs which serve thousands of guests each year during weddings, celebrations, educational programs, and community events. Thanks to your investment, these chairs are once again sturdy, comfortable, and ready to welcome visitors for many years to come. People have commented how much better they are now. Our guests' bottoms are definitely thankful!*

*We are deeply grateful to the Yakima Rotary Charities for helping us maintain the Arboretum as a vibrant and welcoming community space. Thank you for supporting our belief that green spaces make communities stronger and happier.*

*With Warmest Regards,*
*Colleen Adams-Schuppe*
*Executive Director*