



## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

*Imagine  
 Rotary*

### JEFF ANTONELIS-LAPP MT. RAINIER & CLIMATE CHANGE

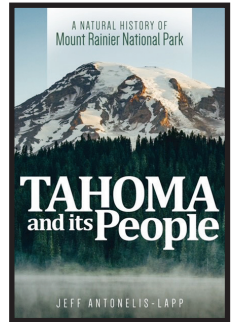


After graduating from college, Jeff Antonelis-Lapp worked two summers at Mount Rainier, igniting a connection to the mountain that endures today. He has summited the mountain, hiked all its mapped trails, and completed the 93-mile Wonderland Trail five times.

Jeff began writing *Tahoma and Its People*, his natural history of Mount Rainier National Park after being unable to find a current natural history for a course he planned to teach at The Evergreen State College in Olympia. Published by Washington State University Press, he conducted over 250 days of fieldwork for

the book, many of them in the company of park scientists, archaeologists, biologists, and geologists.

An Emeritus Faculty at Evergreen State College, he taught environmental education, natural history, and Native American Studies until his retirement in 2015. Coming to us by zoom, he will be sharing the far-ranging effects of climate change at Mt. Rainier that extends beyond its receding glaciers.



#### FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

- Greeters – Mina Worthington, Tony Farina
- Music – Tom Gaulke
- Invocation – Sheri Bissell
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Doug Rich
- Program – Linda Kaminski

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

- February 16th – Karen Troianello, My Life with Title IX
- February 23rd – Bete Demeke, Project Mercy
- March 2nd – Imagine Rotary
- March 9th – Regina Malveaux, Washington State's Women's Commission

#### PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Monday, February 13, 2023, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

**Maria D. Rodriguez**  
 CEO  
 Visions Economic  
 Development Center  
**Classification: Banking,  
 Community Lending**  
 Proposed by: Carter Fjeld  
 Endorsed by: Kevan Montoya

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS COMING SOON

The annual Rotary District Conference will be held May 18-21 in Leavenworth, Washington. Registration is underway. Planning has been underway for a year. The theme this year is "Imagine Rotary Reimagined." Program speakers include Edmund Viestrus, a high-altitude mountaineer who has summited all fourteen of the world's eight thousand plus meter peaks and Kikkan Randall, an American Olympic champion cross-country skier who also kicked cancer's butt.

Also planned is a live community service impact-building event and a special concert by The Paperboys. Early registration discounts are available through March 1st. To sign-up, go to [rotary5060.org](http://rotary5060.org) and click on Register Now.



## YAKIMA ROTARY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Applications are now being accepted from graduating high school students attending Davis, East Valley, Eisenhower, Highland, LaSalle, Naches Valley, Riverside Christian, Selah, and West Valley high schools, along with homeschooled and Running Start students within those districts.

Nineteen (19) scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded. Applications will be scored on academic performance, community service and leadership within the school environment, community service and leadership outside the school environment, a personal essay, two letters of recommendation, and financial need.

Applications must be postmarked or emailed to the Rotary office by Friday, March 10, 2023. Finalists will be asked to attend a personal interview on April 24th or 26th. Winners will be notified by May 8th with awards presented at our May 25th Rotary meeting.

Applications can be found at [yakimarotary.org](http://yakimarotary.org) under the Youth tab. Please help spread the word!



### REVIEW

It was a great day at Rotary this week with over 80 guests joining us to celebrate Black History Month. Students from Davis, East Valley, Eisenhower and West Valley lined up to serve as greeters. Our music was provided by Trinity Bradley who sang *Lift Every Voice and Sing & A Change is Gonna Come*. It was beautiful and brought a standing ovation. Anthony Peterson followed with a poem the poem I Too written by one of his fraternity brothers and a prayer for listening and learning and building each other up.

Bob Harrison introduced Rosylen Oglesby as our newest member. Rosylen moved from Virginia and is the new Assistant City Manager. With 20 years of experience, she oversees IT, grants, economic development, neighborhood development, and the airport; and represents the City through a variety of community organizations. She loves spending time with her family, reading and watching movies. We are so happy to have her join our club!

Theresa Adkison served as our sergeant-at-arms with a quiz on Black History. Past President Eric Silvers shared more history about Yakima Rotary and Black History Month. This is the 15th year of presenting a program dedicated to celebrating Black History Month. Casey Corr followed with the introduction of our featured speaker, Jesse Wineberry. This was Jesse's second visit to Yakima. His first visit took place in January 1986. He came as a state representative and co-chair of the Washington State MLK Jr. Commission to commemorate the historic observance of the first National MLK Jr. Holiday.

Jesse shared that his message for us (which he had been contemplating for months) was inspired by his arrival in Yakima at McAllister Field. As he disembarked the plane and walked to baggage claim, the words Don't Stop, Please Moving Forward came across the overhead speakers. In all his travels through airport after airport, he had never heard those words. He found himself amazed – he had his theme – *“Don't Stop, Keep Moving Forward.”* In life there are always going to be obstacles, barriers, and opponents that are going to want to make you stop. Whether you are in high school and want to go to college and there are others telling you not to. Whether you are a senior like himself and you have others telling you to sit down, you're too old you've got nothing to give. His message to us was *“Don't Stop, Keep Moving Forward.”*

Rotary is an example of moving forward. In 1987, there was a lawsuit filed to allow women to join all male organizations, Rotary included. It made it to the U.S. Supreme Court. With a 7 to zero ruling, the women won – Rotary moved forward. *“Don't Stop, Keep Moving Forward.”* As individuals we shouldn't stop moving forward either to seek a city and community that represents one Yakima, one Washington, and one United States of America. It doesn't mean we all have to think alike or have to agree. We've all been given a second chance at life. We have been part of a global pandemic that encompassed the entire planet, killed more than 1 million people in the U.S. and over 700 in Yakima County. Anyone of us could have been one of those 700 people, the entire room we were sitting in could have been part of that 700. There is a reason we are still here; something bigger than us, higher than us, recognizes that each of us still has work to do to benefit this planet, this society, to build and unify this nation. He talked about affirmative action, educational opportunities, police accountability legislation in the wake of George Floyd and more recently Tyre Nichols, and inspiring young people like Claudette Colvin who at the age of 15 (before Rosa Parks) refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus, was convicted, and whose case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won.

He continued with the words of Dr. Benjamin Mays:

*I Have Only Just a Minute*

*I have only just a minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it.  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.  
But it's up to me to use it.  
I must suffer if I lose it.  
Give account if I abuse it.  
Just a tiny little minute,  
but eternity is in it.*

This is our minute to encourage young people to exercise and lead, to keep expanding awareness and education of American history which includes **everyone's** history. How will you respond? You've only got a minute; all eternity is in it.