



THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 COMING TO YOU BY ZOOM

*Serve to
 Change Lives*

TYLER WELLS MLB PITCHER, BALTIMORE ORIOLES



Tyler Wells was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and is currently living in Jacksonville, Florida in the off season. Tyler had his major league debut for the Baltimore Orioles on April 4th, 2021. He quickly beat expectations and became the closing pitcher, a monumental task for a rookie. After just one year in the majors, Tyler will open the 2022 season as the opening pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles.

Aside from his career as a Major League Baseball player, he enjoys coffee, time with his family, including his three brothers and sister, and a good steak. He is passionate about helping those affected by cancer through the Vs. Cancer Foundation.

ROTARY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MLK JR. DAY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the only federal holiday designated as a National Day of Service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities, make them more equitable, and to take action to build on Dr. King's dream. Inspired by the work of our own Ad Hoc Committee for Racial Justice, Yakima Rotary is sharing opportunities that we can participate in our own community. How can you help?

- BRING your donation of canned vegetables, fruit, and soup to Rotary office by Wednesday, January 12th to put together food boxes for 400-500 families in need. Cash donations are also being accepted to purchase chicken for each family.
- Volunteer next week to assemble the food boxes at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center.
- Volunteer on Friday, January 14th from 9am-12pm to distribute the food boxes at the Henry Beauchamp Community Center.
- Attend a community-wide Commemoration Service at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Sunday January 16th at 3:00pm.
- Walk in the Yakima MLK Jr. Peace Walk on Monday, January 17th gathering at 11:30am at 5th and "E" Street, and ending at the Yakima Convention Center where a celebration will take place at 1pm.

Making time to volunteer is a great way to honor the legacy of Dr. King and his work on racial equity and ending racial segregation in our country.

Martin LUTHER KING JR.
37th ANNUAL CELEBRATION
 JUSTICE AND EQUITY, FOR ALL PEOPLE, IN THE 21ST CENTURY

JANUARY 10TH - 14TH 5:00AM TO 4:00PM
 19th Annual Lee Paggett Food Drive
 LOCATION: Eisenhower & Davis High School
 Drop off non-perishable food items at Eisenhower or Davis High School. Food boxes will be placed outside the main office at both high schools.

JANUARY 13TH 3:00PM
 Do it all in the Mall - Tune in to listen Keepin' It Real with Sargent Parks
 LINK TO TUNE IN: <https://www.blogtalkradio.com/letsdoitradio>
 Email: www.doitallinthemall.com Call in Number: 1-845-241-9985
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JANUARY 14TH 9:00AM TO 12:00PM
 MLK, Jr. Food Distribution
 LOCATION: Henry Beauchamp Community Center • 1211 S. 7th St, Yakima

JANUARY 16TH 3:00PM
 MLK, Jr. Commemoration Service
 LOCATION: St. Michael's Episcopal Church • 5 S. Naches Ave, Yakima.

JANUARY 17TH
 Lower Valley MLK, JR. Peace Drive: Assemble at 9:30AM Start at 10:00AM
 LOCATION: Starting at Toppemish Middle School • 104 Eldendale Ave, Toppemish

Yakima MLK, JR. Peace Walk
 Assemble at 11:30AM Commence at 12:00PM
 LOCATION: Starting at 5th & E. on MLK Blvd to Convention Center • See www.HotCops.com

Yakima MLK, JR. Celebration 1:00PM
 LOCATION: Convention Center • 10N. 8th St, Yakima

Masks required for all in-person activities

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Invocation – Amy Maib
Sergeant-at-Arms – Doug Rich
Program – Corey Gibson

FUTURE PROGRAMS

January 20th – Chris Whitacre, Big Event Logistics
January 27th – Bob Harrison, Yakima City Manager
February 3rd – Matthew Law, Black History Month
February 10th – Mimi Gates, Chinese Cave Paintings

DIVERSITY STRENGTHENS OUR CLUB

New members from different groups in our communities bring fresh perspectives and ideas to our clubs and expand Rotary's presence. Invite prospective members from all backgrounds to experience Rotary. Growing Membership increase the good we can do!



- REVIEW -

With the snow falling, schools closed, and uncleared roads a quick decision was made to pivot from an in-person meeting to a Zoom format. David Lynx started the meeting with our invocation by sharing a letter written by Eleanor Roosevelt on Jan 1, 1937, that encouraged people to live life as happily and fully as they could. It was the perfect message to start the new year. Teresa Pritchard and Ester Huey teamed up next to announce volunteer opportunities centered around our community's recognition of MLK Jr. Day. They include a food drive, assembling food boxes for families in need and the distribution of those boxes, a community-wide church service, and participating in the MLK Jr. Peace Walk. See related article. A sign-up sheet for activities is coming to your email box. President John took a moment to welcome our guests. Amy Maib followed with a sergeant-at-arms about things that have happened in history on January 6th (next time we can include today's snowstorm).

Sonia Rodriguez True had the honor of introducing our program speaker, Judge Richard Bartheld. The presiding judge for Yakima County Superior Court, he began by sharing that when he was appointed to the bench in 2012, he was put right into the criminal law docket. One of the things he noticed right away was that there was not a tremendous amount of guidance available for making decisions on the release of people that had been arrested and were being held in custody pending trial. He asked his fellow judges how they made decisions and where he should seek guidance. Uniformly, they said to look at case law and at court rules. Thinking that there had to be a better way, a group of people from the criminal justice area were commissioned to sit down and develop factors that could be utilized to make pretrial release decisions.

From their work, a pretrial program began in February 2016 creating a system that would enable the court to make intelligent release decisions for people arrested and held in custody. Under law, a person is presumed innocent until they are proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt - that carries all the way through trial. The average time a person waits to go to trial is one year; a long time for someone who is innocent. Prior to February 2016, a prosecutor would show up who most often was a newbie with limited experience, there was no defense counselor, and defendants were warned not to

speak because the proceedings were being recorded. Recommendations for release and bail were all over the place. Now decisions are made within 48 hours as to whether a person will be released from custody or held on a certain bail amount. Each hearing includes a prosecutor and defense counselor trained in looking at release issues and make arguments as to whether a person should be released or not.

Using an algorithm developed by the Arnold Foundation an assessment program based upon static factors (age, criminal history, and whether they have failed to appear in court in the past) provides a score as to whether a person is likely to appear in court or engage in new criminal activity while released. Realizing that some people can be released and be fine and that others need to be monitored, a pretrial office was created. Every person in custody reports to the pretrial office to provide contact information. Individuals in the program are monitored for criminal activity and any violations of their terms of condition from a parking ticket, to a DUI, to charges in a different county. Low risk individuals receive notices three to four days in advance of their court hearings as reminders. Those deemed higher risk must call in once a week, meet with their pretrial officer once a month, and receive reminders. Individuals out on bail were added to the pretrial system in 2019. Currently there are four people in the pretrial office monitoring almost 700 people. As of Wednesday, the supervisor was carrying 320 cases and two other officers were monitoring 182 to 183 cases. There were an additional 328 people in jail subject to bail that if made, would be added to that number.

What about results? Both prior to the new system and afterwards the safety rate was and is 80%. The big change was in the number of people released. The number of people on release grew substantially without any change in the safety rate. They also found a surprising drop in the number of people of color held in custody. While past decisions were made without regard to ethnicity, it showed that there had been bias in place. It was a fascinating look into our criminal justice system. A special thank you to Sonia Rodriguez True for inviting Judge Bartheld to join us.