



THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

*Imagine
Rotary*

CHRISTINE COTÉ LEADING INTO THE FUTURE



Christine Coté is the president of Perry Technical Institute. Overseeing the school's day-to-day operations for the past 14 years, President Coté began her time at Perry Tech 25 years ago. First hired in 1997 as the Director of the Perry Technical Foundation, she ascended to the position of Vice President of Operations before quickly rising to her current position where she strives to create a diverse and inclusive campus that not only focuses on equality for all students every day, but also supports student veterans in an all-out effort to educate, empower, and equip them for lifelong careers in industry.

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Community Health from Central Washington University, she began her career with the American Cancer Society in 1981 where she served initially as a Consultant, Trainer, and Field Representative prior to her promotion to District Director of the Washington Division. Upon departure from the American Cancer Society in 1989, she then went on to accept the position of Public Relations Coordinator in 1991 for Group Health Northwest prior to coming to Perry Tech.

As a resident of the Yakima Valley for more than 40 years, Coté has served in several leadership positions with various local, state and national organizations including currently as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for La Salle High School; Board Member for the Yakima County Development Association; President of the Board for the Northwest Career Colleges Federation (NWCCF), Member of the Washington State Private Vocational School Advisory Committee; Board Member for the Association of Washington Business (AWB); Team Leader and Appeal Panel Member for the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). She is also a past Board Member for the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce and Past President of the Yakima Kiwanis Club.

President Coté has lead Perry Technical Institute to two ACCSC School of Excellence designations (2012, 2017), one ACCSC Excellence in Community Service award (2020), one ACCSC Excellence in Student Services award (2021), and was named ACCSC Volunteer of the Year in 2019, YMCA Outstanding Mentor to Youth Award recipient in 2014, and recognized as Volunteer of the Year and Member of the Year by the Greater Yakima Valley Chamber of Commerce.

While committed to the betterment of the school and community, she enjoys spending free time with family including traveling with her husband Dave, their two children and three grandchildren, and cheering on her hometown teams, the Seattle Seahawks and Mariners.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Music – David Rogers
Greeters – Dave Heinl, Jolene Seda
Invocation – Jan Luring
Sergeant-at-Arms – Ralph Thompson
Program – Jeedan Corpron

FUTURE PROGRAMS

January 12th – Ralph Schmidtke and Dean Elliot, Simon & Garfunkel – A Touring Perspective
January 19th – Trevor Greene, Ties that Bind: Public Schools & Rotary
January 26th – Tom Tochtermann, Animal Protection in Africa
February 2nd – Jeff Antonelis-Lapp, Mt. Rainier & Climate Change

YAKIMA ROTARY IS JOINING OUR COMMUNITY IN CELEBRATING MLK JR.

Three of the many community opportunities to participate include:

- Sponsoring kids K-8th grade to play in the MLK Basketball Tournament on Jan. 13th and 14th at OIC Excel Youth Center Gym. The cost is \$11 a student that includes entry and a meal. Volunteers are also needed to referee and work in the concession stand.
- Joining fellow Rotarians as they walk in the Annual MLK Jr. Peace Walk on January 16th at 11:30am beginning at North 5th Ave & MLK Jr. Blvd and ending with a celebration at the Yakima Convention Center at 1pm.
- Supporting Davis and Eisenhower High Schools with a donation of non-perishable food between 8am-4pm from January 9th-13th in memory of Lee Paggett to benefit Northwest Harvest. Drop boxes will be placed outside the main office doors of both schools.

Sign-up sheets to sponsor a child or volunteer for the MLK Basketball Tournament will be on the table at our January 5th meeting. You can also email or call the Rotary office. A full list of activities can also be found below.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- **January 10th**
Movie Night at OIC Henry Beauchamp Community Center MLK Room
6:00PM – 8:30PM | 1211 S. 7th Street, Yakima
Join us for a free movie night featuring *Selma*. Doors open at 5:30pm and a small discussion about the movie will follow. To register go to <https://bit.ly/OICGameNight2023>.
- **January 12th**
Let's Do It Radio – Do it all in the Mall
6:00PM | Topic: *Together We Can Make It Happen*
Tune in to listen to Keeping it Real with Sargent Parks
Email: Letsdoradio@gmail.com | Call in Number: 1-845-241-9989
- **January 13th**
MLK Food Distribution at Henry Beauchamp Community Center
9:00AM – 12:00PM | 1211 S. 7th Street, Yakima
- **January 15th**
MLK Commemoration Service at Greater Faith Baptist Church
3:00PM | 816 S. 16th Street, Yakima
- **January 16th**
City of Toppenish MLK Jr. Peace Walk at O'Riley
Assemble at 9:30AM | Commence at 10:00AM
Peace Walk starting at O'Riley's parking lot ending at Toppenish Middle School

City of Yakima MLK Jr. Peace Walk at 5th and MLK Blvd.
Assemble at 11:30AM | Commence at 12:00PM
Peace Walk starts at the corner of N. 5th on MLK Blvd to the Yakima Convention Center

MLK Jr. Celebration at Yakima Convention Center
1:00PM | 10 N. 8th Street, Yakima

MLK Jr. Soup Kitchen at Henry Beauchamp Community Center
2:00PM | 1211 S. 7th Street, Yakima
- **January 9th – 13th**
20th Annual Lee Paggett Food Drive
8:00AM – 4:00PM
Non-perishable items, food drop boxes will be placed outside of main office doors of Davis and Eisenhower High Schools (Donations will be delivered to Northwest Harvest in Honor of Lee Paggett).
- **January 13th – 14th**
MLK Jr. Recreational Basketball Tournament at OIC Excel Youth Center Gym
Jan. 13th: 5:30PM – 10:00PM | Jan 14th: 10:00AM – 10:00PM
1001 N. 9th Avenue, Yakima
Grades K-8th are invited. No AAU.
Entry Fee: \$7.00 | Meal Ticket: \$4.00