



**THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026
NO MEETING**

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Lasting Impact*



FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 9th – President John Cooper

July 14th – Yakima Rotary Trust
All Rotary Celebration

July 16th – No Meeting

July 23rd – Scott Hold & James Rowland,
Pippins Baseball

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, July 3, 2026, the following candidate will be elected to membership:

Brandon Jarrett

Owner

Eastern Select Wash

Classification: Laundry Services, Personal & Commercial

Proposed by: Drew Harris

Endorsed by: Felix Rifa

COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the 2026-27 Vocational Scholarship Committee on Thursday, July 9th immediately following Rotary in Conference Room #1.

If you are on the committee, an email notice will be coming soon. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

YAKIMA ROTARY TRUST ALL-ROTARY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 14th

5:30pm at Rotary Marketplace

Come enjoy complimentary honey-inspired fare by The Lion Chef & lavender-inspired cocktails

RAISE THE PADDLE

Please RSVP by July 6th with the QR provided



REVIEW



It was the best day as we came together to celebrate President Sheri Bissell for an extraordinary year. Right from the start the Past Presidents were lined up as greeters with some dressed up in team shirts and jerseys. All you have to do is look at their group photo to see the fun they had. Music was shared both live and recorded. The Bills mafia aka Past Presidents Doug Rich and Rick Fairbrook recreated The Four Seasons Sherry just for our Sheri. If you didn't know any better, you'd think the

blues brothers had shown up to play. In addition, President Sheri got to choose her own song of the day with *Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)* by Green Day. Besides being a wife and mom, serving as president has been one of her greatest honors – she really had the time of her life!

Inspiration came from across the Atlantic as Past President Jennifer Bliesner joined in by Zoom. She reminisced about their time together in television advertising, leadership, the exciting first downs, and that the real victory isn't the title but the friendships along the way that make Rotary so meaningful.

With the end of her term, comes a lot of free time. Past Presidents Kellie Connaughton and Erin Black combined a gift of a basket full of goodies – mason jar wine glass, wine, thank you cards, Sudoku, cleaning supplies, crown, sunscreen, chocolate, whistle, and much more – with a sergeant-at-arms quiz of what comes next in her life. I heard a lot of future program possibilities – dance and karaoke.

Her dear friend Sunny Cameron came up next to share the sweetest note from Sheri's husband Brad, who couldn't be there.

President Jim DeGrasse put together some of the best highlights of the year from service projects to programs and fun. We put together backpacks full of school supplies for every student at McClure Elementary, we walked in the Sunfair Parade and raised over \$90,000 and collected 85,800 pounds of food for Operation Harvest. Our programs featured Jay Alexander's Mind Tricks, Jackie Cruz to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, Jennifer King to celebrate Black History Month, Blaine Tamaki to recognize the National Day of Remembrance, and a Women in Law Panel discussion with our own Quinn Dalan, Tammy Hanlon, and Sara Watkins. Fun is a big part of what we do with a holiday bingo party, early morning Rotary Roasters, and second chance socials that included a record turnout at Westwood West.

The day ended with an unanimous vote by the Past Presidents to induct Sheri into their esteemed council; a play of the day chosen by Past President Jim – "When it's too tough for everyone else... it's just right for us" by former Buffalo Bills Coach Marv Levy; and time for President Sheri to say thank you to her family, the past presidents, board of directors, committee chairs, the staff at the Convention Center, and each of us; and more than one standing ovation.

From the very first day it has been all about Team Rotary. Every Thursday was game day with a year that culminated with an undefeated season. THANK YOU, Sheri for sharing the gift of your time, talent, and treasure with each of us. We are so grateful!

