



THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024
NO MEETING

*The Magic
Of Rotary*



FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 11th – President Jim DeGrasse
July 18th – Asher Niles, MasterChef Junior
July 23rd – Yakima Rotary Trust All Club Celebration
July 25th – No Meeting

JUNE SECOND CHANCE SOCIAL



Thank you to David & Amanda McKinney for hosting!



YAKIMA ROTARACT 4TH ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT AUGUST 4 – 1P.M. – BALE BREAKER BREWING Cost is \$40 a team

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Proceeds go to support Rotaract Scholarship Program for local high school graduates.

REVIEW

The Past Presidents did a fabulous job of celebrating President Erin. It was fun, festive, and full of recognition, words of praise and laughter too. Coming into the room required moving through a greeting line of past presidents collecting non-perishable food for the Rotary Food Bank. They are an impressive group!

The meeting began with a sweet surprise as Erin's daughter Raelee performed a beautiful flute solo. Past President Kurt Labberton followed with an inspiration message and invocation that ended with a simple prayer of thanks for Erin. If you remember, Erin's year started with a Erin bobblehead. It was only fitting that we were treated to a bobblehead procession by Past President Jennifer Bliesner to the sounds of Pomp and Circumstances.

With Past President Rick presiding over the meeting, we learned that every year the past presidents gather for a dinner to pass judgement on the current president's performance. This year after much conversation, a very large bill, and too many drinks, they concluded that Erin was perfect. They had to think long and hard about how they could recognize her accomplishments. What did they come up with? Past President Doug Rich masterfully changed the words from *Pretty Woman* to *Perfect Woman*. Past President Kellie Connaughton tried her best to find something that she wasn't perfect for sergeant-at-arms – even her husband Monte was of no help. The next target was the four theme words Erin shared at the beginning of her year: Engage, Adapt, Impact and Reach. Too many of them had already been Engaged once in their life – there was no need to do it again. Adapt/Adopt brought

the comments that they were too old to be adopted, to adopt anyone, or adapt to anything new. The word Impact brought up visions of being rear-ended multiple times - it was too painful. And Reach - that was a real stretch!

The year was full of great programs. Five were highlighted. Dementia, drug treatment outcomes, sustaining an aging body, MultiCare were all of concern to the past presidents. The last one on hypnotism at the 4th Street Theatre managed to result in President Erin being hypnotized – the proof was shared with the best dancing video of all time. Up on the podium were reminders of fun activities: the school supply backpack project, BINGO, Operation Harvest, marble draw social at Bale Breakers, and sport board fundraisers. Our club project for the year was Healthy Futures in partnership with Southwest and Sunrise Rotary. Past President Rick shared the importance of nutritious eating with his own food packing exercise that included hotdogs, buns, cookies, chips, and ketchup. The bottom fell out just as it was being presented to President Erin.

In the end, the Past Presidents unanimously voted to welcome her into their esteemed club. With the microphone hers, Erin asked her home family, work family, past presidents, board members, committee chairs, long-term members, new members, and guests to come to the podium. No one was left sitting. It was a spectacular sight!

Thank you, Erin, for sharing your time, talent, and leadership with us. It was a wonderful year!





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