

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

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DAVID HORSEY DRAWING APART: POLITICAL CARTOONING IN A POLARIZED AMERICA



Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist and columnist David Horsey is a political commentator for The Seattle Times. His work is syndicated by the Tribune Media Services to more than 200 newspapers, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, the Houston Chronicle, and the Boston Globe.

Besides winning two Pulitzers for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer in 1999 and 2003 and being a Pulitzer finalist in 1987, Horsey has received numerous other national awards, including the Robert F. Kennedy journalism award.

A graduate of the University of Washington, his career as a writer and cartoonist has taken him to national political party conventions, presidential primaries, the Olympic Games, the Super Bowl, assignments in Europe, Japan, and Mexico.

As a Rotary Foundation Scholar, Horsey earned an MA in International Relations from the University of Kent at Canterbury. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate from Seattle University. He is the author of eight books of cartoons. For fun and adventure, he spends a few weeks each year working as a cowboy in Montana.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Michele Erickson,
 Peter Finch
 Music – Kate Loeb
 Invocation – Tim Carlson
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Mike Hummel
 Program – Casey Corr
 Marble Draw – Quinn Dalan,
 Charlie Robin

FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 23rd – Melannie Cunningham,
 Peace Queen
 June 30th – President John's
 Recognition
 July 7th – President Rick Fairbrook
 July 14th – Peter Arnold, Yakima
 Valley Museum

MARBLE DRAW

There was no winner this week. The \$815 raised from the last three meetings is being carried over to next week and there is one less marble in the bucket. Don't forget to bring extra dollars to support Yakima Rotary Charities.

BOOKS AND GAMES NEEDED



The Youth Service Committee is hosting a drive for the Yakima County Juvenile Detention Center. We are looking for coloring books, reading books appropriate for middle and high schoolers, board games, or other card games. Donations can be brought to Rotary or dropped off at the Rotary office.



YOU ARE INVITED ...

to the Racial Justice Committee for their first Historical Perspective session this Thursday, June 16th at the Yakima Valley College Conference Center from 5:15pm to 6:15pm in Room D. The topic will be Juneteenth.

Invitations have gone out by email. Participation is also available by Zoom. If you come in person, you will be treated to samplings of sweet potato pie and sweet tea, thanks to Ester Huey and Eric Silvers.

Juneteenth

MOLLIE DAVIS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 22
Yakima Country Club
Lunch & Registration 11:30am
Shotgun Start at 1:00pm
Get your team together and RSVP
to Robin Beckett
at robinbeckett@yakimarotarytrust.org



- REVIEW -

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered to help this week – Mike Norton as our greeter, Quinn Dalan and Charlie Eglin selling marble draw tickets, Linda Kaminski with our music video featuring Ray Charles singing America the Beautiful, David Lynx with the invocation, and Austin Beebe as our sergeant-at-arms.

President John, Darlene Picatti, Kellie Connaughton, and Noel Moxley all made announcements about things happening. The Racial Justice Committee is hosting a Historical Perspective on Juneteenth on June 16th; the Mollie Davis Scholarship Award Ceremony is Tuesday, June 14th; and the Mollie Davis Golf Tournament is July 22nd. We started a drive of books, board games, card games and coloring books for middle and high school aged students at the Juvenile Detention Center. Noel Moxley presented gifts of books to the Henry Beauchamp and Washington Fruit Community Centers to recognize our speakers during President John's year. She also presented books to Heritage University's new Early Learning Center as the Literacy Committee's project.

Mike Latimer had the honor of introducing our speaker Mark Brown, the Chair of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. A life-long Washingtonian, he began by sharing that he loves traveling around Washington to talk about one of the oldest, largest, and most diverse park system in the nation. The mission statement of the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission is the focus of their energies. They are comprised of seven members appointed by the governor for 6-year terms which can be extended for a second term. As a commission they set policy, establish priorities, approve budgets, and hire the director.

Washington's state park system has an amazing history that goes back 109 years. The very first parks were Larrabee State Park in Whatcom County and Moran State Park on Orcas Island. Just about 40% of all the state parks property owned was donated in whole or in part by people in our state. Our state parks have a little bit of everything from A to Y; A represented by the astronomical observatory in Goldendale and Y represented by Yurts. There are 124 developed parks, 19 marine parks (some of which

are only accessible by boat or boat plane), 16 heritage sites, 11 historic sites, and 13 interpretive centers. They manage 59 miles of beaches and over 700 miles of trails, the longest of which is the Palouse to Cascades trail. They have over 2,000 structures with 700 plus having historical designations.

At peak season Washington State Parks employee 1,000 individuals. They operate on a biennial budget of \$231 million with a \$125 million capital budget. They own 121,000 acres and manage an additional 140,000 acres. They are also the lead for the federal mandated state boater safety program that includes facilitating marine law enforcement training. Before 2010, 80% of their operations money came from general tax support. Today, 80% of their agency funding comes from earned revenue; the bulk of which comes from the sale of Discover Passes. This year they anticipate a record number of visitors. Twenty-seven percent of the 40 million they expect to visit will be coming from out of state. They put just under \$2 billion into the outdoor recreation economy and generate \$116 million in state and local tax contributions. There are challenges that come with their work. Major ones include population growth, deferred maintenance, financial stability due to the pandemic, greater diversity (visitors don't reflect our population), and climate change.

There are lots of exciting developments too. Families and individuals who in the past may not have been able to visit the parks, can go to many local libraries and check out backpacks that include a discovery pass, field guides, and binoculars. There is a new observatory visitor center at Goldendale Observatory; two new parks have been added - the Nisqually State Park in partnership with the Nisqually Tribe and Miller Peninsula State Park; and they just opened the Beverly Bridge trail over the Columbia River. Volunteers are a huge part of what they do. They have over a thousand volunteers, 25 Friends groups, camp hosts, and park hosts. It was a great program that included beautiful pictures of what our state has to offer. Washington parks have an amazing treasury of geological, cultural, recreational, and educational assets. All we have to do is go out and enjoy them.



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