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Rotary*

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

JAKE & CRAIG KUPP FAITH, FAMILY & FOOTBALL



Jake Kupp grew up in Sunnyside, Washington graduating from Sunnyside High in 1959. He starred as a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and baseball) having a stellar football career and playing point guard for the Sunnyside High basketball team that placed third in state in 1959.

He earned a football scholarship from Jim Owens at the University of Washington where he played tackle and tight end for four years after his redshirt year. While at the U, Jake was also a pitcher for the baseball team.

In 1964 he was drafted in the 9th round by Tom Landry and the Dallas Cowboys. He went on to play 12 years in the NFL for the Cowboys, Redskins, Falcons, and Saints...most notably nine years with the New Orleans Saints where he was team captain and played in the 1970 Pro Bowl. Jake was named to the New Orleans Saints Hall of Fame in 1991 and later named to the 50-year all New Orleans Saints team.

Hollywood also came-a-calling in the late 60's when he played a part in the movie Number One with Charlton Heston.

After football Jake led several Yakima businesses including Trail Wagons, Noel Foods and Quest International. Jake remains active in his local church, Grace of Christ as well as helping out many community ministries who serve our city. The best part of Jake's Sunnyside experience was meeting his wife of 60 years, Carla during his senior year. They went on to have three boys: Randy, Craig, and Kyle.



Craig Kupp hails from the Selah High School Class of 1985. His first love was sports participating in football, basketball, and tennis. Following high school Craig quarterbacked Pacific Lutheran University's football team under the leadership of legendary football coach Frosty Westering. Craig was inducted to the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995 along with his wife Karin who was an All-American Soccer player.

Upon graduating from PLU, Craig was drafted by the New York Giants in the 5th round of the 1990 NFL Draft. Craig went on to play for the Arizona Cardinals and Dallas Cowboys. Jake and Craig are the first father and son combo to play for the Cowboys... you can win some trivia money at the local bar with that one!

Craig is currently the Northwest United States Regional Sales Manager for Kwik Lok in Yakima. He met his lovely bride Karin while at PLU and they have four fantastic children Cooper, Ketner, Kobe, and Katrina.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Brandon Bentz, Jennifer Ernst
Music – Eric Silvers
Invocation – Mike Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms – Bob Udell
Program – Bruce Bacon

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 30rd – Tom Gaulke, National Disabilities Month
April 6th – James Donaldson, Understanding Mental Health
Awareness & Suicide Prevention
April 13th – Katie Greenberg, Architecture
April 20th – Kirk Schultz, WSU

JOBS FOR YOUTH

One of the most effective ways to prevent kids from becoming involved in gangs is to help them find a job. For the past 18 years, the Jobs for Youth Program has provided an opportunity for kids to find a part-time summer job with a Youth Career Fair where students can participate in mock interviews and learn how to complete a job application and become a valuable employee.

Rotary volunteers are needed to assist at the Fair on March 27th, provide a summer job, and/or donate to sponsor a job at a local non-profit. Please contact the Rotary office if you are able to help. Your volunteer time can be as short as an hour or the entire day from noon to 5pm. Help make a positive change in the life of a child.

ROTARY SKI DAY

Friday, March 24th

White Pass Ski Area

Demo Skis Available to Try at No Charge, Courtesy of Sig Fossum & Sporthaus

Dinner at 4pm at Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co.

Don't Ski? Come for Dinner Only. Pizza is on us – Drinks are on you.



YOU'RE INVITED TO DINE

It's time to sign-up for the upcoming Fireside/Scholarship Dinners taking place from Wednesday, April 19th through Wednesday, May 3rd. We currently have 26 hosts and 139 guests attending. Assignments of attendees to dinners will be done Monday afternoon.

The cost for the dinner is \$125 a member with everyone paying whether or not they attend. Hosts are exempt. All proceeds will go to support our Academic and Vocational scholarship programs. If you haven't already signed up, now is the time to check your calendar, and send your dates to the Rotary office. Get out and about with some of the best people you will ever meet - you won't be disappointed!

REVIEW

Thursday afternoons with Rotary are the best part of the week - we get to have lunch, enjoy the conversation of others, sign-up to participate in social activities and service projects, and learn and hear from some great speakers. This week, we had the honor of hearing from the mayor of Grandview, Gloria Mendoza. Introduced by Sonia Rodriguez True, Gloria shared that Rotary has been a part of her life for the past 18 years and that one of her proudest moments was being presented the "Rotarian Who Connects the World" award by her club.

Gloria was born in Mexico, the daughter of immigrants. They moved to Grandview when she was a young child. By the age of 13, she was a full-time farmworker having dropped out of school to help her parents. She eventually went back to school at Yakima Valley OIC and received her GED at the age of 20. While attending OIC, she met Amelia Garza who was running the office. Amelia told her that Gloria was going to get her GED and she would get her a job. Amelia would become connected to her years later. She was the first Latino woman on the Grandview City Council and when Gloria started her own business in 1999, Amelia asked her to run for City Council. She cautiously said yes but wasn't eligible because it required a 2-year residency and she had moved to Sunnyside. A few years ago, she was again told that she needed to be on city council. She wanted to say no but heard Amelia's voice in her head. She was elected to the Council. When Norm Childress decided to run for Yakima County Commissioner she was chosen as interim mayor and subsequently voted as mayor. She brought her business background to the position. She started GMC Training Institute because she saw a need in her community from farmworkers who wanted a CDL Class A license. It was the start of her involvement in the

community and the new businesses that include GMC Family Services, and Gloria Casa De Vino, a wine bar in downtown Grandview.

It has been a wonderful time as Grandview's mayor. The city has one of the most experienced staff. One of the first things that she did as mayor was go out and ask the community what they wanted. They wanted to see Grandview on the map, and they wanted to see more business. With information in hand, they put together a plan. One of their goals was to bring more homes; people were working in Grandview but leaving to live in surrounding communities. That is no longer the case. When Covid hit, they did not shut down. The staff kept working with drive-thru options for citizens to do business. When the pandemic ended, they partnered with businesses to provide grants so they could recover. Grants for two new businesses were awarded just this week and a new façade program is underway. With a personal invitation to visit anytime, she ended by sharing that she enjoys everything that she does!

What else happened? Rosylen Oglesby, Sheri-Lou Creson, and Tom Gaulke served as our greeters; David Rogers led us in the National Anthem; Mike Johnson shared an invocation about St. Patrick; and Mike Hummel raised funds for Rotary Charities with a turning 40 themed sergeant-at-arms. President Rick announced that PNWU was hosting a Fentanyl Epidemic Town Hall on March 23rd. See details in attached flyer. Jim Berg encouraged everyone to attend Ski Day next Friday and to come for dinner afterwards at Bron Yr Aur, and Adrienne Garner gave a beautiful presentation on the Jobs for Youth program sharing success stories and extending gratefulness for those that reached out to her over the past year.