



THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

*The Magic
 Of Rotary*

DANA COWLEY GRIBBLE HANFORD SITE PROGRESS OVERVIEW



Dana is a skilled communications specialist with 40 years of experience in government, broadcasting, and public speaking. She has 15 years of public involvement experience at the Department of Energy's Hanford Site.

Before coming to Hanford, Dana worked in TV news as an anchor and reporter for 25 years. Prior to joining HMIS, she provided direct support to DOE communications, wrote proposals for Fluor Corporation, and served as the Beryllium Program Coordinator for the Hanford Site medical contractor.

She is a graduate of the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mass Communications. Dana has two adult daughters, who are employed in the arts and healthcare industries in central Washington. She enjoys volunteering at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Crime Stoppers, Junior Achievement, and the Yakima Valley Visitors and Convention Bureau.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Inspiration – Lila Mowatt
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Steven Gustafson
 Program – Brad Hansen
 Attendance – Jennifer Bliesner

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 22nd – Rotary Academic Scholarships
 May 29th – Retired General Jim Mattis
 June 5th – Hannah Wilson, Yakima Free Clinic
 June 12th – New Member Meeting

MAY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF THE ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



The month of May provides an opportunity to celebrate Rotary youth programs. Through Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Rotaract, Rotary engages with young people from high school, post-secondary education, and beyond.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Rotary Youth Exchange as one of Rotary International's official youth programs. Although the program started before 1975, Rotary members, program volunteers, and alumni should be proud to celebrate the last fifty years as a prime example of Rotary service worldwide.

Yakima Rotary has a rich history of staying connected to our youth through Interact, Rotaract and Youth Exchange; creating future leaders; and building peace one young person at a time.

2025 VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted for the 2025 Vocational Scholarship. Scholarships are open to students enrolled or planning to enroll at a post-high vocational institution or in a 2-year vocational program at a community college. Completion of the program must result in a degree or certification. Students working toward a 4-year bachelor's degree do not qualify. It is open to graduating high school seniors at Davis, Eisenhower, Highland, LaSalle, Naches Valley, Selah and West Valley; students currently enrolled at Perry Tech and YVC; and those planning on attending this fall.

Applicants will be scored on their written application, letters of recommendation, their commitment to their chosen field, and financial need. If you know of someone who would benefit from this scholarship, please direct them to our website at yakimarotary.org. The due date to apply is Friday, August 29th.

Celebrate our Mollie Davis Scholars!

Mollie Davis Scholarship Awards Ceremony

Monday Kaminski
June 16th Conference
5-6:30 pm Center

*Light
appetizers
served*

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Mollie Davis
SCHOLARSHIP
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REVIEW

We traveled to the Fourth Street Theatre for our meeting this week; they did a great job as our host. Our volunteers for the day also did an outstanding job. Curt Wilson took charge as our greeter. Tressa Shockley shared a moment of inspiration with a poem she wrote with the help of AI – they made a good team. President Jim talked about Scholarship Dinners, the Rotary Hike, and the upcoming Historical Perspective on May 15th at the Filipino Community Center in Wapato. Member recognitions went out to Paul Larson and Kevin Good. 50 years ago, Paul Larson received his license to practice law in the state of Washington – wow! Kevin Good was recognized as one of the top 100 in his profession under the age of 40. Congratulations to both of them. Sheriff Bob Udell made a guest appearance to raise money for Yakima Rotary Charities.

Membership continues to be strong with the introduction of Police Chief Shawn Boyle as our newest member by John Adkison. Shawn was born and raised in Central Massachusetts. After graduating from high school, he spent 5 years in the US Army as a military policeman. In 1996, he was hired as a corrections officer by the City of Yakima and as a police officer in 1997. The early part of his career was spent as a patrol officer, SWAT team member, and traffic collision investigator. In 2015, he was promoted to Lieutenant and in 2019, promoted to Captain. Shawn was appointed interim Police Chief on July 1, 2024, and on Feb 1, 2025, was named our permanent Chief of Police. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is the father of 2 adult daughters and in his free time enjoys golfing, training for a marathon, traveling and spending time with his dog, Fenway. Welcome to Yakima Rotary!

Ken Marble had the honor of introducing Aaron Pritchard as our featured speaker. The Chief of Staff for the Port of Seattle Commission, Aaron gave us an insightful update on the Port. The Port of Seattle is made up of four lines of business: Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; Maritime Cargo, Container and Bulk; Maritime, Fishing and Cruise; and Real Estate and Boating. The Port is overseen by 5 commissioners. All of them are part-time with jobs outside of their commissioner duties.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SeaTac) is the most constrained airport and the 8th to 9th busiest in the country. There are more people per square foot than at any other airport as well. Seattle is half-way between Europe and Asia. That is one reason that Delta recently moved their hub to Seattle joining Alaska Airlines making it a 2-hub airport - a rare thing. Alaska entered into the international market with the purchase of Hawaiian Airlines.

The just added a new flight to Istanbul, Turkey which has the most international connections in the world. Each international flight coming into Seattle generates \$70 million in economic activity.

Cruise has been a growth industry for the past 26 years. This year alone, 3 new cruise lines have been added: Cunard, Virgin Voyages, and MSC Cruises. They are begging for another cruise terminal; the Alaska market is exploding. 2025 revenue is projected to reach \$1.9 million with 299 ship calls.

In 2015 the Port of Tacoma and the Port of Seattle joined together on the cargo element. Before them they kept undercutting each other. They have produced great results working together in the last 10 years and have been able to hold steady against global threats and competition. Trade with Asia accounts for 90% of their trading container volume. China is the largest trading partner. They are trying to grow volume and have been doing so with volume increases in several SE Asia countries. Overall exports to the top ten trading partners have declined since the last tariffs in 2018. They are still feeling the effects; the system of trading is about relationships. Once they have been broken it takes years to develop. Recently the president of the Northwest Horticultural Council shared that apple and cherry sales to China have decreased by 70%. He also shared one of his favorite cherry facts: during cherry season air cargo traffic triples from 60 flights a month to 150 per month; every hour for cherries matters. One bright spot is that that's to a contract with Globus, the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle are the national entry point for all Hyundai and KIA cars.

The Port of Seattle is often referred to as the Port of Washington state – it belongs to the whole state. Building a port for the future includes the renovation of the oldest building in the Port at Fisherman's Terminal to create a central tourist attraction and innovation center bringing some of the best maritime minds together. Other projects underway include a complete rebuilding of the entire airport while it is running. The roadway into and out is also being completely redone. The newest technology includes Spot Saver; it is like Clear, but it allows you to skip the line for free. Passengers enter in their name, flight number, and received a 15-minute window for arrival. You need to book it right after you get your tickets, spaces fill up fast.

It was a great presentation with lots of time for questions about SeaTac that included new gates, airlines that continue to keep coming, and a capacity that is currently at 45 million and will be at 55 to 60 million in the next 5 years. Maximum capacity is 65 million.



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