



THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 YAKIMA CONVENTION & EVENT CENTER

*Imagine
 Rotary*

YAKIMA ROTARY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarships are an incredible source of financial assistance. They have the power to minimize student debt, give easier access to higher education, free up time to focus on studies, provide greater choices for schools and careers, and encourage future philanthropy.

Yakima Rotary has a long tradition of supporting students in our community through the award of academic and vocational scholarships. Last month we celebrated the recipients of the 2023 Vocational Scholarship awards. This week, we will be honoring our Academic Scholarship recipients.

Applicants were scored on academic performance, school and community leadership, a personal essay, two letters of recommendation, and financial need. Twenty-nine students were selected to go through an in-person interview. From that group the following nineteen students were chosen to receive the 2023 Yakima Rotary Academic Scholarship:

Davis High School

Kayle Barrera
 Isabelle Ehlis
 Alexa Guzman

East Valley High School

Taylor Calhoun
 Tinley Taylor

Eisenhower High School

Giovanni Fuentes
 Joshua Jaiyeola
 Nathan Johnson
 Carynn Miller
 Mark Stephens

LaSalle High School

Amy Mendoza
 Jack Pietrusiewicz

Naches High School

Abigail Longbottom

Selah High School

Natalie Keller
 Allison Moultray
 Lauren Thomas
 Isabella Vick

West Valley High School

Alexis Barbee
 Haley Betterton

Please join us this week to recognize their achievements and celebrate with their friends and families.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Jim Berg, Jim DeGrasse
 Music – Kate Loeb
 Invocation – David Lynx
 Sergeant-at-Arms – David Hargreaves
 Program – David Brown

FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 1st – TBD
 June 8th – Kyle Curtis, Pride in Yakima
 June 15th – Kym & Mark Hilinski, Hilinski's Hope
 June 22nd – Addy Logsdon, Travel

PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

Unless written objection is received by the Board of Directors by Friday, May 26, 2023, the following candidates will be elected to membership:

Scott Irons

Owner/Designer
 S.C. Irons Design LLC
Classification: Home & Building Design
 Proposed by: Nancy Leahy
 Endorsed by: John Baule

Andi Hochleutner

Government Affairs Director
 Central Washington Home Builders Assn.
Classification: Central WA Home Builders
 Proposed by: Kevin Good
 Endorsed by: Quinn Dalan

YAKIMA ROTARACT NEWS

Rotaract brings together young people to exchange ideas, develop leadership skills and have fun through service. In cities and towns worldwide including Yakima, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to make positive change in their communities.

Yakima Rotaract is a regular contributor to all things Rotary including serving as volunteers at fundraisers and our service projects. They meet on a regular basis for fellowship and fun, opportunities to tour local businesses and organizations, offer scholarships to Yakima County graduating high school seniors, and provide leadership workshops. They just installed a little free library at 502 W. Nob Hill Blvd to give access to reading materials, both in Spanish and English, to local neighborhood kids and adults. This month's activities include a social on May 23rd at El Ranchito Taproom and a leadership workshop the following week on May 30th at the United Way Office. Coming up in June is their annual Cornhole Tournament.

They are an impressive group of young men and women and are always looking for ideas for community involvement. If you know of a young person who would be a good fit, please direct them to their new website at yakimarotaract.org for contact information and a membership application. You can also find ways to get involved.



REVIEW

Past President Jennifer Bliesner did a wonderful job of running the meeting in the absence of President Rick. Last week we were treated to the sounds of the West Valley 8th grade Jazz Band. This week, the Yakima Valley College Choir came to perform "Fly Away Home" by PinkZebra. It was beautiful. Tim Carlson followed with an invocation recognizing Mental Health Action Day. As sergeant-at-arms, Ralph Thompson did his usual masterful job of raising money for Rotary Charities. Our greeters were Jan and Greg Luring; they make a great team! Past President Jennifer welcomed our guests. Jim DeGrasse announced that the long-awaited Marketplace paver project is set to begin on Tuesday.

Quinn Dalan introduced our newest member, Enriqueta (Enri) Garcia-Sanchez. Enri migrated with her family to the U.S. at the age of 3 and settled in San Diego before moving to Yakima when she was 10. She grew up as an undocumented youth, gained temporary status through the DACA program in 2012 and became a U.S. citizen in 2021. Her experience as a first-generation immigrant has impacted every aspect of her life and fuels her passion to help others as the Development & Events Manager at La Casa Hogar. She obtained a Nonprofit Management Certificate from Duke University and has a Business Management Certificate from the Foster School of Business at the University of Washington. She is mom to two daughters, has two poodles, and fosters dogs and kittens for the Yakima Human Society. In her free time, she loves adventure, running, collecting house plants and typewriters, and exploring local eats & brews. Welcome to Rotary!

Mike Maples shared a loving eulogy for his colleague and fellow Rotarian, Dr. Bush Preacher. With Bush's family and friends present he began by sharing words of wisdom from Bush, *Listen to Your Patients*. It was a clear and direct message forcefully delivered that still echoes in Mike's brain. He shared that many doctors can be quick to judge each other; no colleague would ever question that Bush provided the most compassionate, best patient care every time. He listened to his colleagues, friends and community, and wasn't shy about sharing his opinions. His colleagues knew he would be happy to engage in polite discussion and if compelled willing to change his position. He was raised to be a Southern gentleman. If you had a cause and Bush shared your view of need in the community, he was an influential ally. He hadn't been in Yakima long when he was drafted to serve on the board of Memorial Hospital. He advocated for a graduate medical education program in Yakima, the Central Washington Family Residency program. In 2005 he joined a group with a

dream to create a medical school. When he was asked to represent the PNWU Board on the first day of class for the first class, he shared the same message he had given to Mike years ago with a little more emphasis *Listen to Your Damn Patients*. He was one of the most positive and supportive people that Mike ever knew. He will be missed.

Bob Gerst had the honor of introducing our featured speaker, Fabiana Ahumada. Fabiana came in by Zoom to talk about bees, the Varroa parasite mite, and the work of the BetaTec Hop Products to find a way to save our bees. BetaTec Products is a division of John I Haas that develops and sells hop extracts beyond brewing. In 2005, they began experimenting using hop acids against mites in foliar applications.

Honey bees are ruled by the queen and run by female workers that forage for food, take care of the queen, clean the hive, and make honey. Male bees (drones) are present in very small numbers in the spring only. With a very short life span, their only task is to mate. Bees travel an estimated 500 miles in a lifetime. Each bee visits about 20,000 flowers in its lifetime. Each bee produces 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey; it takes a lot of bees to produce the honey we enjoy. Why are they important? Of the world's 115 most important food crops, 87 require pollination. One-third of the U.S. diet is insect pollinated; honey bees are responsible for 80%. The industry generates \$3 trillion worth of agricultural produce. In the U.S. there are 2.5 million bee colonies; 80% are used for commercial pollination.

The Varroa mite is the #1 bee enemy. They are resistant to pesticides and responsible for an annual colony loss of 40%. The Varroa mite lives and feeds on the bees, and laying their eggs on the larvae. Hop buds had already proved effective against spider mites in polar application. Using that research, a hop acid to treat Varroa mites in bees was developed. A prototype using cardboard as a delivery system to the hive was developed. After many years of working with industry players, data collection, development and product improvement, BetaTec created HopGuard 3. A natural and effective alternative against Varroa, it is delivered on biodegradable cardboard strips, doesn't leave any residues, has no resistance, and has no negative effect on the colony. It was a fascinating look at just one of many applications of hops and their uses beyond making great beer. As with any presentation Fabiana makes, she ended with a thank you to the bee keepers who take care of our bees and ultimately the food we bring to our tables.