



## THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

*Serve to  
 Change Lives*

### FRANCISCO F. IVARRA RETURNING FROM VIETNAM



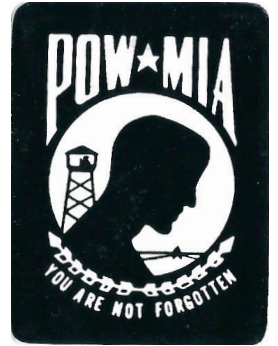
The Vietnam war was the most unpopular war in our history. The draft was very unpopular and terrifying for young men who went from a normal life to combat in a few months.

Coming home for many created deep mental wounds. There was no “welcome home.” Many were called names, spit on, and harassed.

Our speaker this week, Francisco Ivarra will share how the Vietnam Veterans have changed the VA system.

Francisco F. Ivarra is a Vietnam (1968-1969) combat veteran and Purple Heart recipient. An advocate for veterans since returning from Vietnam. Francisco joined the Department of Veterans Affairs as a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Counselor in Seattle. He researched PTSD on Vietnam veterans and served as a consultant to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Francisco is a retired university professor of Social Stratification and Comparative Cultures. He currently serves as the Region 8 Director and President of the Washington State Council.



#### FOR THURSDAY’S MEETING

Greeters – Jan Luring, LaDon Linde  
 Music – Eisenhower Orchestra  
 Invocation – Russ Mazzola  
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Neil Buren  
 Program – Rick Pinnell  
 Marble Draw – Nicole Donegan,  
 Quinn Dalan

#### FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 2nd – Dr. Mike Lawler, PNWU  
 June 9th – Mark Brown, Washington  
 State Parks  
 June 16th – David Horsey, Political  
 Cartoonist  
 June 23rd – Melannie Cunningham,  
 Peace Queen

#### MARBLE DRAW

We had back-to-back winners with another white marble drawn this last week! Once again, all 10 marbles go back in the bucket. Make sure to bring extra cash or a credit card to purchase your tickets!



### SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU NOTE

*Dear Academic Scholarship Committee,*

*I am honored to have been selected as one of the recipients of the Academic Scholarship. Your support will allow me to study at Carroll College and become a nurse. Thank you for your generosity. I hope to one day help people in my community achieve their goals the same way that you have helped me. Thank you so much!*

*Best,  
 Melissa Nava*

## CARTER FJELD AWARDED DISTRICT ED CADMAN AWARD



Carter Fjeld was awarded the Rotary District 5060 Ed Cadman Award at the District Conference on Saturday, May 14th. Recipients must be key in furthering the core values of Rotary to provide service. Carter has been involved in this club since he joined in 1994 and very involved in Youth Exchange both on the club and district level. What many of us don't know is that he has behind the scenes helping the district with legal issues and corporation filings. Congratulations! The recognition is greatly deserved!

## ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE – MAY 13TH- 15TH



### - REVIEW -

It was a great day that started with greetings from Clark Permann, Erika Rutter and Andy Lucero; and followed with beautiful music from the Eisenhower choir who will be performing at Carnegie Hall next year; a prayer of thanks from Amy Maib for the day, the wonderful company and our scholarship recipients; and a Mt. St. Helen themed sergeant-at-arms by Matt Martinkus put together in less than an hour to raise money for Yakima Rotary Charities.

Our featured program was the presentation of the 2022 Yakima Rotary Academic Scholarship Awards. Yakima is home to some amazing students; we got to meet nineteen of them as we celebrated this year's scholarship recipients. They came from Davis, East Valley, Eisenhower, Highland, LaSalle, Naches Valley, Selah, and West Valley high schools. One by one they shared where they plan to attend college, their course of study, something unique about themselves, and one thing they take away with them and treasure about Yakima.

Where are they going and what are they studying? Their answers were:

Jhoanna Badillo - University of Washington - Nursing

Brooke Bauer - BYU - Graphic Design

Conner Dailey - Spokane Falls - Psychology

Nathan Ditto - BYU Provo - Science Major

Hannah Hilton - University of Washington - Aerospace Engineering

Xander Hires - Washington State University - Undecided

Ruby Hopkins - University of Washington - Psychology

Conor Lincoln - Western Washington University - Political Science

Florinta Lopez - Reed College - Screen Writing

Melissa Nava - Carroll College - Nursing

Genevieve Newstead - Cal Poly - Biology

Brookelyn Powell - Arizona State University - Nursing

Katie Ramos - Whitworth - Undecided

Marcial Romero Gomez - University of Washington - Civil Engineering

Yahayra Ruiz-G - University of Washington - Environmental Science

Milena Urroz Sandoval - Washington State University - Architecture

Melissa Vasconcelos - University of Washington - Chemistry

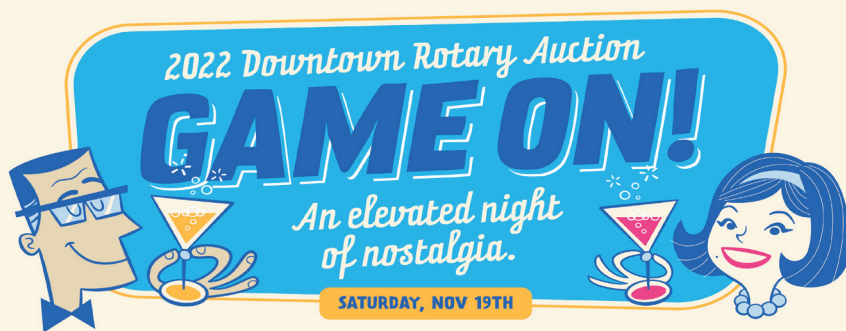
Daniela Vasquez Hernandez - Western Washington University - Molecular Biology

Susan Wilmes - University of Washington - Foster School of Business

Some of their fun uniqueness included studying Japanese for 6 years (Jhoanna Badillo); a fondness for office supplies from a young age (Brooke Bauer); the release of their first album on Spotify that day (Nathan Ditto); qualifying for the Nike Outdoor National, the most competitive high school track meet in the nation (Hannah Hilton); shopping second hand for their clothing (Florinta Lopez); having to put on their left sock or shoe on first (Genevieve Newstead); sewing 8 prom dresses for herself and friends (Katie Ramos); and a first language as Portuguese (Melissa Vasconcelos). For all of them, Yakima will always be home. As they embark on the next journey in their lives, they shared that they would miss the friends they've made, their family, the sense of community, the fresh fruits and vegetables, and the beautiful nature and sunshine. Yakima should be proud!

Thank you to the Academic Scholarship Committee for the hours devoted to reviewing and scoring the applications and participating in interviews AND to everyone who is serving as a host of our annual scholarship dinners, attendees, and those that aren't able to attend but still participate financially. Your support allows us to help to make dreams come true.





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