



THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022 YAKIMA VALLEY COLLEGE CONFERENCE CENTER

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DAN PETERS RAYMOND CARVER



Dan Peters will give a talk on one of Yakima Valley's most famous residents, the short story writer and poet Raymond Carver.

Selah native Dan Peters teaches English at Yakima Valley College. He is currently living in Norway, where he is a Fulbright Scholar. His talk via Zoom is titled, "Falling in Place: Ray Carver's Connection to Our Northwest."

Dan earned his bachelor's degree at Willamette University. At the University of Montana, he wrote his master's thesis on writer Raymond Carver's use of setting. Dan is an award-winning poet and publisher at Blue Begonia Press. He has been a frequent and popular presenter at creative writing workshops. He recently received the Excellence in Teaching award at YVC, after being nominated by his peers in the English Department. He is married and has two teenage children and serves on the board of the Selah School District.

Dan has worked in education for 25 years. His career includes stops at middle schools, high schools, and for the past 20 years, he's been an English instructor at Yakima Valley College, where he teaches composition, creative writing, and literature. His students describe him as "funny, caring, passionate, and inspiring."

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Trevor Greene, Bob Harrison
 Music – Doug Rich
 Invocation – Kurt Labberton
 Sergeant-at-Arms – Rob Phillips
 Program – Casey Corr
 Marble Draw – Nicole Donegan, Quinn Dalan

FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 12th – Thomas Reynolds, Northwest Harvest
 May 19th – Academic Scholarship Awards
 May 26th – Rick Pinnell, Returning from Vietnam
 June 2nd – Dr. Mike Lawler, PNWU

MARBLE DRAW

6 marbles
 \$1,520 plus sales from this meeting



MAY 26th ROTARY MEETING

Our May 26th Meeting Topic is "Returning from Vietnam", a history that needs to be shared with those that were not part of that generation. Rotarian Vietnam Veterans will be participating. We will also be honoring other Yakima Vietnam era Veterans and Gold Star Vietnam families.

You are encouraged to bring guests as well. To help with preparations, please email or call the Rotary office in advance with their names. If you are inviting a Vietnam era Veteran or a Gold Star family member, the club will host their lunches.

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

May 12-15
 Wenatchee Convention Center

Thursday – Welcome Reception
 Friday – Local Activities and Home Hosting
 Saturday – Speakers, Breakout Sessions, Banquet & Dinner
 Sunday – Breakfast and Send Off

Come for One, Two, Three or all Four Days
 Registration is open at rotary5060.org



REFRESHMENTS WITH ROTARY AND ROVER TWO

It's time for round two of Refreshments, Rotary and Rover! With spring officially here, nothing could be better than an evening of Rotary fellowship in a fun, relaxing atmosphere. The date for R & R & R2 is set for Wednesday, May 11th from 4pm to 7pm at Bale Breakers.

Who should attend? Everyone! New members who want to get to know other Rotarians, established members who want a chance to know our newest members, members who want to show off their dogs, GUESTS, and potential new members. Everyone who brings a guest will get their name in a drawing for a prize. Guests will also get a chance for a prize too. The first one held last fall was a huge success. Grab your friends, fetch your dog, and come, sit, and stay for a while.



- REVIEW -

This week we traveled to the beautiful YVC Conference Center for our meeting. Entering the building, greetings were not only provided by Aaron Ruff but from the beautiful sounds of the Eisenhower Jazz Band. They were so good, that someone asked if they were from the college. After an introduction of their director and opening music by Andie Webb, Rick Pinnell shared a couple quotes from Mother Theresa – the most moving being that “the greatest suffering is being lonely, feeling unloved, having no one” – sharing a smile or saying hello can make all the difference.

There is a whole lot of Rotary happenings going on. Charlie Robin, Sheriff Udell, and Sheri Bissell provided three ways to join in the fun. Scholarship Dinners are being held from May 15-25. There are a great group of Rotarian hosts secured – we are in the final days of taking signup for attendees. Rotarians at Work Day is taking place on Saturday at three locations: Rotary Lake, new Rotary Playground on the Greenway, and the Welcome to Yakima Sign. Round Two of Refreshments, Rotary and Rover is taking place on Wednesday May 11 at Bale Breakers from 4pm to 7pm. Bring yourself, a guest, a prospective new member, and your favorite dog. Sergeant-at-arms wrapped up Rotary business – it was all about music and was so much fun with the students from Eisenhower joining in.

Having the meeting at YVC was perfect as Linda Kaminski had the honor of introducing Libby McRae to talk to us about YVC's Allied Health Programs. As the Surgical Technology Program Coordinator for Allied Health, Libby shared the degrees and certifications offered through their programs and 5-year snapshots of outcomes from each program; their community partners; and their beautiful new equipment, building, and technology.

She began with each program offered. One by one they are:

Care Navigation Certificate. The common term for this is a Community Health Worker who serves as a bridge between patients and providers. There are two certificate options; an Essential Care Navigation completed in one quarter, with the opportunity to take a second quarter for an Advanced Care Navigation Certificate. It is a fully on-line program. The median wage as a community health worker is \$22.97/hour.

Medical Assisting Program that is CAAHEP accredited with both a certificate option and associates of applied science degree option. These are the people you see when you visit your provider. Students are prepared for front office work (clerical) or back office work (clinical). Starting wage is \$16/hour. 98% of those employed stay local.

Medical Billing and Coding Specialist is a one-year certificate with fully on-line instruction that prepares students for the national certified professional coding exam. The median wage is \$21.75/hour.

Certificate in Spanish/English Medical Interpreter that is completed in one quarter (10 credits). Job growth in the ten-year period from 2020-2030 is 24%. Students are also prepared for Washington State certification. The median wage is \$25.16/hour.

Pharmacy Technology is a one-year certificate program or a 2-year Associates of Applied Science degree. It is a newly

ASHP accredited program and prepares students for the national Pharmacy Technician certification exam. Graduates come away prepared to work in retail stores, hospitals, medical clinics, long-term care facilities, mail-order pharmacies, and private pharmacies. 50% of the students in the program are hired locally prior to graduation. Two of their graduates are pursuing PharmD.

Certificate in Phlebotomy. This is a two-quarter class (11 credits) with 110-hour externship. In six months, students are out practicing in the field. They complete two cohorts a year.

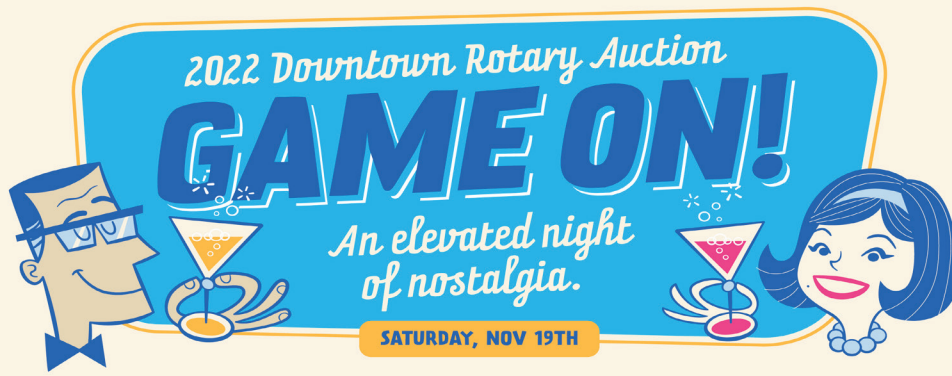
There is a brand-new certificate starting this fall in Sterile Processing Technology. It includes a 19-credit course and 400-hour externship. Students will be working in sterile processing or materials management departments of hospitals, surgery centers, or clinics. Upon completion students are prepared for national certification through healthcare Sterile Processing Association. It has an excellent average annual wage of \$41,000.

Associates of Applied Science in Surgical Technology. The program is CAAHEP accredited and prepares students for the National Certified Surgical Technologist Exam. It comes with a 540-hour externship after which time they take an exam. The mean annual wage in Washington is \$59,000-\$68,410. It prepares students to work in operating rooms, primarily in the sterile role. 58 of 62 students accepted in the last five years, graduated from the program. 94% employed, 80% locally.

Community partners make all the work they do possible. The list of partners was 27 and ranged from Prosser Memorial Hospital to Yakima Neighborhood Health, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, Confluence Health of Wenatchee, and even over to Pullman Regional Hospital. They help YVC and YVC helps them.

The most prized technology and equipment of Allied Health is their new building connected to our meeting space. With the new building they were able to purchase new equipment and technology that allows students to learn in a space that matches the working environment of the real world. The tour of the facility afterwards highlighted their state-of-the-art equipment that includes new surgical instruments, a Laparoscopy/Endoscopy Tower, LAPSIM Virtual Reality Surgical Simulator, PYXIS machine automatic medication cabinet for the Pharmacy program and a simulation manikin. They are educating the next generation of healthcare professionals who stay and serve in our community.





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