



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022
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ALLI FRANK & ASHA YOUMANS
HUMOR'S PLACE IN STORYTELLING

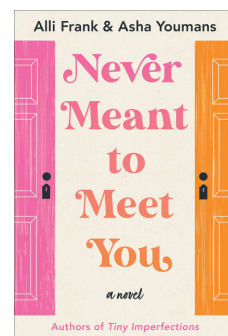


One of the only Black and White co-authorships in the history of publishing, Alli Frank and Asha Youmans met while working at The Bertschi School, a PreK-5 independent school on Capitol Hill in Seattle, WA.

Alli, as the Assistant Head of School and Asha, as the PreK teacher worked together on the admissions team, often finding humor and heart in the stories of the multitudes of families that passed through the school. Sharing over forty collective years working in education, Alli and Asha, with little experience with writing, other than constructing report card narratives and detailed emails, embarked on their first book, *Tiny Imperfections*. Fourteen months later their debut novel was sold to Penguin Random House and launched May 5, 2020.

October 1, 2022, Alli and Asha's second book, *Never Meant to Meet You*, emerged to great reviews and is being considered for film/television adaptation. Their third book, *The Better Half*, is slated for release Summer, 2023.

Alli Frank is the daughter of Larry and Bunker Frank and is a graduate of Eisenhower High School. She went on to Cornell University for her undergraduate degree and Stanford for graduate work. Asha Youmans grew up in Seattle attending the Lakeside School where her father was the first Black graduate and Asha was the first second generation Black graduate. She went on to earn a degree at the University of California, Berkeley.



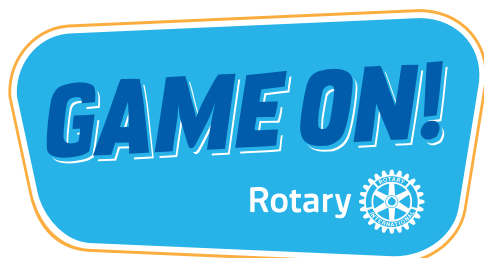
FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Sara Watkins, Nicole Franson
Invocation – Sheri Bissell
Sergeant-at-Arms – Brad Hansen
Program – Jennifer Bliesner

FUTURE PROGRAMS

October 27th – Andrew Holt, Jonathan Smith & Amy Martinez, What's New in Economic Development & the Workforce
November 3rd – Rikki Cooper & Kevin McCarthy, White Pass Ski Area
November 10th – Peggy Ludwig, Veterans Day Program

IT'S TIME FOR AN AUCTION!



The Rotary Auction is coming up on Saturday, November 19th. It has been four years since we held an auction. A lot of work has gone into planning and organizing a fun event. Your help is needed to get us to the finish line. What can you do? DONATE or ASK someone for a silent auction item; it can be anything from an experience to a physical item to a gift certificate. REGISTER to attend and INVITE your friends to join you.

The proceeds from the auction support Yakima Rotary Charities and the work we do in our community that make this a great place to live. Mark the date on your calendar, turn in your registration, and decide how you can contribute. Phone calls will be coming your way. It is GAME ON!

MUTTS & MINGLES – OCTOBER 13, 2022



REVIEW

It was a truly special day as we celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month. At YVC this week, President Rick, Tom McGrann, and Raul Martinez were there to greet everyone as they arrived. The meeting started with our invocation. Tim Carlson said a prayer for open doors and open hearts, making room for all. Sonia Rodriguez True provided background music before the meeting and chose our song for the meeting that featured Vincente Fernández. Passing away last December, Vincente was considered the last living legend of the Mexican ranchera with songs deeply rooted in the values and traditions of rural Mexico.

President Rick welcomed our guests, thanked everyone who participated in Operation Harvest, and made a pitch for the auction coming up fast on November 19th. The cutest guest was Finnegan, David Cobia's new puppy. He brought David to the podium to invite everyone to Mutts & Mingles later that night at The Kiln. Our farthest traveling guest was Victor Hugo Ospina, a member of the Armenia Palma de Cera Rotaract Club, Quindío, Columbia. An artist and teacher, he shared the beauty of his town and a project his Rotaract and Rotary club are involved in to restore forests by planting 10,000 native trees. In 2020, we partnered with Victor's Rotaract Club to collect and send art supplies to students in a rural school in Columbia. Next on the agenda was two fun happenings, speed interviews and great sergeant-at-arms by Bob Udell.

Sonia Rodriguez True had the honor of introducing our speaker U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Washington, David Estudillo. In his presentation for us he shared the history of National Hispanic Heritage Month, his role as the Chief District Judge, his personal history, and the importance of diversity in the judicial system.

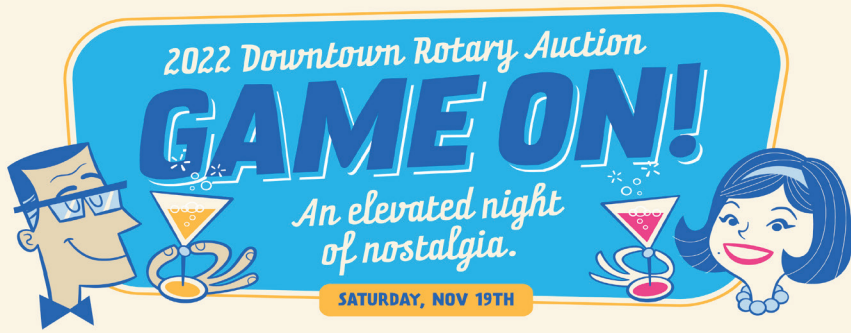
National Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 as a week-long celebration and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from Sept 15 to Oct 15. September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of independence of the Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Honduras. September 16 and 18, are also the independence days for Mexico and Chile, respectively.

In Judge Estudillo's current position as Chief District Judge he presides over all ceremonial events as the face of the court, handles administrative matters, oversees pre-trial services, and meets with U.S. Attorney's office, Federal Defender's office and U.S. Marshals. The U.S. District Court is a court of limited jurisdiction; they can only hear cases authorized by U.S. Constitution or federal statute. They are not allowed to hear state law cases; there are some exemptions to that. The general case subjects they hear civilly include social security claims, contract claims, prisoner claims, civil rights

claims, and copyright claims. On the criminal side they hear matters regarding controlled substances, firearms, fraud, sex offenses, and immigration. There are 7 active seats authorized for the Western District of Washington. For a significant amount of time, they were operating with only 2 active judges. In the past year, President Biden has appointed 4 new active judges and they are waiting for 3 more. All appointees must be confirmed by the Senate.

Judge Estudillo was born and raised in Sunnyside as one of 10 children born to immigrant parents who migrated to the U.S. as part of the Bracero program. His parents came from Irapuato Guanajuato, a place famous for their strawberries. His father came by train to Seattle in 1962 during the World's Fair. He thought he was going to Washington, D.C. He didn't know the state of Washington existed. His mom arrived 2 years later. Both had limited education. His dad had a middle school education; his mom attended through the second grade. His dad went on to earn a GED. He eventually helped manage the Yakima Valley Farm Workers property in Toppenish and in 1972 he purchased a market in Sunnyside. They spoke Spanish at home growing up and spoke exclusively Spanish with his parents. He grew up watching television in Spanish and listening to Spanish music. He didn't appreciate the bicultural upbringing he was raised in or realize the diversity and beauty of other cultures until he went away to college. His parents had a major focus on education. His first interest in law came from watching LA Law and seeing someone that looked like him (Jimmy Smits). In 2015, he was appointed by Governor Inslee to the Grant County Superior Court becoming the only Hispanic Superior Court Judge serving in Eastern Washington. When he ran for reelection and won, he also became the only Hispanic to win a county-wide race in Eastern Washington. Today there are 15 Latino judges serving in Washington; 3 in Eastern Washington (one of those include our very own Sonia Rodriguez True).

Diversity is important in the judicial system. To maintain an independent judiciary, the public must have confidence in the judiciary. Confidence is vital to maintaining the rule of law and democratic society. The judiciary commands no army or police force; it relies on the legislature, executive branch, and public to obey the orders and decisions put forth. A loss of confidence in judiciary would lead to a breakdown of the rule of law and checks and balances put into place. It is the business of the courts to dispense justice fairly and administer laws equally. Maintaining confidence in the judicial system not only includes ensuring that it has qualified judges but that the judges reflect the population they serve and have diverse professional backgrounds. It was a great honor to have Judge Estudillo as our guest. A special thank you to Sonia Rodriguez True for inviting him to speak.



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