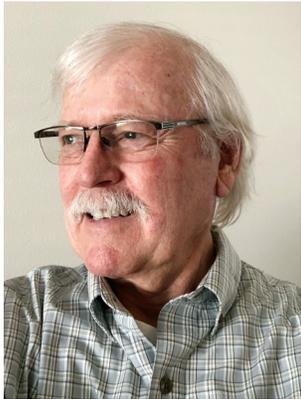




THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 YAKIMA CONVENTION CENTER

*Serve to
Change Lives*

JO N. MILES YAKIMA'S GILDED AGE 1887-1914



Jo N. Miles is currently a Yakima resident who was born and raised in Richland, Washington. He studied at the University of Arizona, where he earned a B.S. in Public Administration. Miles completed active duty in the U.S. Army, and spent three decades working in parks, recreation and public works administration in Medical Lake, Bremerton, Mountlake Terrace, and Toppenish, Washington.

In retirement, he has researched and written about the early history of Washington Territory. Miles is the author of *Kamiakin Country: Washington Territory in Turmoil 1855-1858*. He recently was awarded the John McClellan Jr award from Washington State Historical Society for his article published in *COLUMBIA Magazine*, *Written Under Duress: The Abduction of Involuntary Scribe Frederick White*, written about events at Fort Simcoe in 1856 - 1857.

FOR THURSDAY'S MEETING

Greeters – Dave Sjule, Tammy Hanlon
Music – Linda Kaminski
Invocation – Bob Hall
Sergeant-at-Arms – Suzanne Garrison
Program – John Baule

FUTURE PROGRAMS

September 30th – Rotary Fair Day
October 7th – Dr. Yamilith Lancaster, Why Nutrition is Important,
Especially Now
October 14th – Jeff Antonelis-Lapp, *Tahoma and All Its People*
October 21st – Alex Barth, John I. Haas

REFRESHMENTS WITH ROTARY AND ROVER

The first ever **R & R (and R)** membership event is set for Wednesday, October 6th from 5pm-7pm at The Kiln (815 S. 72nd Ave). Created by the Membership Development Committee, it will be a great chance to interact and introduce potential members to Rotary and cute Rotarian dogs, in a relaxed and fun setting!

Who should attend? New members who want to get to know other Rotarians; established members who want a chance to get to know our newest members; members who want to show off their dogs; and members who have a guest who are interested in Rotary. Everyone who brings a potential member gets their name in the prize hat. The potential new member also gets a chance for a prize too! Save the date! It's going to be a dog gone good time!



YOUTH EXCHANGE INFORMATION NIGHT

**September 27th – 6:30pm -
Rotary Office located at 1704 W Nob
Hill Blvd.**

The Yakima Rotary clubs will be selecting 3 students for the Youth Exchange program to serve on an exchange for the 2022-23 school year. Students between 14-17 years of age are eligible to apply. Interested students & parents should plan on attending. A Zoom option will be available for those that are not able to attend in person.



OPERATION HARVEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Operation Harvest is right around the corner and we need your help! This one-day community-wide food drive can't work without hundreds of volunteers. The greatest need is for:

- Individuals to drop off Operation Harvest bags on a pre-assigned route before Operation Harvest between October 1st and 6th.
- Volunteers to collect food from a pre-assigned route on Saturday, October 9th.
- Helpers to unload and sort food at the collection site at the State Fair parking lot on October 9th. Shifts are 8:30am-11:30am or 11:30am-2:30pm or time you are available.

All the food donated goes to support 8 food banks in our community. The need to help others remains greater than ever – PLEASE do what you can to help! Look for a message in your email box to sign-up coming soon.

- REVIEW -

Yakima is full of history. This week's program was the story of one person and their relationship with a U.S. Supreme Court Justice that had an effect on laws affecting all Americans. Rotary business was first. Rick Fairbrook's choice for music was spectacular as he shared the origins of America the Beautiful and a video performance by the US Army Jazz Band. David Lynx followed with an equally great message from a commencement speech by David Foster Wallace to the 2005 Class at Kenyon College sharing that the most obvious important realities are often the ones that are hardest to see and talk about; everything has to do with simple awareness. President John introduced our guests, asked for volunteers to help with a Neighborhood Clean-Up event this Saturday, provided an update on Rotary Fair Day, and shared that for the next month we will be highlighting National Hispanic Heritage Month with bits of Latino heritage. Today marked the anniversary of the day that Mexico declared independence from Spain in 1810.

The Membership Development Committee has a great plan in place to encourage membership and have FUN. Committee Co-Chair Austin Beebe shared that in one short month we have had 7 people who have reached out about membership. Today was bring a colleague to Rotary day; it was great to see that every table had a guest. Coming next is a brand new event called "Refreshments, Rotary & Rover." From 5pm to 7pm at The Kiln on Wednesday, October 6th, Rotarians, their families, guests, and prospective new members are invited to come together, bring their dogs, and get to know each other in a fun, informal setting. Save the date!

Operation Harvest is just around the corner on October 9th. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make this one-day community-wide food drive a huge success. There are over 10 different ways you can volunteer before and day of the event. The greatest need is for individuals to distribute bags along preassigned routes the week before, and people willing to collect food from a route the day of. Look for an email that will allow you to sign-up. NOW is the time to pick your choice of activities before we go out to other groups. Soni Alexander wrapped up announcements with her first ever sergeant-at-arms.

Cragg Gilbert had the honor of introducing our program speaker and his friend, W.D. Frank. W.D. talked about his latest book *Of Women, Men and Mountains: Kay Kershaw, Isabelle Lynn and the Double K Mountain Ranch* sharing a glimpse of a remarkable pioneer woman, Kay Kershaw and her friendship with Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas.

William O. Douglas' first book for the general public *Of Men and Mountains* was published in 1950. He wanted the book release party in Yakima; sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce it was held at the Commercial Hotel on April 12, 1950. On the stage with William O. Douglas that night was Kay Kershaw. Asked to stand by Douglas, he shared that Kay could roll a cigarette with one hand, tie a diamond knot, and how lucky to have something like

the Double K Mountain Ranch to come to for good entertainment. Kay was a person who needed no introduction, especially for the audience at the release party. She was born in the Valley, grew up in the Valley, and got a lot of press. She was known across the state as a very accomplished equestrian. She was known locally as an athlete, and as an avid hunter, mountain climber and skier. She was also the first woman in Yakima to get a pilot's license. In 1942 she volunteered to go overseas with the Red Cross to help rehabilitate wounded soldiers but ended up coming home after suffering a debilitating injury. In the 1930's she had an idea for a dude ranch. There was a great demand for dude ranches from wealthy people east of the Mississippi River. Seeing a business venture, she and her partner, Pat Kane began working on the idea in the early 1940's. Because of timber rationing during the war, the completion of all of their buildings was completed in 1946. Kay and Pat hung out their Double K shingle in January 1947. Through their association with William O Douglas the business began to grow and attract visitors from the east coast, Europe and all around the world. William O. Douglas was a well-known individual by then and had written many books about his travels. He spent a lot of time at Double K Ranch.

He admired Kay very much and she admired him as well. He got to know Kay and her partner very well. Kay was a lesbian who had two long-term relationships in her life, first with Pat Kane from 1935-1954, secondly with Isabelle Lynn from 1954 until their deaths. They put on a front that they were elderly women who had missed the matrimony train and living together as spinsters for economic and safety reasons. For those that knew them well their relationship was no secret. One of them was William O. Douglas. Their dedicated relationship affected him personally and his outlook on the law and the opinions he wrote, the best well known being *Griswold versus Connecticut* (1965) in which the court determined that the Bill of Rights guarantees the right to privacy for married couples. Justice Douglas used one of his favorite metaphors when he wrote his opinion, the penumbra. While the association of penumbra to the law preexisted Douglas, he was its most eloquent advocates. When Justice Douglas died in January of 1980 it was written in the *Yakima Herald* that his legal output was vast but few of his legal opinions had achieved the status of landmarks. That statement was turned on its head when Justice Kennedy cited in the opinion of *Lawrence v Texas* about the right to privacy recognized in *Griswold*, and the use of penumbra to the specific guarantees in the Bill of Rights ruling that state sodomy laws were unconstitutional and citing it again in *Obergefell v Hodges* in 2015 affirming the right to marry for same sex partners.

The relationship of Kay, Isabelle and Douglas ended up having a profound effect in the 21st century. W.D.'s book will come out in print next spring. It will be a must read of Yakima's history, color characters that many us know, and the impact of Kay Kershaw and William O. Douglas in the history of rights for all Americans.