

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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ROTARY FAIR DAY CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE FAIR



Fairs happen once a year in counties all over the United States. It's easy to have things to do on a beautiful autumn day. Going to the fair is like going to a long away destination that happens to be in our own backyard. Fall in the Yakima Valley brings the bounty of the harvest, kids back in school, the changing colors of our landscape and the Central Washington State Fair.

It is an annual tradition for Yakima Rotary to move the location of our meeting during fair time to the State Fair Room for lunch before going out to enjoy all that the Fair has to offer. This year due to ongoing concerns with Covid we are still going to the Fair, but we are not going to meet as a group. Tickets are available to go to the Fair on Thursday on your own.

For those that reserved their tickets, now is the time to start planning your Fair experience. Besides the traditional agricultural exhibits other fun things to see Thursday include the Wizard's Challenge, a fantasy world where science comes to life; X-treme Airdogs featuring some of the best elite canine athletes in the world; and the band Cheap Trick that night (separate tickets required for the concert).

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- 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, What's Your Favorite Kind of Beer?
- October 28th – Drs. Gino Aisenberg & Leo Marales, UW: Latino Physician Workforce Study

ROTARY BOOK CLUB

The October Rotary Book read is The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams. A best of summer read according to Newsweek, Parade Magazine, NBC News, Lithub, and POPSUGAR, it is an unforgettable and heartwarming debut about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb.

Get your copy, start reading, and save the date of Wednesday, October 20th from 5pm to 6pm to join the next Book Club meeting. The Zoom link is available through the Rotary office or by contacting Bob Gerst.

REFRESHMENTS WITH ROTARY AND ROVER

Refreshments with Rotary & Rover 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!

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 should all plan to attend. 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, bring a prospective new member, and bring your favorite pup. It's going to be a dog gone good time!

LAST CALL FOR OPERATION HARVEST

We are down to the wire for Operation Harvest on Saturday, October 9th. We still need help in the following key areas:

- Hold an Operation Harvest Sign on a prominent street corner on Friday, October 8th. Shifts are 7am-8am or 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- Participate financially with a donation of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, \$500, or other.
- Drop off Operation Harvest bags on a pre-assigned route before Operation Harvest between October 1st and 6th.
- Work 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.

If you can help in any of these areas, please contact the Rotary office immediately.

- REVIEW -

There were so many good things that happened at Rotary last week. It all started with our greeters, Tammy Hanlon and Dan McLaughlin. Our music chosen by Linda Kaminski was Autumn Leaves sung by Nat King Cole in honor of the autumn equinox. Bob Hall's invocation asked for blessings on our Yakima Rotary clubs and that we continue to make our community and world a better place. Over the next month, we will be hearing special stories every week celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. This week, Sonia Rodriguez True chose to share about her grandmother. Her grandmother was born in Texas in the early 1930's and was an orphan by the age of 3. She lived with her aunt and uncle and twelve children in a two-room home in the El Paso area. She picked cotton in the fields with the other children, anything they earned went to support the family. Latinos were very instrumental in the cotton industry during this period; a lot of men had gone to war and the labor force was short. She suffered a tremendous amount of racism. By the early 50's she had migrated to Southern California where she met Sonia's grandfather working in the orange groves. She is still alive today. As her granddaughter, Sonia loves that her work ethic, kindness, and compassion were passed down to her. It was a beautiful story, if you have something to share about your Latino heritage please let President John or Sonia know.

Bob Hall came back to the podium to introduce our newest member, Tom McGrann whose introduction was delayed for over a year due to Covid. Tom was born and raised on a farm 25 miles outside of Dayton as one of 11 children. He attended YVC for two years to study mechanics. He went to Argentina to visit his brother and went to school in electronics. He was introduced to Colonial Insurance in 1970 and has been there ever since. Bob met him in 1976 and have been together as customer and clients to each other and more importantly as friend and friend. He is dad to four children 2 boys and 2 girls, all graduates of Eisenhower and PLU. We are so excited to have him as a part of our club! Make sure you introduce yourself the next time you are at Rotary.

Refreshments, Rotary and Rover is coming on Wednesday, October 6th at The Kiln from 5-7pm. This fun event is an opportunity to bring prospective new members to meet Rotarians, enjoy a beverage and snacks and bring your favorite dog. A drawing will be held for members who bring a potential new member and to the guest themselves. Prizes are tickets to the Capital Theatre. Just a few days later, Operation Harvest will be taking place on Saturday, October 9th. Look above for ways you can still help.

President John introduced Jo Miles as our program speaker to talk about Yakima's Gilded Age defined as a period of grand

architecture, stone & brick buildings, and the horse and buggy. Big things changed for Yakima in 1885 with the establishment of North Yakima by the Northern Pacific Railroad. The first couple of years the first buildings in Yakima were wood framed and wood sided. Yakima looked like a genuine frontier town. The Gilded Age began in 1887 with the construction of the first brick building, St. Joseph's Academy and continued with each new building created through 1914. Picture by picture, each new building shaped Yakima's history. Favorite stories of buildings long gone included the Opera House built in 1890 at what is today 25 N Front Street, that later became a brewing company until prohibition; the 1898 Depot that included a water fountain and a working sprinkler system; the Shardlow's Red Onion Saloon built in 1903 at 3 Front St. that was home to 4 saloons and boarding houses; and the Natatorium, a public pool built in 1913 and fed by artesian springs with natural and average temperatures of 92 degrees and 78 degrees respectively.

Those buildings that still remain today would warrant a great walk about town. Listed from oldest to newest they are:

St. Michael's Episcopal Church (the oldest) built in 1888
City Hall/Fire Station at 27 N. Front St (1889)
The Lund Building 5 N Front St (1899)
Commercial Saloon 7 N Front St (1902)
St Joseph's Catholic Church 212 N 4th St. (1905)
First Baptist Church 515 E Yakima (1908)
First Christian Church 221 E Martin Luther King Blvd (1908)
1909 Marquette School 202 N 4th St. (1909)
Hotel Tieton SE Corner of S First St and Chestnut (1909)
Yakima Depot 32 N Front St (1910)
Commercial Hotel 310 E Yakima Ave (1910)
Sydney Hotel SE corner of N Front St and A St (1910)
Masonic Temple 321 E Yakima Ave (1911)
Federal Building 25 S 3rd St (1911)
Coffin-Rundstrom Furniture 6-8 N 3rd St (1911) (Ron's Coin & Collectibles)
Michigan Hotel and Barrel House 26 N First St (1913)
Fire Department 129 S 3rd St (1913)

There are about twenty-five other buildings in this period beyond those shared as part of our programs. One of the most asked questions is the growth of Yakima's population. In 1890, it was 3,500; 1905 it was 6,980; and in 1910 it grew to 14,082. The building environment was pretty amazing in its time with a lot of buildings constructed in a short amount of time, Yakima was extremely prosperous and took great civic pride in what was being built.