



# Wenatchee AppleSeed

September 1, 2016 Meeting at Noon on Thursdays at the Red Lion Hotel Volume LXVI - No. 9

## **"Make A Difference Day"** **With Laurel Helton**

*"See A Need, Do A Good Deed"*

Make A Difference Day is an all-encompassing national day of service dedicated to helping others - a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. We are a completely non-profit, grassroots effort and Wenatchee Valley Rotary clubs have always been a big part of this huge community effort.

On the very first Make A Difference Day, 1,000 volunteers came together in this valley at the request of organizer Margie Kerr and her sister Betsy Tontini, whose Make A Difference mantra was: "It's the unity in community that gets the job done." For their impact and imagination, these volunteers received the first National Make A Difference Day Award and a \$1,000 grand prize. Subsequently, the Greater Wenatchee Valley has received tens of thousands of prize dollars which is managed by the Greater Wenatchee Community Foundation. "Encore Awards" for outstanding Make A Difference Day efforts were awarded in 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2011 as well as an "honorable mention" for work in 1994. The efforts continued even after Betsy Tontini died several years ago. Now, Margie plans the day's events with Laurel Helton.

Highlights include a massive valley-wide effort on both sides of the Columbia River in 2002, when Laurel and Margie helped orchestrate 25,143 volunteers - about half of the valley's population - in more than 180 projects.

This year, on Oct. 22 - always the 4th Saturday in October - the 26th Make A Difference Day will be held in the valley. (This is the 25th year Make A Difference Day has been held nationally but our valley had 2 Make A Difference Days that first year.) Projects are already being planned.

If you want to join in, or if you have questions about the day, please go to the website: [www.wenatcheemkdd.com](http://www.wenatcheemkdd.com)

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### **NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL:**

**DAVID OLSON** - Healthcare Administration, Retired – Proposed by Jay Smith

## September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

### ***THINK ABOUT IT!***

What might have happened if there had been no Rotary in Wenatchee. Would there be a Rotary Park? Would the Boy Scouts have Scout A Vista Camp? Would WestSide be the vibrant school that it has become? Would we still have all the sculptures along the Riverfront trail? Would the ball fields at Walla Walla Park be lit? Would there be a little railroad in Riverfront Park. Would the Senior Center have been built? Would Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, Hospitality House, the Women's Resource Center and many other organizations be as strong and vibrant as they are today? There is hardly an organization in our area that has not received support from the Rotary clubs in Wenatchee for almost a 100 years.

It is up to us to carry on that tradition. It can only happen with dedicated people who truly are willing to put "Service Above Self" in serving humanity. ***Together we really can make a difference!***





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## The Week in Review –

Our meeting this week featured Devon Anderson, a Wenatchee High School student who recently participated in the Adventures in Tourism Leadership conference in Kelowna, BC. Students from Leavenworth and Chelan also attended. When they arrived they were met by their host families and settled in for 4 days of fun activities and learning. While there they had the opportunity visit many tourist businesses and civic projects. They enjoyed a tour of the city, several parks, the Boathouse with a tour of the waterfront, the Desert Cultural Center, Big White Mountain, wineries, golf courses and other places that are dependent on tourism for their livelihood. She felt that she learned a lot about the tourism industry and was thankful for the opportunity to attend.

Our Humanitarian Committee outlined a procedure for spending the remaining \$30,000 from last years auction. Their plan is to accept grant applications over a 12 month cycle. The idea being to grant \$7,500 each quarter. The grant application is available on our website.

Don Myers announced that there will be a “Membership Matters” Workshop held on Monday night, September 12th. It will be at the Skill Source conference room on 234 North Chelan from 6 to 8 pm. The workshop will be conducted by Jim Adamson and Rob Tidd and there is no cost to attend. A very worthwhile workshop for any Rotarian. Please consider attending.

## WENATCHEE ROTARY CALENDAR

September 8 Meeting

Pybus Up-Date - Steve Robinson/Mike Walker

September 15 Meeting

Stagekids, WA. - Michelle McCormick

Friday, September 16 @ The Applebowl - WHS  
Rotary Handles Concession Stand

September 22 Meeting @ WestSide High

WVC Athletics - Greg Franz

September 29 Meeting @ Town Toyota Center

Wenatchee Wild - Tim Hill

January 28 2017

Rotary Building Communities Auction 2017

April 27 -30, 2017

District Conference, Kelowna, B.C.

June 10 - 14, 2017

Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia

Goal  
15,000

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We have set a goal of saving 15,000 lives through our Club 60 donations this year. That is approximately \$3,000 that needs to be raised. Remember the Bill Gates Foundation is still matching our donations 2 for 1. All it takes is 60¢ a week, not even a half a cup of coffee, and you will save someone from the debilitating effects of polio and perhaps their life. Bring your loose change each week or if you don't have any change bring dollars and place them in the cups on each table.



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## “PUTTER” ARRIVES FROM THAILAND



Our exchange student from Thailand, Watsanan Kaewsanga aka “Putter” arrived last Thursday in Wenatchee to welcoming Rotarians. “Putter” will be staying with the DeRock’s for his first 3 months. Be sure to get to know him and include him in your plans.



The yearlong celebration of The Rotary Foundation and 100 years of Doing Good in the World culminates at the Atlanta convention. Help us celebrate in the city where it all began. The general sessions and

breakout sessions offer countless ways to help you get the most from your Rotary membership and make your club stronger. In the House of Friendship, you’ll find new ideas, learn best practices, and share project successes — it’s where the Rotary world comes together! *Register Now for a great time in Atlanta and get the early registration discounts.*

## ROTARY FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL SEPTEMBER 16 AT WENATCHEE APPLE BOWL

Come show your Rotary Pride, enjoy high school football and help raise money when the WHS Panthers take on Kelowna. Rotarians are needed to work concessions, answer questions about our club, and show the community why it is great to be a Rotarian. We encourage you to wear your pin, tee shirts and other Rotary logo gear! For more details, contact: Rob Tidd, Wenatchee North Rotary, 509.470.7218 rtidd@corpoffices.org



## CELEBRATE THE FOUNDATION'S CENTENNIAL

The Rotary Foundation turns 100 this Rotary year. Dedicated and connected volunteers like you have contributed significantly to its longevity. Our goal for this special year is to work together to raise a record-breaking \$300 million so Rotarians can continue serving communities for another 100 years.

This year, publicize your district’s successful grant projects through testimonials, videos, and photos. Spotting local projects illustrates the power of The Rotary Foundation and raises more funds for grants.



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## *Did you know that you can make up a meeting at the following places?*

|                   |                                |               |                |                        |             |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Wenatchee North   | @ Town Toyota Center           | Wed. Noon     | East Wenatchee | @ Shari's Restaurant   | Thurs. 7 am |
| Wenatchee Sunrise | @ Red Lion                     | Tues. 7 am    | Lake Chelan    | @ Tsillian Cellars     | Tues. Noon  |
| Cashmere          | @ Cashmere Presbyterian Church | Wed. Noon     | Quincy         | @ Quincy Senior Center | Thur. Noon  |
| Leavenworth       | @ Kristall's                   | Fri. 11:45 am |                |                        |             |

## THE WENATCHEE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The mission of the Wenatchee Rotary Foundation is to improve educational opportunities for citizens living in the Greater Wenatchee area. Funding for the foundation is through immediate and deferred giving from current and past Wenatchee Rotary Club members.  
Each club member in good standing is also a member of the Foundation.

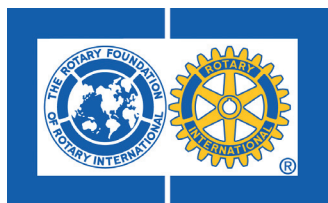
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## Rotary Ambassadors

*This week's greeters will be*



**JOHN DIVIS**



**BRITT DUDEK**

**This week's Cashiers will be**



**DON ELFVING**



**RUTH ESPARZA**

*Greeters & Cashiers, please try to arrive by 11:30 a.m.  
If you cannot be here please find your own replacement!*

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