

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6, 2021

By Dan Lehuta



We will be lunching with the Kiwanis Club of Olympia and this annual gathering is something we look forward to every year. Our program will feature The Olympia High School Jazz band and choir. We will be entertained with traditional holiday music and songs. Be sure to be at this meeting as it is always very special. And remember we are still meeting at Indian Summer.

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Sheriff John Snaza and Sgt. Ed Odegaard

By Dan Lehuta on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Rotary Club of Olympia
The Wheel

Date: 11/29/2021

Today's Program: Police Reforms and the Impact on Community Policing
Thurston County Sheriff John Snaza-

Meeting Called to order: President Cyndi Zechmann @ 12:17 pm

Invocation by: Dan Lehuta on Being Grateful

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Lori Woodland

Song: God Bless America, led by Laurie Maricle

Four Way Test led by: Warren Carlson

Visiting Rotarians: No visiting Rotarians

Guest of Rotarians: President Zechmann introduced Sheriff John Snaza, Sgt Ed Odegaard, and Captain Dave Reynaud

Announcements:

Mandi McKay gave the results for the Thanksgiving competition. Our club raised \$7472 or \$61 points/member to help those in need. Denny Peterson received the club's turkey trophy and medal for his very generous donations as our highest contributor. The West Olympia Rotary won the competition with 67 points/member

Mark Elliott reminded us about signing up for the Dine-Around sign up sheets will be on each table for the next few weeks, and they hope to start dinners in January.

Veterans and Laurie Maricle (representing veterans spouses and families) were asked to stand and receive our thanks and their beautiful Rotary Challenge Coins donated by Dr. Jim Balz.

Steve Bean completed the third and final week for the wine and wine glass auctions. The last three packages were won by Sheriff Snaza, Mandi McKay, and Dennis Adams. Steve also auctioned a one-of-a-kind bourbon created and donated by Joe Scuderi and won by Doug Crow.

Induction(s): N/A

Happy Bucks: Lynn Heinold

Jim Young thanked the club for the nice get-well card he received from Rotary and it worked!

Wendy Holden is happy that the club is participating in Toys for Tots. Please contact Wendy if you would like to join resources to buy a bicycle.

Laurie Maricle is grateful to Jim, Chuck, Cory, and Cyndi for recognizing the spouses and families of veterans for all they go through. Her ex-husband is a Vietnam vet and people often don't realize how much the spouses go through.

President Cyndi reminded everyone to bring toys to our December 6 meeting for the Toys for Tots collection.

Program: Police Reforms and the Impact on Community Policing

Deputy Office Sgt. Ed Odegaard and Thurston County Sheriff John Snaza

questioned law enforcement reforms enacted by the Legislature. Thirteen new laws will have direct impacts with law enforcement. Sgt Odegaard spoke about the Blake decision that ruled that simple possession is not enough for a felony offence it is now a misdemeanor. Sgt. Odegaard spoke from his own personal experience with his two children and believes those in possession of drugs need consequences to force them into rehab. He is seeing overdoses increasing dramatically. Sgt Odegaard spoke from the patrol perspective.

Sheriff Snaza shared the same concerns from a different perspective as County Sheriff. He asked what compassion looks like? Is it compassion to let someone live in a tent in the winter and not have any consequences for actions? Sheriff Snaza expressed frustration that although he is actively involved with the Washington State Sheriffs' Association and serves as a legislative representative for the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs he has not been able to spend meaningful time with legislators to share his perspective. He believes police reforms that became law earlier this year would severely inhibit officers from doing their jobs and there is concern that most police pursuits will be eliminated. Sheriff Snaza encouraged Rotarians to stay involved and pay attention at the city council level too. He stated that there will be more body cameras in 2022 due to additional funding.

Mr. Snappy Gretchen Sturtevant won a \$30 gift card to Ebony and Ivory donated by Brett Anderson Reed Orr won notecards donated by Nate Naismith.

Al Cohen, Jim Young and Jim Larson won a choice of a 4-Way Test paper cube or a Rotary mug

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25pm by President Cyndi Zechmann

Olympia Rotary is Starting Up the Dine Around Program Again

By Mark P. Elliott on Thursday, November 25, 2021

BULLETIN

DINE AROUND 2.0

Olympia Rotary Club is resurrecting Dine Around. DINE AROUND 2.0 is FOR THE VACCINATED, and remember, BOOSTED IS BETTER 'for all concerned'.

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For those of you who are not familiar with the program, it involves small groups of members getting together for a shared/pot luck meal in members' homes. The objective, for those who wish to participate, is to provide fellowship and an opportunity to be better acquainted with each other.

During the coming weeks the Dine Around Committee is providing sign-up sheets on the tables for those members who would like to participate. The committee will create groups of up eight people from the sign-up sheets and notify them of their group. After the groups are created, starting in January, it will be up to them to decide when to meet, where to meet and who will provide what. Typically the dinner locations rotate from one home to the next; the host serves the main dish; salad brings rolls; dessert & wine are components of the dinner as well.

We'll have further announcements as time goes along. TRY IT YOU'LL LIKE IT.

Buy lunch tokens or pay dues on-line

By Dan Lehuta on Saturday, August 14, 2021



Buy lunch tokens or pay dues.

You can purchase lunch tokens or pay your annual club dues on-line by clicking [here](#)

Download Community Grants Application form

By Dan Lehuta on Monday, September 20, 2021

To apply for a grant from the Olympia Rotary Club, download the grant application form and guideline by clicking [HERE](#).
