

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Our Next Meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2021

By Dan Lehuta

Our next club meeting will be Nov. 29th. Our speaker will be Sheriff John Snaza who will be talking on Police Reforms and their Impact on Community Policing.

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Dr. Karen Johnson WA Center for Equity

By Robert Heck on Monday, November 15, 2021

Rotary Club of Olympia
The Wheel

Date: 11/15/2021

Today's Program: Dr. Karen Johnson  WA Center for Equity

Meeting Called to order: President Cyndi @ 12:24 pm

Invocation by: Gretchen Sturtevant

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Brett Anderson

Song: God Bless America led by Laurie Maricle

Four Way Test led by: Matt DeBord

Visiting Rotarians:
George Webber

Guest of Rotarians:
Kathy Johnson

Announcements:

Cool Jazz, Clean Water: The event is this Saturday  join us at the Washington Center!

Auctions: Steve Bean auctioned off several mystery wine packaged to club members.

Happy Bucks hosted by **Lynn Heinold**

Martin Meyer  happy to attend the Oregon/WSU Game in Eugene and ran into former club member Mo Considine.

Colleen Gillespie  happy to have turned 60 over the weekend!

Mickey Holden-Cooper  happy to have cotton in her catalytic converter in her car replaced!

Program: Dr. Karen Johnson  WA Center for Equity

Gov. Jay Inslee named Karen A. Johnson, PhD, director of the newly created state Office of Equity. The Office of Equity, established by the Legislature, was signed into law by Inslee in April of 2020. The office will work with agencies to increase access to equitable opportunities in order to bridge opportunity gaps and reduce disparities. The office will also work with communities to develop the state's five-year equity plan.

Dr. Johnson was most recently the equity and inclusion administrator for the Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC), where she worked to incorporate equity, diversity, inclusion and respect (EDI-R) into DOC policy and practices. She also represents DOC on the statewide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council.

Dr. Johnson's career includes working for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, serving in roles ranging from regional equal

employment opportunity (EEO) program manager to chief administrative officer of the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center. She then served as the director for Tri-Love Ministries in Seattle, working to ensure equitable access to resources and services for Black children and their families in King County before transitioning to local and state government work.

Dr. Johnson has served as adjunct faculty at The Evergreen State College, teaching courses in dismantling racism and identifying bias in public service settings for the master of public administration program.

She holds both a PhD and Master of Public Administration from Old Dominion University, and earned her bachelor of science from Utica College of Syracuse University. She has also earned a Certified Diversity Executive certification.

Rabbi Seth Goldstein - Gratitude and Giving

By Robert Heck on Monday, November 22, 2021

Rotary Club of Olympia
The Wheel

Date: 11/22/2021

Today's Program: Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Meeting Called to order: President Cyndi @ 12:20 pm

Invocation by: Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Wendy Holden

Song: God Bless America led by Laurie Maricle

Four Way Test led by: Diane Gallegos

Visiting Rotarians:

Ed Schlich ♦ Gateway Rotary

Guest of Rotarians:

Golden Bear honoree and family

Announcements:

Cool Jazz, Clean Water: 8 bands participated in the Jazz Festival (many thanks to Debra Stephens for coordinating all volunteers throughout the day), a huge thank you to the entire committee and all the volunteers who made the event possible. A very special thank you to Bob Wubbena for his tireless effort on behalf of this event and Rotary work around the globe.

Centennial Celebration: A very big thank you to Dick and Judy Blinn, Don Chalmers, Wendy Holden, Bob Wubbena and all others who took part in the important work of the committee. The club raised over \$170,000 with net profits of over \$24,000, which will go towards the Rotary International Foundation. The art project has been installed at the Rotary Point Plaza.

Olympia HS Golden Bear Award: Bret Anderson and Jen Boelts awarded a Golden Bear award to Lacy. Her mom joined her.

Toys for Tots: Whitney Holm introduced the Toys for Tots representative to the club who spoke about the important work that the organization does and how club members can participate by either volunteering or donating.

Induction(s):

Beth Doglio ♦ Beth has been an active member in our community. She served as a senior advisor with Climate Solutions and was elected to serve in the Washington State House of Representatives in the 22nd Legislative District.

Doug Crow ♦ Doug has the title of Jim Balz's ♦ younger and potentially more mature brother. He has been a fixture at our club as a guest of Jim's ♦ over the last few years. Now as a resident of Olympia, he is joining the club as a member.

Program: Rabbi Seth Goldstein

Rabbi Goldstein is not only a TikTok social media content creator and star, he also can be seen in the web series, Carpooling with Rabbi, and has both a blog, Rabbi 360 and podcast, Torah tl;dr. Rabbi Goldstein serves the community a Temple Beth Hatfiloh (TBH). He has been at TBH since 2003. He is both committed to creating vibrant Jewish community and using a spiritual voice to speak to issues of social justice and common concern. Rabbi Goldstein is also a member of our Rotary Club.

As our speaker today, Rabbi Goldstein brought to us insights, perspective and a message focused around gratitude. He told the history of Hanukkah as a way to illustrate the ways in which we can see and think of gratitude. He also spoke about the Thanksgiving holiday and shared the ways in which gratitude can be seen in the festival of Thanksgiving. This year, the way the calendars run together, Hanukkah will begin on the Sunday following the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. Snappy: Judy Henderson won \$20 Starbucks Gift Certificate donated by Phyllis Mandel

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm by President Cyndi

Buy lunch tokens or pay dues on-line

By Dan Lehuta on Saturday, August 14, 2021



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