

April 8, 2021

Rotary



Club of Renton



Rotary Opens Opportunities

AMERICORPS/VISTA in Renton: Partnering to Serve Underserved Populations

Hannah Dillingham, Sarah Blucher, and Josh Canaday are part of a nine person AmeriCorps VISTA team serving here in Renton.

AmeriCorps/Vista volunteers improve/assist sponsor programs wherever needed and share a mission to increase community engagement and offer new opportunities for economic development. *"We often look to partner with other local organizations and community members to carry out events and projects, as we strive to increase inclusion and services to traditionally underserved populations:"*

- The City of Renton (focusing on Sunset area, Benson Hill-Cascade, and downtown Renton),
- Renton Housing Authority
- St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle's Centro Rendu (located in Renton)
- Neighborhood House
- Communities in Schools Renton-Tukwila
- Renton School District

Beyond their individual work, Hannah, Sarah, and Josh will share news of the team organized VISTA "Day of Service," celebrating Día del Niño (Children's Day) on Friday, April 30th. Día del Niño is celebrated annually on this day in Mexico, as well as many other countries around the world. The drive-through event will feature costumed dancers to entertain and volunteers who will provide goodies to children ages 0-12. Families will receive a handout of coupons and a list of helpful resources. Current capacity will serve 500 children; toys and volunteers are still being sought.



See attached flyer for more information; sign up to volunteer <https://signup.com/go/umCONfg> or you may contact Sarah: SarahB@svdpseattle.org

April Birthdays

*Larry Warren – 4th * Pam Teal – 9th *Pauline Kamanja – 11th *Gary Faull – 13th
*David Snow – 23rd * Charles Divelbiss – 25th * Lawrence Graves – 25th



Notices and Community Events

- Please reach out to Bill Gaw to indicate you would like to help review community grant requests.
- **Volunteers are needed to affix book plates to 1,150 dictionaries.** Dewing family members thank all for gifts donated to the Renton Rotary Club Dictionary Fund in honor of Rolland Dewing. Mark checks- Dewing/Dictionaries, PO Box 509 Renton, WA 98057

2020-21 Board Officers:

- President - Linda Foley
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Hanna Dillingham, from Missouri, currently lives in Tacoma and serves at Benson Hill-Cascade, Renton. She was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Columbia in 2011-2012. After earning a BA in International Studies from the University of Missouri, she served in the Peace Corps in rural Panama.

Sarah Blucher, a Floridian, graduated during the pandemic in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and Spanish from the University of Florida. She moved to Seattle recently to work as an AmeriCorps VISTA for Centro Rendu of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle | King County.

Josh Canaday, originally from Eugene, Oregon, is serving at the Renton Housing Authority. He and his wife met at University of Oregon and later lived in Taiwan and Korea. He earned a Master of Public Administration from Sonoma State University and moved to Seattle in 2019. He is excited for the birth of their first child and has great hope for the future, "go DUCKS!"

ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST:

Of the things we think, say, or do:

- 1) Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2) Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4) Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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