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University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, September 29, 2021



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Raymond Connell, President

Meeting Location

Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin St.
Seattle, WA 98112

To join via Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2NlZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09)

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When: Fridays

Lunch: 12:00-12:30 pm

Business: 12:30-1:00 pm

Program: 1:00-1:30 pm

Future Programs

Oct 15

Howard Cohen, District Governor

Oct 22

Dr. Quinton Morris: Key to Change

Oct 29

The Rotary Foundation

Nov 5

Reflections from Veterans

Program for October 6

Bruce Harrell—Candidate for Seattle Mayor



A life-long Seattle resident, Bruce graduated valedictorian from Garfield High School and received a football scholarship to the UW. At UW, Bruce was a 1978 Rose Bowl champion and received the Most Valuable Defensive Player Award. He went to law school and worked in technology and telecommunications. Later, he represented working people who faced workplace discrimination.

In 2007, Bruce ran for city council, where he became known for his fierce advocacy for police accountability—before it was popular. He also worked with

service providers, non-profit housing leaders and the business community to dramatically expand affordable housing in Seattle and invest in shelter and services. He was re-elected twice citywide.

After retiring from the council in 2019, Bruce returned to private practice and, in 2020, was asked to lead the COVID-19 Small Business Recovery Task Force, working with business owners and community leaders to support small businesses and their workers.

Bruce's presentation will be via Zoom and will last 20 minutes, including time for questions.

Links

Club Photos

Club Facebook Page

Club Website

DACdb

District 5030 Website

Additional Program for October 6

Sponsors for Community Service Committee projects will make short presentations on two projects our club funded in the 2019-2020 period: the telecoms project at Elizabeth Gregory Home and hot water equipment at the ROOTS young adult shelter. It is expected that there will be time for questions.

Club Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 2:00 pm

Send ads & photos
in .jpg

Send material to:

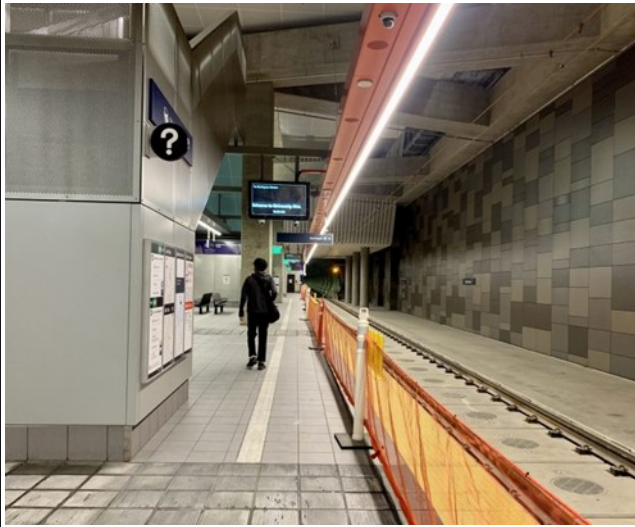
paulalaschober@gmail.com

Viets for Afghans—Club Members Invited to Support Refugees

At our September 17 meeting, Son Michael Pham demonstrated the parallels between the exodus of Vietnamese, including his own family, when the U.S. withdrew from Viet Nam, and the recent flight of Afghans from Afghanistan upon the U.S. withdrawal. For more information and to offer support with donations, click here: [75 Viets for 75 Afghan Refugee Families Project – Medium](#)



Rotarians Promote Rotary at U District Light Rail Station Opening *(by Rick Jones)*



The light rail station opening in the U district on Saturday was a HUGE event. Official estimates state that more than 10,000 people embarked at the Brooklyn Station that day.

The UDRC had an all-day presence at the event helping with set-up, wayfinding and any other activity requested by the UDP. Present were Rotarians Rosemary Aragon, Dale Hicklin, Jeff Werthan, and Rick Jones. Lisa Edwards designed a beautiful new tri-fold piece that promotes membership in our club. Rick Jones has these at his office and would love to share them with you! Call Rick at 206.284.1888 for delivery to your location.

We had a high-visibility location right at the top of the stairs exiting the station, and spoke directly (in our neon yellow vests) with perhaps thousands of people throughout the day.

Reflections on The AVE at the Light Rail Event *(by Rosemary Aragon)*

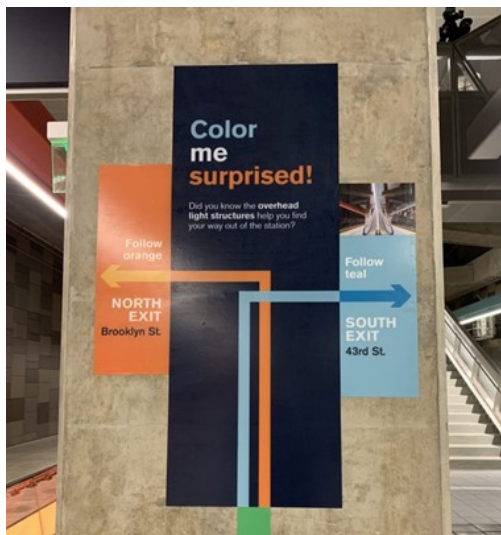
Being on the AVE for the Saturday, October 2, opening of the new light rail station was also a walk down memory lane. Rick, Dale and I set up pop-up signs on University Way from 45th down to 40th—so the golden opportunity to remember the old days.

Rick Jones and I ventured downstairs to the recently re-opened College Pub Inn (*walk down the stairs to basement locale from the AVE. On the corner of University Way and 40th*). I don't think I've had a beer there for many years. I saw the location of Leslie's La Tienda Folk Art Gallery (*north of 41st, on the east side of the street*) and the former location of Ray Chinn's Lun Ting restaurant (*actually in space now occupied by part of the U Bookstore*). Read some of the history of that restaurant---where a lot of students had great meals—at:



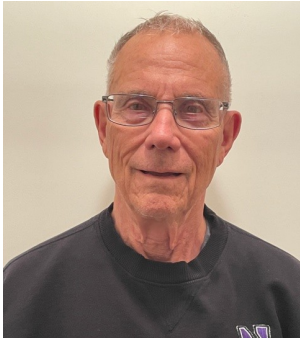
[University District Museum Without Walls Oral History: Ray Chinn \(University District Rotarian\) - HistoryLink.org](http://UniversityDistrictMuseumWithoutWalls.org/HistoryLink.org).

Off 43rd, I remember dark coffee houses with cappuccinos and guitar-playing folks (*This phenomenon was gone after my freshman year*). Just for Son Michael's sake, I popped into the Graduate Hotel (*It was the Meany Hotel when Son managed it, and University Rotary met there*). Quite a different décor (*modernistic*). I did hand out a few University Rotary brochures in the hotel. The site of the University Methodist church is now cleared land—awaiting multi-story housing development.





Club Board Approved Two New Member Applications at Sept. 20 Meeting



Jim Rechten is sponsored by Dale Hicklin. Jim is an osteopathic physician and professor emeritus from Michigan State University. In his osteopathic practice, he specialized in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Jim is active in his church and has already joined our club's football ushering group. His other interests include reading fiction and history.

Jim holds a B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering from Purdue University, a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, and a D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri.

Jim is originally from Missouri and was formerly a Rotarian with the East Lansing club of Michigan. He and his wife, Mary Ann, live in the Magnolia neighborhood of Seattle. His email address is rechten@msu.edu and his cell phone number is 517-410-7731.

Dieudonne Mayi is sponsored by Ben Abe. Dieudonne is a Principal Data Engineer with Slalom Consulting (www.slalom.com), where he specializes in data engineering development. He has more than 20 years of experience in the software industry in various roles, including developer and technical program manager. Before joining Slalom, he spent over 12 years with Microsoft in Redmond.

Dieudonne is a Board Member of the Seattle-Limbe Sister City Association, and both a Parish Council member and member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Anthony's Parish in Renton. His other interests include gardening, fishing and music. Besides English, he also speaks French.

Dieudonne holds an MA in Political Science and an MSc in Computer Engineering from Portland State University. He also expects to finish a Doctor of Information Technology degree from Walden University (Minnesota) in 2023.

Dieudonne is originally from Cameroon. He and his wife, Bibi, live in Kent. His personal email address is dmayi@achilliad.com and his work email address is dieudonne.mayi@slalom.com. His cell phone number is 425-829-4313.



Peacebuilder Committee Announces New Mission Statement *(by Jeff Werthan)*

The Peacebuilder Committee is very happy to announce the finalization of our committee's Mission Statement. The Peacebuilder Committee has recommended and the Club Board has approved the following:



"The Mission of the Peacebuilder Committee of the University District Rotary Club is to advocate and support programs and projects designed to enhance peace and the non-violent management of conflict."

Thank you to all those Peacebuilder Committee members who worked with me over the past fifteen months to establish this concise and straightforward statement.

Virtual Boiling Pot Available for Club Members *(by Kirk Laughlin, Club Treasurer)*

U. District Rotary members - A reminder that a way to support our club during this difficult time — especially if you are enjoying the camaraderie of the weekly online meetings — is with a small token of your financial appreciation. The virtual "Boiling Pot" link is: <http://bit.ly/UDRCboil>.

You can choose an amount of \$5.00 to \$25.00 (there is a \$5.00 minimum since this is a credit card transaction). And you can do so during the meeting or anytime! Thank you for your support.





2022 Fundraiser *(by President-Elect and Fundraiser Chair Jeff Werthan)*

RCUD's Annual Fundraiser has been scheduled for Friday, March 25, 2022. Details will follow, as we have updated information and we have had the opportunity to evaluate public health conditions.

This is your Fundraiser - every RCUD member is part of the fundraiser and has an obligation to participate in some manner. There is a saying in Fundraising: TIME - TALENT - TREASURE. Each and every one of us in RCUD can contribute to at least one of these categories. If your category is Treasure, then give from your heart. If your category is Talent, let me know what you do well and we will utilize your abilities. If your category is Time, let me know.

We have a Fundraising Committee that meets monthly (next meeting is Thursday, October 21, at noon) and we can use you. Remember that all dollars raised will become part of the Service Fund and will fund club projects going forward. Thank you. (Jmwdog@gmail.com).



Donations Needed by ROOTS Young Adult Shelter *(from Marella Alejandrino)*

ROOTS Young Adult Shelter in the U District is our partner in combatting homelessness. In years past we have served breakfast to the youth there several times a year, and also funded projects to provide cooking equipment, water heaters and other site improvements. Marella Alejandrino recently checked on their current needs and Amy Hanson, ROOTS Administrator, provided the following list:

Gift cards - Visa cards, Safeway, QFC, Starbucks, Subway, Whole Foods, Target....

Shorts - men's and women's	Pants - men's and women's
Belts - men's and women's	Backpacks
Shampoo	Conditioner
	Deodorant



Click here if you'd like to donate via ROOTS' Amazon wishlist: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Community Service Committee Deadlines *(by Samuel Cha, CSC co-chair)*

The Community Service Committee met on Friday, September 10, via Zoom and developed a timeline and discussed areas of changes and focus for funding approval.

The 2021-2022 CSC Grant Application form and CSC Grant Instruction, along with the Funding Guidelines, have been issued to all members of the Community Service Committee. We also encourage club members who are interested to participate. First, we are asking anyone planning a grant application to submit a 1-2 page "pre-application" by October 15. This would be done using the Community Service Project Application form but without detailed descriptions and budget, etc. This pre-application will be the basis for your full application. This process will allow the CSC to provide early feedback to the applicants. We will need your full application by October 29. We encourage all applicants to take part in this program because applications that are incomplete will be reviewed last.



The deadline for submittal of CSC Grant Applications is October 29, 2021. Any questions? Please contact co-chairs Chris Giles, chris.giles@cannoncommercial.com, and/or Samuel Cha, sammycha77@gmail.com.



Calling All Veterans (by Tom Andrew)

Are you a military veteran? Well, US Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11, this year, and, on Friday, November 5, the Rotary Club of the University District will recognize members and guests who are veterans of not only the US armed forces but also military veterans of other countries who are University Rotarians or our guests.



Ed Sider and Tom Andrew will be responsible for the program on Veteran's Day. If you are a veteran, and would like to be recognized, please let Tom Andrew know via email at tom_andrew@outlook.com. In your email, tell him: your country and branch of service (US Marine Corps, US Army, etc.), your years of active and/or active reserve duty, your highest rank, and the one assignment that stands out for you as either the best or the worst of your career. We will introduce each of you with this information.

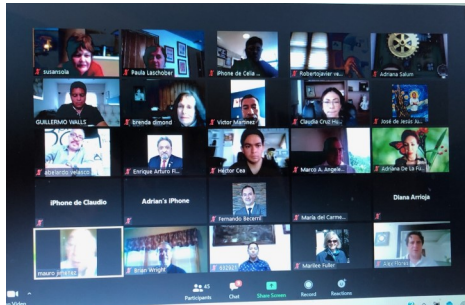
In addition, if you have a short reminiscence that you would like to share with the members for about one minute, please let us know that in your email, and we will be sure you have the opportunity. This is not a requirement. We'll be honored to recognize you no matter what.

Tom will need your information no later than October 22 so that we can edit and plan the presentation. We want you to be as glad you participated as our members will be to honor your service to your country.

President Raymond Requests Zoom Meeting Attendees Help Defray Costs

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As you know, Covid 19 has affected all aspects of our lives. This is especially true with our club and attendance. Currently we have members attending meetings 50% in person and 50% virtually. Our overall attendance is consistent with the district. Although we would prefer to have you attend personally, we understand the health challenges involved.



There is a cost for the convenience of bringing the meetings to you virtually. We are asking that if you're attending via zoom, you consider contributing at least \$10 per meeting to help defray our cost to present via zoom.

You can make payment arrangements through our treasurer, Kirk Laughlin (kirkwlaughlin@gmail.com), or you may choose to send your checks directly to the club (PO Box 31125, Seattle, WA 98103) .

Raymond A. Connell, President

International Service Committee Deadlines (by Sheila Hosner, ISC Chair)

This year the ISC is offering a **mentoring program** to help applicants make sure their application is complete before final submittal. If you would like to take part in this program, we will need your full application **by October 15**. After submittal, a mentor from the ISC will work with you to make sure your application is ready to go! We encourage all applicants to take part in this program because applications that are incomplete will be reviewed last. **Final completed applications are due by October 30, 2021.**

Any questions? Please contact Sheila Hosner, ISC Chair, breadpudding@aol.com.





So What Happened This Week? (by Jeff Werthan)

Oct. 6, 1927—The first movie with spoken dialogue, *The Jazz Singer*, opened in NY.

Oct. 6, 1981—Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated in Cairo.

Oct. 9, 1962—Uganda achieved independence after nearly 70 years of British rule.



Birthdays

Oct. 5, 1902—Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's

Oct. 7, 1931—Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Oct. 7, 1952—Russian Leader Vladimir Putin

Oct. 9, 1940—Beatles' John Lennon

Oct. 11, 1884—Former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt



Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Eleanor Roosevelt



Dragon dance during the Nagasaki Kunchi

Holidays/Festivals

Oct. 4-7—Nagasaki Kunchi Festival in Japan. This 400-year-old festival celebrates the multicultural history of Nagasaki.

Oct. 11/12—Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day.



Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration

Invitation to Join Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group (by Jeff Werthan)

Every Saturday morning, a group of Rotarians from several different clubs meets virtually to listen to a speaker and ask questions pertaining to various social justice issues. Our group has created a safe space, that allows everyone to speak his/her mind in a non-threatening environment. "Non-threatening" does not always mean comfortable and does often mean challenging. It's an opportunity to listen, learn, comment and play the devil's advocate.



Our ad hoc speaker this week will be King County Councilmember, Claudia Balducci, representing King County Council District 6 on the Eastside. Claudia will discuss transportation, affordable housing and other key issues that King County, America's twelfth largest county by population, has to deal with every day.

For the link, please reach out to me: jmwdog@gmail.com. For a lively way to start your Saturday, visit us from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.



ROOTS Young Adult Shelter



RISE UP 2021

START YOUR FUNDRAISER HERE

**Join us virtually on October 26th
We are going LIVE!**

RISE UP 2021 ~ October 26, 2021 ~ 6-7 PM

This virtual and live event is about one thing: standing up for young adults experiencing homelessness in Seattle. Help make homelessness brief and for one time.

Register here: [RISE UP 2021 - A Virtual Event for Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness Tickets, Tue, Oct 26, 2021 at 6:00 PM | Eventbrite](#). The event is free! ROOTS is our club partner in fighting homelessness.



Upcoming Club Activities

- Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Oct 14** 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmtOTkhDaXhldz09>
 Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn
- Oct 19** 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Contact: Jeff Werthan, jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Oct 21** 12:00 noon, virtual Fundraising Committee meeting. Contact: Pres-Elect Jeff Werthan, jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Oct 26** 6:00-7:00 pm. *Rise Up 2021*, ROOTS shelter fundraiser. Benefits young adults experiencing homelessness in Seattle. Virtual and live event. Click on registration link, prior page of this bulletin.
- Oct 29** Deadline for receipt of Community Service Committee applications. Application and instructions on club Website (click link on page 1 of this bulletin) under Member Information. Info: Chris Giles at chris.giles@cannoncommercial.com or Samuel Cha at sammycha77@gmail.com.
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- Nov 5** 9:00 am, Membership Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 829 5549 1958, Passcode: 090115.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955491958?pwd=UXBQc1BtMVpwS01kTG93MmZZRnV0dz09>.
- Mar 25 2022.** SAVE THE DATE! Club fundraiser.

Volunteer Opportunities at ROSIE'S TINY HOUSE VILLAGE (by Sala Sweet)

Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) opened Rosie's Village at the corner of 45th and Roosevelt on September 28. Residents are scheduled to move in about two weeks from now. The houses are already on site. If you would like to contribute your help in setting up the village, here are some of the opportunities:

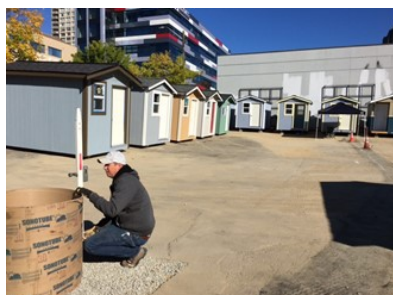
- Assist in painting the exterior of houses
- Assist in assembling and painting the porches that need to be attached to the houses
- Assist in putting together beds

You can volunteer individually or create a team to work at a specific time. Molly Lowney at LIHI publishes a schedule for work times each week. The times open are usually on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday. She can be reached at volunteer.program@lihi.org. You can also access the schedule for work times and sign up at: [LIHI Tiny House Volunteer Contact Information \(google.com\)](https://www.lihi.org/volunteer).

We can also provide welcome baskets for incoming residents. You can support the creation of one basket with a donation of \$50. Communicate with Molly that the donation is specifically for that. Or you, and perhaps others together, can create a basket. You can contact Sala Sweet (salasweet13@gmail.com) for a list of the items typically included in the baskets. You can also donate used clothing, especially warm clothing, for both women and men.



Marilee Fuller and
Maureen Ewing attended
Sept. 28 opening



Photos of Rosie's
Village setup, by
Wolfgang Kluge