

# University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, November 3, 2021



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## **Meeting Location**

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

To join via Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/87528482798? pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2N NZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09

When: Fridays

Lunch: 12:00-12:30 pm Business: 12:30-1:00 pm Program: 1:00-1:30 pm

### **Future Programs**

#### **Nov 12**

Noemi Gatica, Consul-General of Guatemala

#### **Nov 19**

Dr. Ben Danielson and Mark Wright

#### **Nov 26**

No meeting-Thanksgiving

#### Links

Club Photos
Club Facebook Page
Club Website
DACdb
District 5030 Website

#### **Club Bulletin Deadline**

Monday at 2:00 pm Send ads & photos in .jpg Send material to:

paulalaschober@gmail.com

# Program for November 5 Celebrating Veterans

#### **NOTICE: PROOF OF VACCINATION IS REQUIRED TO ENTER SYC**



Our Club has always included and celebrated members of the armed forces of not only our United States but of the many countries of origin of our members.

Join us on November 5 as we look forward to the  $11^{th}$  hour of the  $11^{th}$  day of the  $11^{th}$  month when we say "thank you" to those who served.

Our members Ed Sider and Tom Andrew, both of whom are veterans themselves, have prepared a short program to recognize and celebrate not only our own members but also some members of our armed forces, living and dead, whose conspicuous gallantry has helped preserve our republic in conflicts throughout our history.

#### **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. Next Fundraiser Committee meeting is Nov. 18, 12 noon.

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 and we can use you. Remember that all dollars raised will become part of the Service Fund and will fund club projects next year.

It's not too early to begin thinking about what you can contribute for our auction. Do you have frequent flyer miles you're not using? How about donating your vacation home/condo for a week? Do you have a boat or golf club membership that could be included in a donation? Think outside the box - what do you like to do? Send your ideas to Jeff at jmwdog@gmail.com.





### Thanks to Our Club from Betty Falskow

October 18, 2021

Dear Judy, The beautiful bouquet of flowers arrived several days ago from the wonderful University Club Rotarians. All of you meant so much to Guy - Rotary was a large part of his life, he was devoted to the organization and its ideals.

Please pass my heart felt thank you to everyone. Your flowers have brought joy into my life at this difficult time.

Love to you all, Betty Falskow



Guy and Betty Falskow

November 3 - Neale Obedin

November 6 - Kay Rodriguez

November 11 - Susan Sola

November 14 - Dave Spicer

November 19 - Omara Abe

November 21 - Ezra Teshome

November 22 - Richard Cuthbert

November 22 - Ruth Huwe

November 25 - Wolfgang Kluge

November 25 - Carma McKay

November 25 - Jerry Zimmerman

November 26 - Brandon Fleming

#### **U District Rotarians with November Birthdays**



### PCC Newsletter Highlights Rotary's Harvest Against Hunger (from Sala Sweet)

Some of PCC's community partnerships are clearly visible when loads of fresh asparagus, berries and other seasonal crops from local farmers arrive at our partner food banks. Other key links, though, are behind the scenes.

At a virtual "meet and greet" with PCC board members, we're looking forward to showcasing an invaluable partner. Join us Oct. 18 to hear from Harvest Against Hunger, a nonprofit agency whose administrative and practical supports help this farm-to-food-bank program succeed.

Originally founded in 1982 as Operation First Harvest (later Rotary First Harvest), the nonprofit began by encouraging backyard gardeners to grow extra produce for organizations that fed hungry people. Today it fights both hunger and food waste, connecting farmers, transportation providers, produce packers, volunteers and hunger relief agencies.

The PCC partnership began last year during the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, when demand was rising at area food banks while farmers were unable to sell produce at farmers markets or to their usual restaurant customers. Seattle Neighborhood Farmers Markets, with funds from PCC's member-supported food bank program, bought produce from farmers for member food banks. The program supported 15 food banks and 14 Washington farms and continues to grow.

Harvest Against Hunger had a well-established structure in place connecting farmers to food banks. It was already experienced at working with county and city agencies, and was able to manage contracts, handle delivery problems, and oversee other essential practical work. It added new tools to ensure equity, considering issues from the diverse backgrounds of partner farmers to the nutritional density of the foods.

See complete article at: Sound Consumer, September/October 2021 | Issue No. 565 | PCC Community Markets (pccmarkets.com)



### **New Member Application Approved by Club Board**



support.

At the October 18 Club Board meeting, the application of Paula Day Williams was approved. Her sponsor is Omara Abe.

Paula is the President/CEO of NBFS Financial Inc. (www.numbercrunchers.com), which is in the business of tax preparation and tax representation. She has been an accountant for 41 years, 32 of those with her own firm.

Paula is a graduate of California State University-Dominguez Hills, where she obtained her BS degree in Business Management.

She moved to Seattle from Simi Valley, California, in 2019 in order to live closer to her kids. In Simi Valley she was an active member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise from 2000 to 2019. While in that club, she served as Treasurer,

Community Service Director, Club Service Director, Family of Rotary Director, Program Chair, and as a member of many other committees.

Besides Rotary, Paula's community activities have included Delta Theta Sigma Sorority, Simi Valley Community Foundation, Simi Valley Soroptimists (founding member), Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce, Simi Sunrise Charitable Foundation, and Women's Information Network of Simi Valley. She was honored as one of Simi Valley's most influential community leaders in philanthropy.

Paula's special interests are racial justice, hunger/homelessness, women's issues and financial education. Her hobbies include travel, writing (she's editing her first novel!), photography, dogs—and FOOD!! She loves cooking it and eating it, and even attended Le Cordon Bleu in Paris. With respect to languages, she says she is only fluent in English, but "can still butcher Spanish and get by with French."

Paula's business address is on Mercer Island. Her business email is pdwilliamsea@gmail.com. She lives in the Rainier Valley area of Seattle. Her personal email is pdaywms@gmail.com and her cell phone number is 805-660-3658.

# Peacebuilder Committee Adopts Mission Statement (by Jeff Werthan)





"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









# ECOLOGY DAY CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 6, 2021

### The Challenges of Our Planet, Solutions and Actions

9:15 am – 10:45 am PDT Biodiversity and Pollination Panel



Hande Apaydin Centre for Public Impact



Bryan Ingram Alpha Green



Chris Puttock, PhD ESRAG



Mace Vaughn Xerces Society

#### 10:45 am -12:30 pm PDT

**Climate Crisis and Solutions** 



Kerry Emanuel, Phi



Jonathan Foley, PhD Drawdown Project



Don Wuebbles, PhD University of Illinois



- Climate Solutions 101
- · Review of the UN IPCC Report: Code Red for Humanity



CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE ONLINE EVENT:

https://bit.ly/3AOdXXT

Afternoon Sessions for Interacts @ 1:00 pm PDT and Rotaracts @ 3:00 pm PDT. Everyone Welcome.

Click here to register for the online Ecology Day Conference: Webinar Registration - Zoom

# **Call for Club Officer/Board Member Nominations**

Dear Club Members:

Our Club Nominating Committee is beginning the process of our leadership selection for next year as well as the individual who will serve as President in 2023-2024. The individual elected to the position of President-Elect automatically serves as President the following year.

Because we don't want to overlook anyone who might be interested in serving in a leadership capacity, we are asking if you have an interest in serving in any one of the positions or if you would like to nominate someone, please let me know by November 4.

- President: Jeff Werthan
- President-elect
- Treasurer's Assistant (to help with Friday meeting check-ins)
- Sergeant-at-Arms
- Club Board of Directors 2022-2024--three positions

Board Members whose term ends June 30, 2023, and who are eligible to be nominated as President-elect or any other open position are: Rick Jones, Lisa Edwards and Jennifer Younger.

Please note that Kirk McLaughlin and Marilee Fuller will continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Brenda Dimond, Nominating Committee Chair (phone 206-920-1440, email brendadimond8@gmail.com)



#### Rotary Warm Winter Drive (by Maureen Ewing)

Hello Rotarians!

We are looking forward to partnering with you on the Second Annual U District Rotary Warm Winter Drive!

Many thanks to Jim Gram and Son Michael Pham for coordinating with all five sites to procure the brand new coats-which were a huge hit last year. This year receiving organizations are YouthCare, Elizabeth Gregory Home, Roots, UHeights and Kids Co.

On Sunday, **December 5, 11 am - 3 pm,** we will be distributing items from the UHeights Plaza. Here's how you can help:

- **1. Volunteer!** We need volunteers the day-of, as well as ahead of time to sort and organize. These are available slots:
  - a). Fri, 12/3 11am to 1pm Sorting of items 2 volunteers
  - b). Fri, 12/3 1pm to 3pm Sorting of items 2 volunteers
  - c). Sun, 12/5 9am to 1pm Setup 2 to 3 volunteers
  - d). Sun, 12/5 11am to 1pm Distribution 3 to 4 volunteers
  - e). Sun, 12/5 1pm to 3pm Distribution 3 to 4 volunteers
  - f). Sun, 12/5 4pm to 5pm Cleanup 2 volunteers



2. **Donate** at Rotary meetings, or in the silver bins located at the north entrance of UHeights, or online through Charity Lists (amazon.com).

See flier on next page. And many thanks for spreading holiday cheer to people who need it most!

#### **Suggestons for Donations** (by Son Michael Pham)

Sunday, December 5, happens to be International Volunteer Day. Some ideas on how club members can contribute/participate: provide refreshments for the event, collect/donate hygiene and dental supplies, donate new socks, gloves and underclothes, collect/donate backpacks, and provide entertainment. AND, Rotarians can bring leftover Halloween candy to our next two meetings and Son Michael Pham will collect them to distribute Dec. 5.

Kids Without Borders already has some of the above items. Members can start bringing donations to our weekly meeting and we can store them. We'll organize a sorting and packing work party for club members prior to the event on Dec. 5.



### **UD Rotarians Visit Tiny House Community**

On October 26, several of our club members visited Rosie's Tiny House Village. The Village is located at 1000 NE 45th Street, and provides shelter and case management for up to 65 people. It is managed by the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI).

As Sala Sweet noted in our October 6 bulletin, there are many ways Rotarians can help, such as painting, assembling furniture and providing welcome baskets. Rotarians can sign up to help at: <a href="LIHI Tiny House Volunteer Contact Information (google.com">LIHI Tiny House Volunteer Contact Information (google.com</a>).







# **DONATE NEW ITEMS IN-PERSON**

Drop off items in the bins at our north entrance and call our facilities phone (206) 235-8567

- Warm clothes
- Umbrellas

Coats

- · Hygiene Products
- Socks & Underwear First-Aid Kits

Gloves

Blankets



# DONATE ITEMS ONLINE

Purchase items on the UHeights Amazon Charity List

Charity Lists (amazon.com)











### Past Prez Dave Spicer Completes Epic Road Trip (by Dave Spicer)

On September 12, Marti and I embarked on an epic road trip around the USA. We have really been missing our friends and family since the pandemic hit in March, 2020 and wanted to pursue a sort of "break out" trip!

We camped in Montana and Wyoming in some of the most beautiful country around, attended 50th high school and college reunions in Minnesota, kayaked with former UDRC members Mike and Brenda Finkenbinder (they send their greeting to all of you!!), canoed down a gorgeous river in Wisconsin, saw historic sites and visited museums re Revolutionary and Civil War history in Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and Virginia.

Along the way we enjoyed fly fishing in the Shenandoah Valley, did several hikes on the Appalachian Trail, took a train to see son Chris and family and two grandchildren up in Vermont, engaged in a several day bike



touring trip in the amazing Williamsburg historic area (130 miles), and had many other memorable experiences.

We returned to Seattle on Wednesday, October 27, and covered 9,045 miles in our Toyota Rav 4 Hybrid (42 mpg on average), over a span of 46 days. We saw 42 different friends and family along the way (not including Reunion friends), and enjoyed many delightful conversations while breaking bread. We had some close calls with semis going 80 mph plus and passing us through torrential rains and the back ends of the trucks swinging into our lanes---but we emerged miraculously with no mishaps and feel very lucky.

Marti and I are grateful to have been fortunate to experience this epic trip and ready to be back in Seattle with all our Rotary friends.

# Husky Ushers for Football Game Against Archrival Oregon Ducks (by Dale Hicklin)

Those signed up to usher on November 6 include Judy Lovelace, Jim Rechtien, President Ray Connell, Doug Frick, Marella Alejandrino and Dale Hicklin, plus three other non-Rotarian ushers.

Game time is 4:30 pm with check-in at 1:30 pm at Husky Stadium. Thanks for all of your efforts to earn dollars for our Club projects!





# **Upcoming Club Activities and Deadlines**

**Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.

**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=UXBQc1BtMVpwS01kTG93MmZZRnVOdz09.

**Nov 5** 10:30-11:30 am. Nominating Committee meeting via Zoom. Contact: Brenda Dimond, brendadimond8@ gmail com.

Nov 8 Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmt0TkhDaXhIdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmt0TkhDaXhIdz09</a>
Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn

Nov 16 Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15, 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Contact: Jeff Werthan, jmwdog@gmail.com.

Nov 18 12 noon. Fundraising Committee meeting. Contact: Jeff Werthan, jmwdog@gmail.com.

Mar 25 2022. SAVE THE DATE! Club fundraiser.

## **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.

This week, at the first year anniversary of our Saturday ad Hoc Social Justice Group, we will not have a speaker. Instead, we will be discussing what we have learned, what we want to learn, the speakers we have heard, etc. It's an open discussion and I hope you will join us.



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

# So What Happened This Week? (by Jeff Werthan)

Nov. 8, 1895—X-rays were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen in Germany.

Nov. 9, 1938— Kristallnacht, "Night of Broken Glass," takes place in Germany as the Nazis destroyed Jewish synagogues, schools and businesses.

Nov. 9, 1989— the Berlin Wall comes down after 28 years.

#### **Birthdays**

Nov. 4, 1879—actor Will Rogers

Nov. 5, 1911—actor cowboy Roy Rogers

Nov. 7, 1918—Evangelist Billy Graham

#### **Virtual Festivals at Seattle Center**

Nov. 3-5: Dia de Muertos Festival continues

Nov. 6: Hmong New Year Celebration

And Nov. 4 is National Blood Pressure Day!



Dia de los Muertos celebration