



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, June 16, 2021



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Brenda Dimond, President

Meeting Location

Join Zoom Meeting:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?
pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2NZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2NZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09)

When: Fridays, log in 11:50
 Business: 12:00-12:20 pm
 Program: 12:20-12:50 pm
 Wrap-up: 12:50-1:00 pm

Future Programs

June 25

Dave Spicer: President's Kick-Out Meeting

July 2

No meeting—July 4 weekend

July 9

Welcome for new club president Raymond Connell

July 16

Don Scholes: Downtown Seattle Association

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 June 18

Jeff Werthan: *Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) Task Force*



The DEI Task Force is honored to host this week's program at our weekly luncheon. The Task Force was formed a year ago, primarily in response to the George Floyd murder in Minneapolis. Many of my fellow Rotarians in our club and in other clubs in our district felt a need to express ourselves, to become better educated and to take action in support of DEI.

Over the past year, our Task Force, which has operated under the umbrella of the Peacebuilder Committee, has taken its first steps towards our commitment to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in all things that we do, both within and outside our Rotary life. This Task Force is not intended to be a one or two year involvement. This Task Force will be in existence indefinitely to educate Rotarians and to promote activities that lead to greater understanding among all of us. So what have we done this year, you ask? Here are some examples:

*We have talked. Education is really the key to everything. Many of us have read books, discussed our thoughts. Some have joined book clubs. Some have joined social justice discussion groups. The net result has been to make many of us aware that DEI issues in our society and in our individual lives are here and need to be addressed.

*Our DEI Task Force has begun the MOBI program (Minority Owned Business Initiative). The idea is for our club to highlight minority owned businesses in the U District and immediate vicinity. This is a program that will continue indefinitely. I encourage you to visit these businesses (I've been to all three restaurants highlighted so far), and to consider giving your business to other minority owned businesses. For example, I have purchased flowers from a minority owned floral business in my neighborhood.

*One of our priorities was to make sure that all of our club members felt important and included. As a result, we have started to recognize holidays and events of significance involving other cultures. This will continue - there may be some repetition along the way, but this too is good. All of us are from somewhere and we all bring with us our unique backgrounds. My hope is to expand this program so that we may hear from our club members as they discuss what makes them unique.

*Once the pandemic is in the rear view mirror, we hope to participate in even more activities to promote diversity, equity and inclusion. Some of us may choose to attend a protest rally. Some of us may want to focus on businesses that we use to make sure that they are indeed diverse, equitable and inclusive. Some of us may want to participate in the Pride Parade. Some of us may want to work with the Duwamish nation to deal with health inequities for those who live near the Duwamish River. It doesn't matter what we choose to do. What matters is that we make the time to become educated about the past and take action that we feel is appropriate regarding the future.



Join us on
June 25, 2021

To Celebrate and Thank Brenda Dimond, 2020-2021 University District Rotary Club President

Seattle Yacht Club
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



PLEASE JOIN US JUNE 25

PLEASE JOIN US for our very first IN PERSON Rotary meeting to show our gratitude getting through COVID and especially CELEBRATING PRESIDENT BRENDAL on Friday, June 25!!

Those who prefer, you can enjoy the meeting by ZOOM.

In order to come in person, the Seattle Yacht Club REQUIRES everyone to be fully vaccinated. ***And Please bring your mask.***

Here is the link to register in person: [Celebrate Brenda Dimond, 2020-2021 UDRC President Tickets, Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 11:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-brenda-dimond-2020-2021-udrc-president-tickets-tickets-158310001007).

We already have 24 registered and can have up to 60 members so don't delay! Registration ends at 5 pm June 21. We are not planning to take registration at the door.

Yours in Rotary,
Dave Spicer, Past President and
Chair of Kick Out Party for Brenda

Other Committee members are: Raymond Connell (incoming President), Lisa Edwards, Son Michael Pham, Judy Lovelace, Marella Alejandrino, Carma McKay, Kay Rodriguez, Rick Jones, and Marilee Fuller.



*Eat, drink, enjoy live jazz on a gorgeous summer evening,
Say 'Hello' in person...all for a great cause*

LAKE UNION
ROTARY'S

Happy Hour 4 Good is Back!



Sponsored by HomeStreet Bank
Co-host Rotary District 5030

Thursday, July 15 6-8 PM
Center for Wooden Boats

out on the dock @
1010 Valley St
Seattle 98109
(next to MOHAI)

All are welcome. Register online.
www.happyhour4good.org \$45



Be Ready for Fire Season (by Julie Fox, our April 23 speaker)

Be Smoke Ready! Being smoke ready means that individuals and communities have the knowledge and ability to stay reasonably safe and healthy from poor air quality due to all types of smoke—wildfire smoke, prescribed burn smoke, or wood stoves. For more details: www.doh.wa.gov/smokefromfires

1. Know how to access forecast and current air quality conditions
2. Know what's in smoke and why it's bad for health
3. Know the health effects and symptoms of exposure to smoke and who is at risk
4. Know how to reduce exposure to smoke and have the resources and ability to do so

June 14-20 is Smoke Ready Week, where air quality and health agencies across the state will be sharing information to promote being smoke ready. Each day of the week has a different theme:

- Monday: stay informed about air quality
- Tuesday: what is in wildfire smoke?
- Wednesday: wildfire smoke & your health
- Thursday: keep indoor air clean
- Friday: more ways to reduce exposure to wildfire smoke



Update on Club Fundraiser

The fundraising committee, chaired by President-Elect Raymond Connell, is pleased to report that donations to our annual fundraising effort amounted to \$77,249.90. After deducting costs of Auctria software and fees, we netted \$75,307.52. We, therefore, exceeded our goal of \$75,000. Seventy active club members and two honorary members, as well as 82 non-members, donated. Member donations accounted for 72% of the total, while non-member donations accounted for 28%. Many thanks to all who contributed. All of these donations went to the Service Fund, our club's foundation, and will support our service projects next year (starting July 1, 2021).



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 devils advocate.

Our group is based upon a similar group in Portland, OR, that Sala Sweet has been attending every Saturday. Sala brought Portland to my attention, and I started attending as well. Their large group (usually 35-50 attendees) has been meeting for awhile and they have branched out to work with many Portland area based organizations. They have also broken down their Saturday group into several smaller groups that are able to concentrate on different aspects of social justice.

With Sala in the lead, we started a similar group here in Seattle. Since our first meeting last November 7, 2020, our speakers have included a combination of educators, state representatives and other elected officials, community spokespersons/organizations, corporate spokespersons, and police and police reform advocates. **This Saturday, we will be hearing from Seattle City Councilman Andrew Lewis. Andrew will be speaking on homelessness (including the proposed Seattle Charter Amendment #29), housing affordability, density/upzoning), and public safety, among other topics.**

For a lively way to start your Saturday, visit us from 9:00-10:00. If you would like the link, please let me know (jmwdog@gmail.com or 425-802-1028). I can also include you on the Portland link if you would like.

Malaria Partners Video (*by Jenny Andrews, Executive Director, Malaria Partners International*)

Malaria Partners International recently worked with Rotarian-led RB Content Lab to create a video illustrating the impact of malaria, the world's most deadly disease, and how Rotarians are mobilizing to lead the fight to end this disease. I know you will enjoy watching it because it touches on Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia, Rotary International's first Programs of Scale recipient. This project was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Federal Way in District 5030 so we should all be very proud of the project and the enormous effort that went into working with partners to turn Rotary's \$2 million into a \$6 million project by including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision. Enjoy and feel free to share widely in your circles and on social media! Watch the video here:

[MPI | Rotary on Vimeo](#)

BTW, the video was created and produced by RB Content Lab led by Rotarian Rich Martin of the Bellevue Breakfast RC. Great job Rich!



**Malaria
Partners
International**

[Note from Rosemary Aragon: Our club has helped fund two malaria prevention projects—one in Zambia in 2012-13 and one in Uganda in 2014-15—contributing \$4,000 to each one. University District Rotarians who have served on the Board of Malaria Partners International (formerly known as Rotary Malaria Partners) include Rosemary, Ezra Teshome, Ray Connell and Sala Sweet.]

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.





**Join us at the 24-hour Global Peace Conference on 19 June 2021 as we explore
the idea of [Weaving a Shared Future Together](#). Click: [RPFAA \(google.com\)](#)**

The Global Peace Conference is an entirely volunteer-led initiative of Rotary Peace Fellows from around the world. Given Rotary Peace Fellows' extensive networks around the world, the Global Peace Conference not only aspires to bring together peacebuilders from across the globe to build local capacities for peacebuilding, but also promote the idea that every person, of any age and in any context, has the capacity to build peace.

Rotary International is currently the largest investor in graduate level peace education in the world, with partner peace centers in Uganda, Thailand, Australia, Japan, United Kingdom, Sweden and the United States. Over 1,400 alumni of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program are now working as leaders in government, NGOs, military, education, law enforcement and international organizations in 116 countries. We work in conflict resolution, sustainable development and business. We are parents, students, entrepreneurs, musicians and everyday people with a passion to transform conflict into growth and potential.

Last year's inaugural Rotary Peace Fellow Global Conference conference drew over 1500 participants and featured 75+ hours of peacebuilding content. Here are some [videos](#) and a [report](#) from this fantastic inaugural event! With online regional programming from Asia, Oceania, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas, this year's conference promises to not only be the largest peace conference to date but will also have a truly global reach!

GET INVOLVED

1. [Register for the event here!](#) Click here: [RPFAA](#)
2. If you are able, please make a donation to help us offset the costs of the conference [here](#).
3. If you are a facebook user, please go to our [Facebook page](#) and share the conference post!
4. If your community has begun to gather in person again, consider joining the conference as a **Community Hub** by bringing together people from your community or organization and joining the conference from one venue. Community Hubs have been effective in regions with limited internet connectivity and access to peacebuilding training of this scale. It also works well when you would like the conference to nurture dialogues within your organization or community group. Let us know if this is of interest to you! Community Hubs can participate in person, or by logging in online as one group. We will provide assistance!
5. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and the [Rotary Peace Fellow Alumni Association](#)'s webpage to receive updates on registration and conference details.

Questions? Please contact:

General Enquiries/Community Hubs: [http://gpc-2021-enquiries@rpfaa.org](mailto: http://gpc-2021-enquiries@rpfaa.org)

Sponsorships: erinkatethomas@gmail.com



Celebrations in June (by Jeff Werthan)

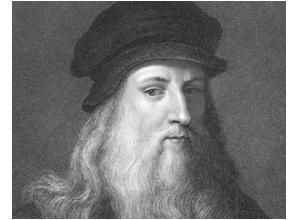
Father's Day

Father's Day is not just a day to honor fathers. It is a day to honor paternal bonds of all kinds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In America, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd and was first celebrated on the third Sunday of June in 1910. Sonora was the daughter of American Civil War veteran, William Jackson Smart. Sonora held her father in great esteem and became motivated to do something to recognize fathers. The very first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane, Washington, and in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring that the third Sunday of June would always be known as "Father's Day." The day is recognized around the world, though it is held on different dates and celebrated in different traditions.

Gay Pride Month

This week we highlight Leonardo da Vinci and Sally Ride.

Leonardo da Vinci, known as history's ultimate Renaissance man, was a genius of art, science, engineering and many other areas of influence. He not only painted the Mona Lisa and the most celebrated rendition of the Last Supper, but he also drew sketches of helicopters and other flying machines long before the Wright Brothers built the world's first airplane.



Sally Ride was America's first female astronaut, and in 2013, Ride received the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Sally Ride was not only very involved with work on the space shuttle, she also spent considerable time encouraging women and girls to engage in the sciences. Ride founded the company, Sally Ride Science at the University of California, San Diego, to inspire young people in science, technology, engineering and math.

Flag Day

In America, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of America's flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. It wasn't until 1916 that President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day. Did you know that one of the oldest continuing Flag Day observances in America is in Fairfield, Washington, in Spokane County, where there has been a parade and other commemorative events every year, other than 2020, since 1909?



Juneteenth



At our June 18 club meeting, there will be further discussion about Juneteenth. It is important for all of us to know that June 19 is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in America. President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862, officially outlawed slavery. However, it wasn't until June 19 that this news reached the State of Texas and the proclamation was announced by Union Army General Gordon Granger.

National Food Days

Who knew? Did you know that June 16 is National Fudge Day and that June 18 is International Sushi Day? For next week's bulletin, let me know your favorite place for fudge or sushi.



Upcoming Club Activities

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

Jul 13 Aug 12, Sept 13, Oct 14 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmt0TkDaXhldz09>
Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn

July 19 Global Peace Conference sponsored by Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association (link on page).

July 20 Aug 17, Sept 21, Oct 19 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Contact: Jeff Werthen, jmwdog@gmail.com.

Oct 1-3 Rotary District 5030 in-person conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Info/registration: [District 5030 Conference](#)

Please Donate to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund by June 30, 2021

The mission of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Giving to the TRF Annual Fund provides a pool of funds that are used to match club and District funds for large projects that clubs sponsor. Three current examples of projects receiving such matching funds that are supported by our club are: A well in Hossana, Ethiopia, that will serve 3,000 village residents; solar power for lighting in a new rural school in Tanzania; and project to provide pumping and water tanks to restore water service for Boys Town in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Ethiopia project is a Global Grant sponsored by Dave Spicer and Ezra Teshome, in collaboration with the Addis Ababa-West Rotary Club. This is a \$76,245 project that will receive \$22,000 from District 5030, and an additional \$22,000 from TRF as a match for the District contribution. All of this \$44,000 actually comes from TRF, since the District receives annual funds from TRF based on donations from Rotarians in our District three years prior.

The Tanzania project is a \$22,000 District Grant project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Seattle International District, to which our club is also a contributor. It received \$8,000 in District matching funds. Club sponsors are Joe Whitford and Dale Smith.

The Jamaica project is a \$123,500 Global Grant project, sponsored by Raymond Connell and Ezra Teshome. It received \$25,000 in District matching funds and \$49,500 in TRF World Fund matching.

As Dale Smith noted a few weeks ago in a Foundation presentation to our club members, our club's Foundation giving has been lower this year than in the past two years. Our goal is \$18,000 and we're still \$4,419 short. He emphasized that any donation amount is welcome.

For club members who haven't already donated to the Foundation this Rotary year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021), there are **three ways to donate**:

1. Create an account at my.rotary.org where you can manage your donations.
(Contact Dale, Ezra or Son Michael for help if needed.)
2. Ask Dale, Ezra or Son Michael to mail or email you a paper form for one-time or recurring donations.
3. Send a check made out to The Rotary Foundation to Son Michael Pham, P.O. Box 24, Bellevue, WA 98009.



Boys Town, Jamaica

For more information and help with donations:

- Son Michael Pham, email: sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com, mobile: 206-484-4830
- Ezra Teshome, email: eztesh@gmail.com, mobile: 206-391-0326
- Dale Smith, email: dsmith@nsrc.org, mobile: 541-521-7565