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University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, September 15, 2021



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Raymond Connell, President

Meeting Location

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

To join via Zoom:

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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

Sept 24

Roger Goodman: 2021
Legislature Efforts and
Police Reform

Oct 1

Leela Fernandez-UW
Jackson School

Oct 8

Bruce Harrell and Lorena
Gonzalez-candidates for
Seattle Mayor

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 September 17

Carrie Avila-Mooney & Abel Pacheco

Status of Sound Transit (via Zoom)



Carrie Avila-Mooney has served Sound Transit in the Government and Community Relations department for four years. She is the Director of Regional Government and Community Relations. Before this she staffed a Sound Transit board member as the Policy Director for King County Councilmember Joe McDermott. She started her dedication to Sound Transit as the policy Director at Transportation Choices Coalition where she led the Coalition efforts to get authority for

ST3.

Abel Pacheco serves as the Government & Community Relations Manager for Sound Transit in the Central Corridor (Seattle). Prior to joining Sound Transit, Abel served on the Seattle City Council representing District 4 when a vacancy arose. As a car-free Seattleite, Abel is passionate about ensuring that our community has a robust transportation network to ensure that Seattle remains a great place to live, work, and visit.



Afghan Refugees - What Can You Do? (by Jeff Werthan)

Our September 17 club meeting will include a short program featuring Son Michael Pham. Son Michael's personal experience leaving Vietnam in 1975 has spurred him to work with others to provide assistance to Afghan Refugees who will be relocating to the Seattle area. Son Michael will discuss this at the meeting. If you haven't read Son's article in the September 5 *Seattle Times*, I encourage you to do so. We look forward to hearing from Son Michael this Friday.





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.

If you have questions, Tom Andrew (425.891.3597) will be happy to try to answer them. Remember to get your info to Tom by October 22.

Volunteer Opportunity-Build Tiny Houses

(by Howard Cohen, District 5030 Governor)

I am hosting a monthly Tiny House building project on the third Sunday of each month starting Sunday, September 19. Each event needs about 15 people, so please contact me directly (hcohen@clisehotels.com) if you want to participate. The event is held at the Sound Foundations warehouse from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 5 S. Nevada St., Seattle 98134 in SODO.



International Service Committee News *(by Sheila Hosner, ISC Chair)*

The International Service Committee met on Saturday, August 21, and developed a process to review grants this year that is a bit different from years past. We think it will be helpful to you and make our work more effective.

First, we are asking anyone planning a grant applications to submit a one-to-two page "pre-application" **by September 30**. This would be done using the *International 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 ISC to provide early feedback to the applicants and budget and plan ahead.

Second, this year we are 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



International Day of Peace is Sept. 21—Peace Activities *(by Sala Sweet)*

1. Partnering for Peace is an organization, formed in 2015 - a collaboration between the US Peace Corps and Rotary International. Learn more about how our organizations and individuals from each community can help each other and create more robust projects.

SAVE THE DATE

Rotary - Peace Corps Week

Sponsored by Partnering for Peace

September 20 - 26, 2021

Building
Peace
Together



Register for one or all three webinars during this celebratory week: [The WEEK Webinars](https://www.partneringforpeace.org) ([partneringforpeace.org](https://www.partneringforpeace.org))

Monday, Sept 22, 6:30 pm EDT: John Hewko (RI) and Carol Spahn (PC) will discuss the partnership and their vision of where it goes from here

Wednesday, Sept 22, 6:30 pm EDT: First person stories from Rotarians who became PCVs

Friday, Sept 24, 6:30 pm EDT: Showcasing Rotary – Peace Corps projects

2. Rotary Positive Peace Academy. This academy is a collaboration between Rotary International and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). It addresses what infrastructures are necessary after the cessation of violence to maintain sustainable peace.

Meet Positive Peace, the transformational framework.

Created by international think tank the Institute for Economics & Peace, this **free short course** introduces the transformational framework Positive Peace. Learn how Positive Peace is associated with better performance on ecological sustainability, improved wellbeing, stronger GDP growth rates and better business outcomes.

- Free 3-4 hour course
- End violence and war. Create the pillars that support sustainable positive peace.

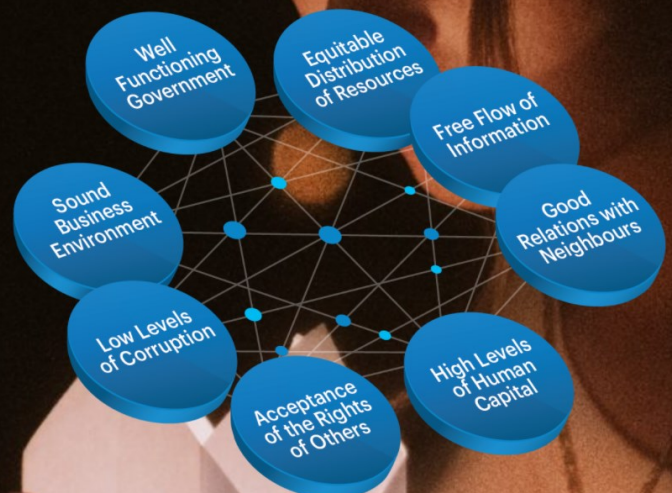
Club members who take the course and are interested in discussing it in November can contact Sala Sweet at salasweet13@gmail.com.

Get started for free by registering here: [Sign Up free – Rotary Positive Peace Academy v2.0 \(wpengine.com\)](https://www.wpengine.com)

What will I learn?

Through this academy, you will strengthen your knowledge and identify concrete ways to enhance and engage in Rotary's work in peace and conflict resolution and the Areas of Focus – all via a Positive Peace lens.

- Learn the definition of peace and how it is measured
- Understand the 8 Pillars of Positive Peace
- Find out how it builds long term societal resilience
- Learn from Positive Peace projects all over the world
- 12 lessons of on-demand video and interactive content





Volunteer Opportunity for Rotarians *(from Marilee Fuller)*



Rainier Valley Food Bank needs volunteer drivers to help deliver 200 bags of groceries per week to neighborhood families. Driver shifts are on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 10 am-3 pm. If you can drive once a month or more, please contact RVFB at volunteer@rvfb.org.

The Food Bank is also looking for volunteers for grocery packing on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9 am-1 pm. You can sign up through their Web site by clicking here: [Apply To Volunteer - Rainier Valley Food Bank \(rvfb.org\)](http://rvfb.org).

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

As discussed at our club meeting on August 27, 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)

Marella will be at the September 17 and 24 meetings and can collect donated items to take to ROOTS.

Environmental Rotary Club Needs Volunteer Help Sept. 27 *(received by Raymond Connell)*



My name is Kimberly Peterson and I am the president of the Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound. I need your help. Our club is new and small. We got our first grant from District 5030 in July and used the grant money to purchase a pergola and a picnic table for a new foodbank farm in Kent called Horseneck Farm.

We need 3-5 volunteers on Monday, September 27, to help us assemble these items into a shady rest area for farm employees and volunteers. I know Mondays are difficult for many working people, but if you could pass this

link on to your members I would sincerely appreciate it. People can register to volunteer directly on the givsum website below. I wish I didn't have to appeal to the wider district for help, but we need any extra hands we can get. Thank you in advance and have a great weekend!

Sign up to volunteer here: [Givsum](https://www.givsum.com) | [Volunteer to assemble the grant items for Horseneck Farm > Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound](https://www.givsum.com)





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

Sept. 15, 1997—The domain name “google.com” is registered.

Sept. 17, 1972—M*A*S*H, the award-winning comedy series, premieres on television.

Sept. 18, 1947—The United States Air Force is established.

Sept. 19, 1984—The UK and China complete an agreement transferring Hong Kong to China by 1997.

Birthdays

Sept. 15, 1890—British writer Agatha Christie. Did you know that she is the best selling novelist of all time?

Sept. 15, 1984—Prince Harry

Sept. 17, 1907—Warren Burger, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Sept. 18, 1905—Agnes DeMille, dancer and choreographer



Agatha Christie

Holidays

On September 21, South Korea will celebrate Chuseok, a major harvest festival and a three-day holiday period. As a celebration of a good harvest, Koreans visit their ancestral hometowns and share a feast of traditional Korean food and wine. Koreans also visit ancestral graves and have memorial services while visiting home. A successful harvesting of crops is attributed to the blessing of these ancestors.

Seattle Center Festival

Seattle Center will host The Italian Festival on September 25/26. This festival will offer a spotlight on Italy, with food, wine, music, art, dance and musings - and uniquely Italian spirit. Remember COVID restrictions are in effect and also note that the Monorail is closed for construction.

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. **On Saturday, September 18, we will hear from K. Wyking Garrett, a third generation Central District resident. Wyking is President and CEO of the Africatown Community Land Trust, and he has worked with other community groups and nonprofit developer Capitol Hill Housing on the Liberty Bank Building Project in the Central District. This project includes affordable housing and spaces for black-owned businesses at the site of the first black-owned bank west of the Mississippi. A block away, Wyking's group has partnered with Forterra, a land preservation group, and Capitol Hill Housing on the Africatown Plaza mixed-use affordable housing development.**

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).

Rotarian Volunteers Needed to Help Elementary Students with Reading *(by Jeff Werthan)*

Leschi Elementary School - As you may know, our Peacebuilder Committee has established a relationship with Leschi Elementary School. As soon as Covid allows, we will be organizing a Peace Pod Pole Project, and previously, we had presented the school with a Buddy Bench. Additionally, our club has heard from Mr. Gerald Donaldson, the school's Family Resource Officer.

We now have an opportunity to participate in a Student Reading Project. Leschi needs volunteers to spend time virtually with several students in order to help those students overcome reading issues, as well as work with other students to strengthen their already solid reading credentials. If this is something that interests you, please let me know asap at jmwdog@gmail.com.





Celebrate International Day of Peace and support girl empowerment!

To mark International Day of Peace (September 21) this year, we are encouraging clubs and districts to prioritize projects that improve the health, well-being, education and economic security of girls in their communities and around the world.

Shekhar Mehta is asking clubs to take on an initiative, district grant or global grant that engages members of their community in a project that will protect and empower girls and increase equity by ensuring their access to resources that will improve their lives.

Equality is a fundamental human right, and it's necessary for peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable world. Still, girls and women worldwide face inequities in areas including health and education and experience significant violence and disproportionate poverty.

To learn more, see the Presidential Initiative website, and download Rotary's Empowering Girls brochure and the Rotary Youth Protection guide: [Presidential Initiatives](#) | [My Rotary](#)



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

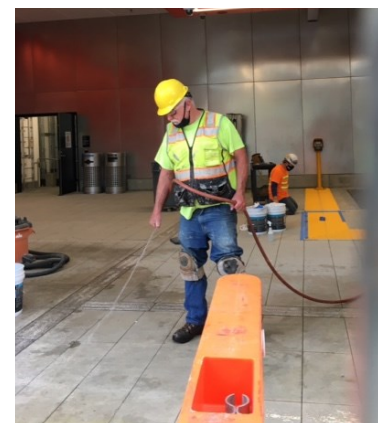
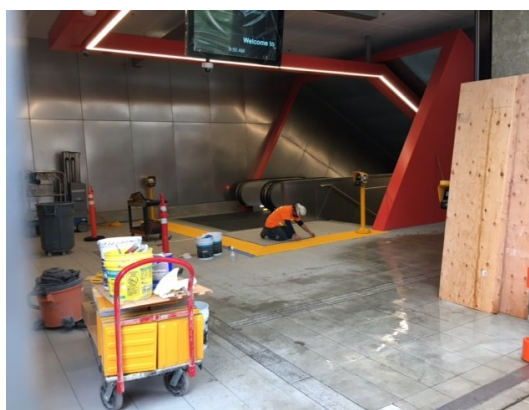
- Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Sep 16** 12:00 noon, virtual Fundraising Committee meeting. Contact: Pres-Elect Jeff Werthan, jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Sep 21** Oct 19, 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Contact: Jeff Werthan, jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Oct 2** 2021 Walk to End Alzheimers. Register at: [2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Seattle | Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)
- Oct 14** 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmt0Tkhdz09>
 Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn
- Oct 30** Deadline for receipt of International Service Committee applications. If you would like a mentor, please submit application by Oct. 15. Application can be found on club Website (click link on page 1 of this bulletin) under Member Information. More info: Sheila Hosner, breadpudding@aol.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>.

The **Peacebuilder Committee** is always looking for **new members** with ideas. Please give some thought to attending the next meeting on Monday, October 14, at noon. Zoom link is above.
 (By Committee Chair Jeff Werthan).



October 2 U District Light Rail Station Opening Update (by Rick Jones)

The October 2 opening of the new U District Light Rail Station is fast approaching. Since the cancellation of the District 5030 conference, several Rotarians have stepped forward to participate in this event. At present, there is no specific plan for how we will participate. With the renewed interest in attending, I have reached out to Katy Ricchiuto, the UDBIA event manager, and offered our services as a support staff to their effort. Originally, three of us planned to attend, smile and hand out promotional UDRC information in the hope of attracting some new membership from the local business community. I will email update any Rotarian who has reached out to express their interest. You can find me at rick.jones@schooleymitchell.com or 206.284.1888.



Photos of finishing touches to the U District Station, by Wolfgang Kluge.

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.

