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University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, September 29, 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?](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 8

Bruce Harrell and Lorena Gonzalez-candidates for Seattle Mayor

Oct 15

Howard Cohen, District Governor

Oct 22

Dr. Quinton Morris: Key to Change

Links

Club Photos

Club Facebook Page

Club Website

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District 5030 Website

Club Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 2:00 pm

Send ads & photos
in .jpg

Send material to:

paulalaschober@gmail.com

Program for October 1

Leela Fernandes, Ph.D.

Governing Water in India: Scarcity and Inequality

Leela Fernandes is the Director of the Henry M. Jackson School at the University of Washington, where she also holds the Stanley D. Golub Endowed Chair.

Her scholarship focuses on questions of inequality and change and she has published on inequality and democratic politics in contemporary India and on contemporary feminism in the U.S and internationally.

Her latest book is *Governing Water in India:*

Inequality, Reform and the State (University of Washington Press, forthcoming in spring 2022). She

is also the author of several books including *India's New Middle Class:*

Democratic Politics in an Era of Economic Reform (University of Minnesota Press);

Transnational Feminism in the United States: Knowledge, Ethics, Power

(NYU Press); *Producing Workers: The Politics of Gender, Class, and Culture in the*

Calcutta Jute Mills (University of Pennsylvania Press); and *Transforming Feminist*

Practice (A. Lute Books). She has published numerous essays and articles on

questions of inequality, identity, democratic politics, and feminist theory and is

the editor of the recent book *Feminists Rethink the Neoliberal State* (NYU Press)

and a new expanded second edition of the *Routledge Handbook on Gender in South Asia* (in press).

She previously taught at the University of Michigan as the Glenda Dickerson Collegiate Professor of Women's Studies and at Rutgers University and Oberlin College. At Michigan she served as the Director of the Center for South Asian Studies and was a senior fellow at the Michigan Society of Fellows.



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](https://medium.com/viets-for-afghans-refugee-families-project)



President Raymond Requests Zoom Meeting Attendees Help Defray Costs

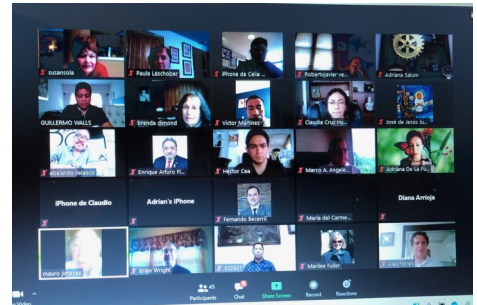
Dear fellow Rotarians,

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



October 2 U District Light Rail Station Opening-Volunteers Invited *(by Rick Jones)*

This coming Saturday 10/02, join several of your favorite UDRC-ers in support of the U District's eagerly awaited Light Rail Station opening! The event runs from 10a.m. to 8p.m. but our presence will be more 10-4ish. Here is the link to the event; <https://udistrictpartnership.org/u-district-station-opening-festival/>

We will be on hand to help with the event on an as-needed basis as determined by the UDP staff on site. There are some slots available for various duties and I have grabbed 2 slots at the welcome tent from 12-6. Please feel free to volunteer for any activity that catches your eye.

And here is the link to the sign-up sheet to volunteer at the event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4dafab22a5fbcf8-udistrict2>

Our purpose in participating is to 'show the Rotary flag' and hope to recruit some new club members. Lisa Edwards has worked hard over the past couple weeks and built an updated and handsome tri-fold handout that describes our club and showcases the past year's projects and grants.

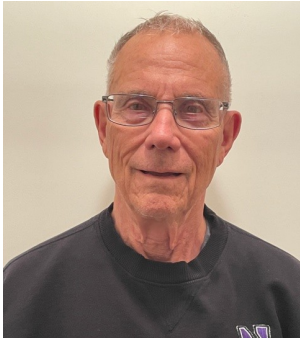
You'll find Rick Jones and Jeff Werthan at the welcome tent located on the plaza at 43rd and University Way starting at 10a.m. We will be wearing the new Emergency-Yellow meshed vests with club information stenciled on the back. There are a dozen of these vests in several sizes; we'll have one for you! **Please call Rick Jones with your questions: 206.284.1888.**



Dress for the weather, comfy shoes and a big ol' smile. It should be a fun day! See you Saturday!



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@wsu.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)

U District Rotary Citation

Our club received a Rotary Citation from Rotary International, for its 2020-21 achievements (at right). The accompanying message reads:

"Congratulations! Your club has earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award a Rotary club can achieve, for 2020-21. During a year that was challenging for many Rotarians around the world, your club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future."

2020-21 ROTARY CITATION



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

University District of Seattle

for helping **Rotary open opportunities** in the lives of people all over the world.

Holger Knaack
Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International



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 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



Carol Anne Weaver, wife of Neale Weaver, has suffered a stroke. The family would appreciate notes

mailed to their home address at 6542 51st Ave. NE, Seattle 98115.

Neale says Carol Anne is still in the UW hospital but it looks like she will be able to go home soon. She will face a few weeks of rehabilitation.



Neale Weaver



So What Happened This Week? (by Jeff Werthan)

Sept. 28, 1995—Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat sign an accord at the White House establishing Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank

Oct. 2, 1950—"Peanuts" by creator Charles Schultz first appears in the newspaper

Oct. 4, 2006—Founder Julian Asante launches WikiLeaks



Birthdays

Sept. 28, 1573 - Michelangelo

Sept. 29, 1907 - Gene Autry - actor and singing cowboy

Oct. 1, 1924 - Former President Jimmy Carter

Oct. 1, 1924 - Former United States Supreme Court Chief Justice - William Rehnquist

Oct. 2, 1869 - Mahatma Gandhi

Oct. 2, 1890 - Comedian Groucho Marx

Oct. 3, 1969 - American singer/songwriter Gwen Stefani



Gandhi

Cultural Event

Mangochi, Malawi, 30 September – 2 October, click on [Lake of Stars](#)

A music festival with a heart, Lake of Stars is as much about helping people and improving the local economy as it is about providing a transformative experience for festival-goers. By increasing tourism to the small country and offering investments of time and money – from donations of ticket sales benefitting flood relief efforts, to attendees volunteering with partner charities like the MicroLoan Foundation – the festival is dedicated to improving the lives of Malawians. For visitors, it offers a lineup of Western and African acts, along with a side programme of poetry readings, workshops, theatre performances and film screenings, plus a beautiful lake setting for water sports and mesmerising sunrises. We call that a win-win-win.



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.



As this issue goes to press, we are still working out the details for this Saturday's speaker. Prior to this Saturday, I will send an email to all Peacebuilder Committee members should speaker information become available. One way or the other, we will have a meeting, as we always seem to have many issues to discuss. 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.

News About the U District (submitted by Rosemary Aragon)

Small business recovery, light rail, a new park and development in the U District: [Returning to the U District: Recovering from the pandemic with more changes ahead | UW News \(washington.edu\)](#)





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 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=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 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=UXBQc1BtMVpwS01kTG93MmZZRnV0dz09>.
- Mar 25 2022.** SAVE THE DATE! Club fundraiser.

DEI - Our DEI Task Force seeks new members who are interested in promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion in all of our club's committees and operations. Help us promote our Minority Owned Business Initiative (MOBI) by inviting owners of businesses in the U District and surrounding area to speak at our Friday Club Meetings and have a profile in the weekly Bulletin. Let us know your thoughts about ways that we can incorporate DEI into everything that our club does. If you interested, please send me an email: jmwdog@gmail.com (Jeff Werthan).

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 \(google.com\)](#).



Marilee Fuller and
Maureen Ewing attended
Sept. 28 opening

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.

Update from Molly Lowney—Rosie's Work Parties This Thursday, September 30

We need 4 general setup volunteers at Rosie's village (1000 NE 45th St.) and 2 carpentry and 2 general setup volunteers at our SODO (5 S. Nevada St.) warehouse. Please RSVP if you are interested:

[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - Rosie's Work Party 9/30 signup sheet](#)
[VolunteerSignup - Online volunteer signup sheets - SODO Work Party signup sheet](#)

Lunch is provided, parking is available on site, and masks are required at all times regardless of vaccination.