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University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, September 8, 2021



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Meeting Location

Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin St.
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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

Sept 17

Carrie Avila-Mooney:
Status of Sound Transit

Sept 24

Roger Goodman: 2021
Legislature Efforts and
Police Reform

Oct 1

Leela Fernandez-UW
Jackson School

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 10

Benjamin Swatez

Community Art in Africa



Benjamin Swatez is an American born international artist who has exhibited in over **80 international art exhibitions on four continents**, in both museums and professional galleries. He has directed creative therapy projects and community murals for over a decade in villages freed from debt bondage slavery, and with survivors of sex slavery, former child soldiers, and orphans from guerilla warfare, in refugee camps, homeless shelters and hospitals.

Mr. Swatez is at the forefront of the expanding field of **peacebuilding and conflict resolution through art**. He first listens to each community and sculpts the activities according to the needs, interests and conflict of each unique location. He engages all participants, regardless of their artistic skill, in art classes and community mural painting, by creating a **safe container** for each individual to feel **empowered**, while placing equal attention on both the process of creation and the quality of the final product that shares positive messaging for years to come.

Teamed up with Azerine De Luca, they have created **community masterpieces across the globe** by unifying multiple voices into one composition, utilizing relevant symbolism to share a message and bring communities together. **Art is a universal language** that builds community and carries the power to transform obstacles from what many call a curse into an opportunity. **Colors bring people together!**

Tech Committee Members Needed!

We are forming a tech committee with a sufficient number of club members to enable us to become educated and proficient to handle hybrid meetings into the indefinite future. We need your involvement! Tech experience is not necessary - believe me! If you are interested, please let Jeff Werthan know asap at: jmwdog@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.

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.

Rotarians with September Birthdays *(provided by Judy Lovelace)*

September 5—Karon Fenton Nealy
 September 5—Bill Herkes
 September 6—Matt Marshall
 September 9—Russ Amick
 September 15—Carl Robinson
 September 23—Ling Chinn
 September 25—Julius Debro
 September 30—Jeff Johnson



Son Michael Pham in *Seattle Times*

See Son Michael's article about the kindness shown his family as Vietnamese refugees and experiences Afghan refugees will face: [The lucky ones: Giving back to America and new arrivals | The Seattle Times](#)

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



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 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.

With Sala in the lead, we started a similar group here in Seattle. Since our first meeting 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.

On Saturday, September 11, we will be hearing from David Bolling, of Congregations for the Homeless. David Bowling currently is the Executive Director of CFH, with over 20 years of experience working in social and family services, including 16 years with CFH. He received a BA in Psychology from the University of Washington and an MA in Counseling and Psychology from The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology. Prior to this role, David served as CFH's Director of Shelter Services for nine years, which included overseeing and supervising agency shelter programs and creating several new programs over the years. David is an alumnus of Leadership Eastside and serves on the board of the Alliance of Eastside Agencies. He has lived and worked in East King County since 2005 and is committed to helping to create a community where everyone can thrive and live into their best potential. He is passionate about giving a voice to those on the margins in our community.

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.

District 5030 Conference Cancelled



Dear District 5030 Rotarians:

I hope this email finds you well. I want to take a moment to share with you the latest update on the 2021 Rotary District 5030 District Conference, scheduled for October 1-3, 2021, in Coeur d'Alene, ID. I am deeply sorry to inform you that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Coeur d'Alene event in October.

Historically, the annual Rotary District 5030 conference has been a magnet for Rotarians to hear from nationally-noted keynote speakers; to learn from experts in their fields; to meet new friends, reconnect with old friends; and to simply have a good time with fellow Rotarians. That is why I am deeply sorry to cancel the October event.

The significant negative impact of COVID on our conference plans cannot be overstated. Over the last ten days, the team that has worked tirelessly for nearly a year in planning the conference evaluated the covid-related news and the concerns expressed by members in our district and keynote speakers. We concluded that cancelling the conference is best for members and the district.

Please join me in thanking our Conference Planning Team, headed by Co-Chairs Dianne Tebelius (Bellevue Rotary) and Trent Mummery (Seattle 4), for their dedicated work to create what would have been an outstanding conference!

In place of the conference, the District will start promptly to plan for events during the remainder of the Rotary year that will bring together Rotarians from around the region, covering multiple areas of focus.

For those who have registered and paid for the conference, you will receive a second email with instructions on refunding your registration fee. Your health and safety is, and always will be, our priority! I wish you all good health!

Best regards—

Howard Cohen, Rotary District 5030, District Governor 2021-2022



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 \(rvfb.org\)](https://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.

Hello Dawg Fans! Rotary Ushers at UW Football Game Sept. 4 *(by Dale Hicklin & Son Michael Pham)*

Ushering is a great way to see the games AND earn money for our club, to fund our community projects. We've been doing it for more than 35 years.



Thanks to Rotarians and friends who ushered at the September 4 game, the first time we've done it since the Apple Cup in November 2019:

Son Michael Pham, Judy Lovelace, Katrina Dohn, Jim Rechten, Dale Hicklin, Marella Alejandrino, and drop-in Julius Debro.

Contact Son Michael Pham ((sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com) or Dale Hicklin (dalebroker@comcast.net) to join ushers or for more info. The next Husky home game will be September 18.





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

Sept. 7, 1940 - The German Luftwaffe began its blitz bombing of the British over London.

Sept. 8, 1974 - One month after resigning the presidency, Richard M. Nixon is granted a full pardon by President Gerald Ford for all offenses committed while in office.

Sept. 9, 1776 - The "United States" came into existence when the Continental Congress changed the name of America from "United Colonies."

Sept. 11, 2001- The worst terrorist attack in American history.

Sept. 12, 1990 - A treaty was signed re-unifying Germany.

Sept. 13, 1814 - After observing from a ship the Battle of Fort Henry during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key was motivated to write the words of what became America's national anthem in 1931.

Birthdays

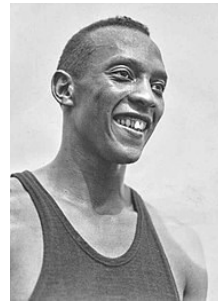
Sept. 7, 1908 - Dr. Michael DeBakey, famous American heart surgeon and one of the first to work with artificial hearts and coronary bypass surgery.

Sept. 7, 1936 - American singer and musician Buddy Holly.

Sept. 8, 1890 - Harland Sanders, know to most as "Colonel Sanders" of Kentucky Fried Chicken fame.

Sept. 10, 1929 - American golfer Arnold Palmer.

Sept. 12, 1913 - American Olympic track and field great, Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.



Jesse Owens

Hispanic Heritage Month



*Gwen Ifill,
journalist*



*Sonia Sotomayor,
Supreme Court Justice*

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month. This month traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latino Americans as we celebrate heritage that is rooted in all Latin American countries. The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum are all working together in paying tribute to the



*Cesar Chavez,
labor leader*

generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society. No matter what interests you, Hispanic Americans have been movers and shakers. Read about Jennifer Lopez, Jovita Idar, Richie Valens, Gwen Ifill, Linda Ronstadt, Ellen Ochoa, Jose Andres, Octaviano Larrazolo, Rita Moreno, Cesar Chavez, Roberto Clemente, Ruben Salazar, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Sylvia Mendez, Sonia Sotomayor, Dolores Huerta, Gabriela Mistral, Juan Felipe Herrera, Jorge Ramos, Julian Castro and others.

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.



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

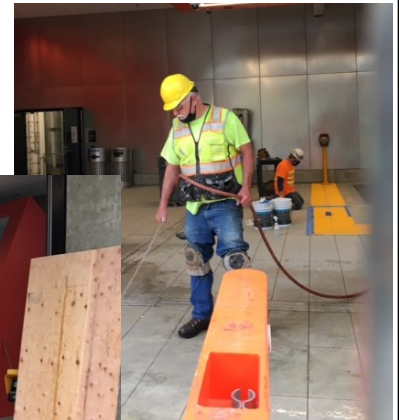
- Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Sep 13** Oct 14, 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmtOTkhDaXhldz09>
 Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn
- 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 13** Rotary District 5030 in-person conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Info/registration: [District 5030 Conference](#)~~
- Oct 2** 2021 Walk to End Alzheimers. Register at: [2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Seattle | Walk to End Alzheimer's](#)
- 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, September 13, at noon (*by Committee Chair Jeff Werthan*). Zoom link is above.

Rotary Volunteers Requested to Support U District Light Rail Event *(by Rick Jones)*

Rick Jones is looking for volunteers from our club to join a new short-term committee which will support the U District light rail opening event during the day on October 2, a Saturday. Per Rick: "We are looking for a handful of folks who will greet business people and spread the idea of Rotary!"

If you are interested and available, please let Rick know via email at rick.jones@schooleymitchell.com. For more information, please see the event page: [U District Station Opening Festival & \\$3 Food Walk | U District Partnership U District Partnership](#)



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.

