

# Rotary



## Club of Vancouver Sunrise

### Club Meeting

Vancouver Sunrise  
Meets at Heathman  
Lodge  
7801 NE Greenwood Dr.  
Vancouver, WA 98662  
Time: Friday at 07:00 AM

### Speakers

**November 20, 2020**  
[Galina Burley, Clark  
County Parks and Lands  
Manager, via Zoom](#)  
From Sochi to  
Vancouver

**November 21, 2020**  
[Rose Garden Clean up -  
9am](#)

**November 27, 2020**  
[No meeting -  
Thanksgiving](#)

### Birthdays

David Eric Gregerson  
December 14th

### Years of Service

Michelle B. Howell  
09-24-1993  
28 Years

Shelly Palmer  
10-01-1997  
24 Years

Connie Leinaala Grenz  
09-09-2011  
10 Years

Larry Bair  
09-04-2020  
1 Year

Merlene S. Converse  
09-04-2020

## Let's keep John's legacy going strong

By Jerry Rhodes on Wednesday, November 18, 2020



We were all very sad last week to hear that Past President John Schaffers had succumbed to ALS. He'd fought mightily and, yes, cheerfully the disease that has plagued his family, already taking his father and two sisters.

We've heard from John's sister, Dorothy Mellon, who is handling the arrangements. If you'd like to reach out to the family on your own, you can reach her at 11523 SE Bateleur Way, Happy Valley, OR 97086.

Dorothy has requested out help at John's memorial service. Because of the virus, not everyone who wants to come can attend. So the family would like our help with videography and Zoom. They aren't sure of the date yet, but it will be in December. I'm sure we can find someone with these skills to help them.

As a group, we will be doing something to memorialize John; as yet we're not sure what. However, we have renamed our Rotarian of the Year award as the John Schaffers Rotarian of the Year, in honor of John and in recognition of the many contributions he made, not only to our Rotary projects, but to other community organizations, such as the ALS Association of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Just a month ago, we sent a letter to the District 5100 governor suggesting that John be considered for the high Rotary honor, the Service Above Self award. This award is given to only 150 Rotarians worldwide, and the nominations must come from District governors. We don't know if his passing will affect this award. Our letter to the district governor is attached.

Finally, the family would like to place a memorial bench at the Rose Garden in John's memory. Clark County Parks has this program on hold for the moment, but will reinstate it when Covid allows.

[Read More](#)

## Our meeting this week: Galina Burley, from Sochi to Clark County Parks

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

We really were looking forward to meeting Galya Burley, Clark County's Parks and Lands Manager, this week at our first meeting back at the Heathman Lodge. But, 2020 being what it is, we'll have to put

1 Year

Matthew Selivanow

09-28-2020

1 Year

## Club Leaders



Jerry Rhodes  
President



Mark J. Doar  
President-Elect



Francois R Wevers  
Secretary



Michelle B. Howell  
Treasurer



Mark A. Carter  
Membership Chair



Katherine H. Morris  
Club Programs Chair



Shelly Palmer  
Immediate Past President



Susanne Holmberg  
Assistant Governor

off that pleasure for some other time.

But Galya will be with us to share a bit of her story and more about Clark County parks and lands.

Here is a sneak peak at her story. She and her family are originally from Sochi, Russia. Since coming to the United States, she's completed college and graduate school, and has held increasingly more responsible positions in local government here in the Metro Area. She's a great asset to our community and we're glad to have her with us.



Your Zoom invitation is on the next page. Remember, the meeting is Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, at 7 a.m.

[Read More](#)

## Rose Garden party this weekend...

Wednesday, November 18, 2020



...on a smaller-than-usual scale. COVID has put the kibosh on our plans to get together Saturday, Nov. 21, and put the Rose Garden to bed for the winter. We're still going to do it, but on a smaller scale, and there won't be a mass expedition to a pizza place afterwards.

We can only have outside gatherings of five or fewer people. So we've been signing up for which hour we'd like to work finishing up the weeding and spreading the mulch. Merlene has been taking RSVPs for hour preferences. If we all sign up, we only have to work for an hour each. (Except for Dave Weedman, who's going to stay the whole time and keep us lesser weed men and women in line.)

If you haven't signed up yet, [send Merlene a note](#).

## By whom the bells toll?

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

They're tolled by me and thee.

Or they will, if me and thee sign up for bell ringing this season. We've signed up for bell ringing for the Salvation Army on December 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Fred Meyers Grand Central store.

Katherine is keeping a list of volunteers. We need two for each hour. So email her at [mkmorris93@yahoo.com](mailto:mkmorris93@yahoo.com).



## Giving Day, 2020

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

You've probably learned that December 1 is Giving Day, which is sort of the altruistic Black Friday. If you'd like to join in the spirit of the day and participate, here are a couple of suggestions.

- Our own Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise Foundation supports scholarships and is the vehicle by which we fund our service projects and club giving. Contributions may be given to Francois or sent to the foundations at P.O. Box 87071, Vancouver, WA 98687.
- The Rotary Foundation is one of the premiere non-profits in the world, is ranked very high among all charitable organizations, and makes possible the projects large and small here in the community and around the world. You can make a one-time donation to the Annual Fund, the Polio Plus fund or one of the other targeted funds Each counts toward your Paul Harris Fellow. It would be even better if you were to sign up for recurring giving, donating automatically every month through a credit card or bank. You can do both by signing in at MyRotary.org.

## UP COMING EVENTS

Nov. 21, 2020 - Sessions 2, District 5100, PrePETS, Virtual Training

Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m., Homecoming Social, our alumni will visit with us (Zoom)

Nov. 20, 7 a.m., Galina Burley, Clark County Parks and Lands Manager, "From Sochi to Vancouver." (Zoom)

Nov. 27, NO MEETING. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 4, 78 a.m., Rotary Member Talks, Gina Baker and Andrew Cline (Zoom)

Dec. 11, 7 a.m., Denise Curie, Giving Closet, 7 a.m. (Zoom)  
[Read More](#)