

VMS ROTARIAN NEWS



A Monthly Update for the Vancouver Metro Sunset Rotary Club

Monday, August 19, 2019

Speakers

August 20th Father Joseph Scheeler "Travelling Day Society"	September 3rd Al Jubitz "The Global Peace System and Rotary's Role in it"	October 1st Cindy Stanley "Behind the Scenes at CRESA"	October 17th Kaitlin Smith "Fish"
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Happy New (Rotary) Year!

We kicked off the 2019-2020 Rotary year in fine form with three exceptional speakers, a 5th Tuesday potluck, and two new members. Our President (Her Majesty) Diana Smith begins the new year with plenty of experience after serving as Acting President for the first 6 months of 2019. After removing a number of long inactive members from the member roles last year, we were left with a small group but highly active and engaged Rotarians to start the new Rotary year. Attendance has been high, owing in part to the exceptional speakers and guests. With the addition of our two new members, Diane Toland and Lynn Figone, we are well on our way to achieving our membership goals for 2019-2020 Rotary year.

Volunteer of the Month

Thursday, August 1, 2019



Burt Paynter is our Volunteer of the Month for July. In July Burt was invaluable for his help with Lyle's Myles marking and measuring the route, directing runners and walkers during the race, setting up, and cleaning up afterwards. He is also highly involved with the American Volkssport Association planning and conducting non-competitive community fitness walks for people of all ages.

Speakers Recap

Our first three speakers this Rotary year talked to us about international relations, peace and conflict resolution, efforts to restore constructive and civil dialogue among people of different backgrounds and beliefs, and about the work of a regional US Senator's office.

Fellow Rotarian and author Dan Sockle offered his insights on the ongoing conflict between the West and Radical Islam (Islamism) and his perspective on what the West must do to prevent and resolve such conflicts by bringing focus to shared values and common interests and developing greater widespread awareness of world religions and cultures among the Western society at large. Dan is involved with [Better Angels](#), an organization bringing Americans of divergent political perspectives together to understand each other beyond stereotypes, form community alliances, relate to one another as citizens. Through workshops, debates, and campus engagement activities

Club Spotlight



Thanks are due to club Treasurer Amelia Shelley. Amelia worked hard over the past few months to ensure our membership list is accurate, that we aren't paying for members that are no longer with us, and that we have an active, growing membership base.

Events

August 20th Club Meeting
August 27th Club Assembly
September 3rd Club Meeting
September 3rd Board Meeting
September 10th Service Project
September 17th Club Meeting
October 1st Club Meeting
October 1st Board Meeting
October 17th Club Meeting

Club Meeting

Vancouver Metro Sunset
Niche Bar/Angst Gallery
Tuesday at 04:30 PM

Better Angels works to reduce the toxicity dividing our civic culture.

Former VMS Rotarian Dena Horton provided us an inside view of what it's like to work for a US Senator and what Senator Maria Cantwell's Vancouver regional office does.

Most recently, Jackie Spurlock shared with us her experiences from her time living in and visiting Iran and explained what her organization, [CODEPINK](#), does to improve US-Iranian relations. CODEPINK is a women-led grassroots organization working to end U.S. militarism, supporting peace and human rights initiatives, and redirect tax dollars to areas like healthcare and education.

Welcome, New Members!



Our club welcomes new members, Diane Toland and Lynn Figone! Diane's joyful personality and infectious passion have quickly made her a lively and valuable contributor of new ideas and Rotary spirit. Lynn is a Registered Nurse and avid runner. Lynn both volunteered at and ran in the 26th Annual Lyle's Myles Charity Run/Walk this year. Congratulations and thanks are due to Membership Chair Lydia Frenzel for helping us recruit these two talented and energetic new members!

Our Vision

We engage and are active in our community, inspire future leaders, leverage the power of Rotary and enrich the lives of ourselves and others through fellowship, service and fun

Club Leaders



Diana S. Smith
President



Terry J. Toland
President-Elect



Christian F.W. Schmidt
Secretary



Amelia Shelley
Treasurer



Lydia Melcher Frenzel
Membership Chair



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