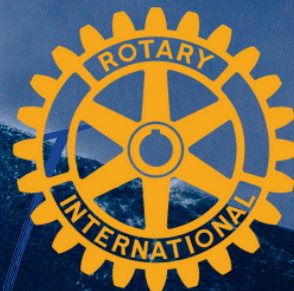


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Edmonds Rotary

July 1, 2023

A message from your new President

I am very excited to finally begin my Presidency. We have accomplished so much in the last two years and are really hitting our stride with membership, fellowship and service.

I'm so proud of this club! I'm really looking forward to a wildly successful Oktoberfest that will help fund and grow our impact in the community."



Brian Albright

President Elect Brian gives a very informative overview of the SHIBA program (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors).

June 6, 2023



Brian volunteers every Friday at EWC to help seniors navigate their Social Security and Medicare options.

Julie Hunt with membership chair
Adrienne and Mentor Maggie P.

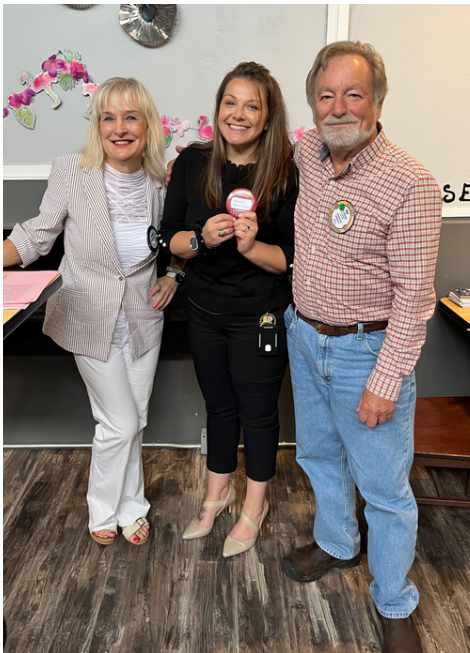
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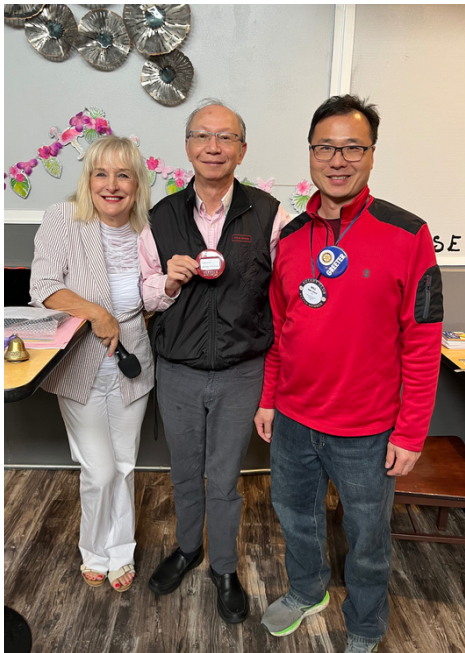
Congratulations to our newest Red Badge Members, as
well as our newest Blue Badge, Sandy Loveland



Natalie De Leon



Ashley Davis with
sponsor Pat Shields



Robert Ha with sponsor
Will Chen

Another great vocational "field trip".

June 7, 2023

The club enjoyed a
visit to FireStation
#21



Shannon Sessions showed off the
capabilities of the "Support 7"
vehicle





Another Arts Festival Grotto in the books.

Hard working Rotarians braved the cold and rain again to keep festival goers well hydrated



Thanks to all who volunteered - could not do it without you!

Mika's Playground Ribbon Cutting

June 23, 2023



Club members came gathered to celebrate this proud moment.

Debbie Danekas, Joan Longstaff, Brian Albright, Alison Pence, Robert Ha, Maggie Kase, Kathy Prewitt. Amie Armstrong, Will Chen, Karen Barnes and Eng Braun



**Mayor Mike Nelson
and others prepare
to cut the ribbon**

**Inspirational
speeches were
on the menu that
morning.**



David Kaufer and Alison Pence were instrumental in making the playground a reality.



Mika's Family

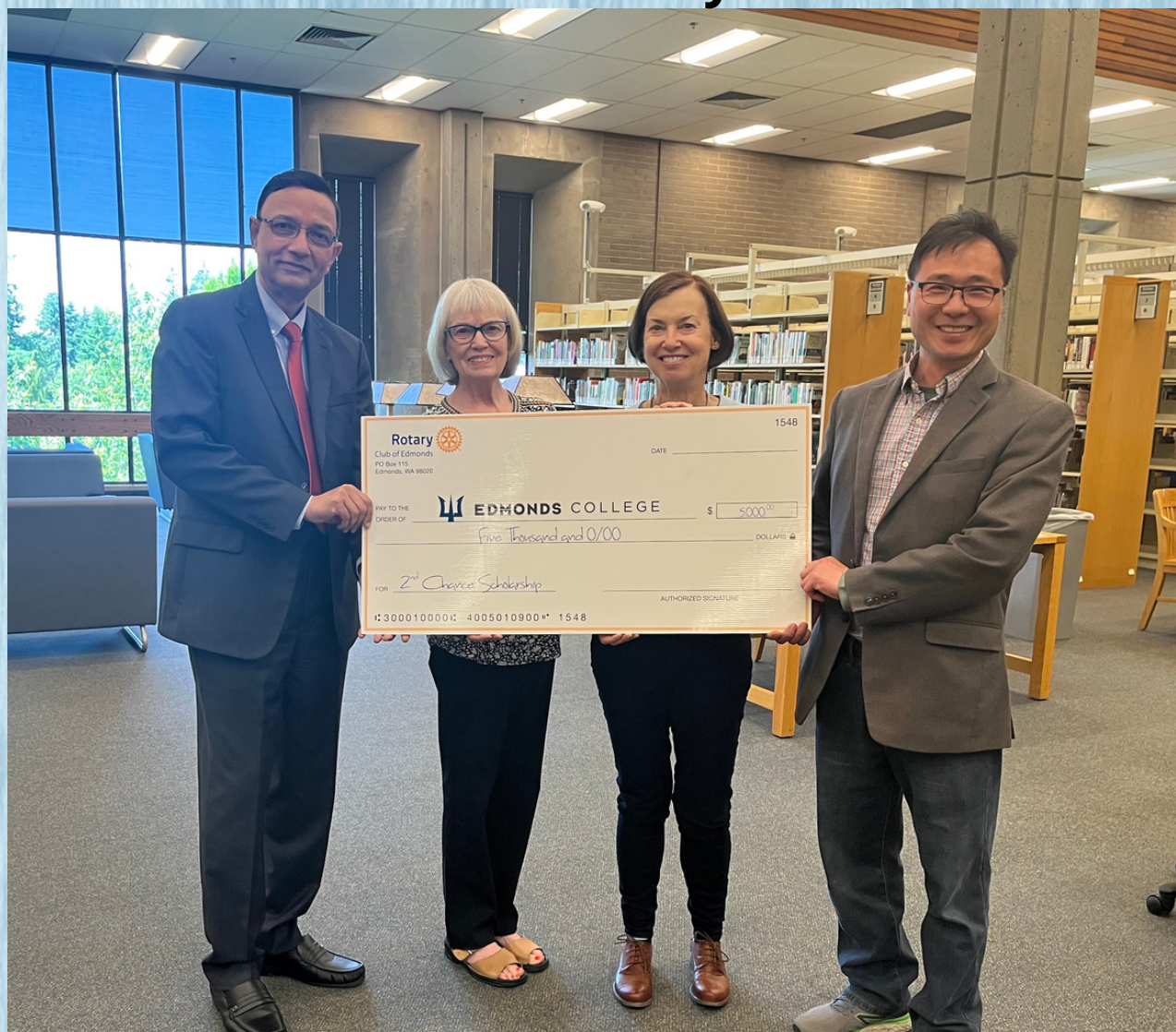


After 4 long years, Mika's Playground at Edmonds Civic Park has finally opened. The Rotary Club of Edmonds raised over \$250,000 for this all inclusive playground. This playground goes beyond ADA standards. Children of all abilities can come to the park and play together!

The playground is named for Mika Zimbalist, a boy who had Cerebral Palsy. He died just before his 11th birthday. Mika loved parks but his condition prevented him from playing in most parks.

Mika would have loved this park. It is totally accessible and there are no wood chips that would have prevented his wheelchair from getting around.

Second Chance scholarship receives a generous donation from Joanne Peterson, sister of Warren Bradbury



This scholarship recognizes the courage and fortitude demonstrated by those individuals who have lost everything but continue to strive toward a better life. In offering this award, the Edmonds Rotary Club wish to provide encouragement and a “second chance” to students with histories of incarceration or homelessness. The scholarship is intended to help provide an opportunity for these students to experience the transformative benefits of higher education. The donors hope that on receiving the award, students will in turn be inspired to pay it forward and help others to achieve their aspirations as well.

This scholarship is for students enrolled at Edmonds College and can be used for educational expenses (tuition, fees, books and supplies) and life expenses (housing, food, transportation).



Rotary members enjoy attending the first mayoral debate at Edmonds Waterfront Center

June 22, 2023

VOTE

Civic engagement is a vital part of every community!!



Kathy Prewitt, Maggie Peterson and Suzanne James. Also in attendance, but not pictured: Karen Barnes, Will Chen and Carol Kinney (and candidate Diane Buckshnis)

**Changing of the
Guard Party
June 24, 2023
Everett**

**Only two things
can ease the
pain of saying
goodbye to a
great
President....**



**...welcoming a great
NEW President and a
splash of humor,
supplied here by
Kathy Prewitt and
her hilarious
rendition of "Let's
call the whole thing
off"."**



Club members enjoyed a picture perfect sunny afternoon in the garden oasis of Debbie's friend, Dennis Jordan



Wine sponsored by Jeff Boyer, a long time supporter of the club.



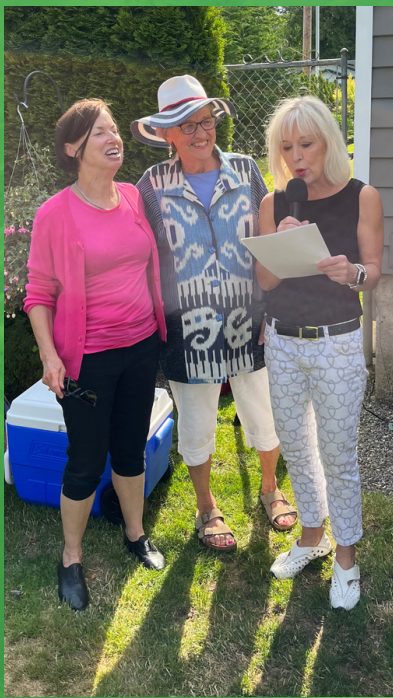
Very soon to be President Brian receives a reflective vest so he is safe while picking up trash around town in on his early morning walks. What an amazing guy!!



As has become a beloved tradition, Alison serenades Debbie with a beautiful song.

Debbie enjoys her gift from the Club, and gets the basket from Kathy that she won at the club assembly auction.

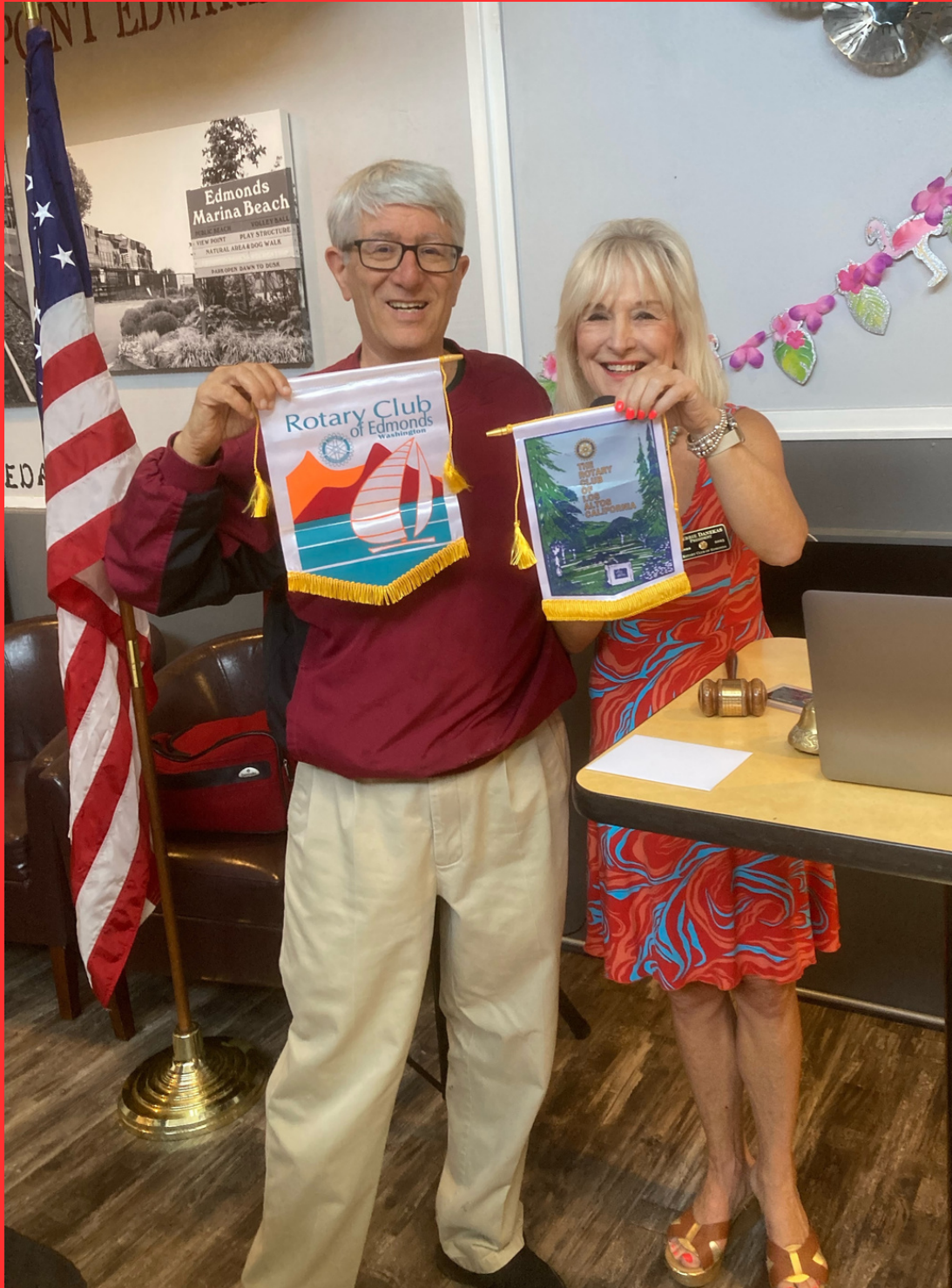




Debbie thanks her board for all their hard work and support



Something we don't get to see very often...Debbie exchanges flags with club member Phil Shemanski, who is a member of the Los Alto California club, as well as a guest member of our club.





**Pat Thorpe and
Heather Krause go
to the North Pole!!**



We flew from Oslo 3 hours north to Longyearben, where we boarded a Hurty Gruten expedition ship and headed further north from there. We visited Ne-Alesunde, the northernmost permanent settlement in the world, in our 7 day voyage around the islands in the area, and past the 80th parallel. Every day we did hikes/walk abouts, except for a day and a half when we encountered rough seas and too much hard ice to safely go ashore. We saw whales, seals, many reindeer, walruses, even a polar bear - wa-a-y far off on the snow and ice. That, along with seeing the polar ice cap was really an unforgettable experience.



Lynnwood Event Center

June 26, 2023



Club members Kathy, Brenda, Sandy, Maggie K., Pat, Maggie P., Brian and Debbie had a great time at District 5030 end of year party



We won the "Most New Members" Trophy!!



A fitting "Finale" for President Debbie

P.s. Keep observers will note that I changed this months WAVE to TSUNAMI (thanks Amie for that idea) - as I knew it would be very long. We had a busy and wonderful month.