

Editor's note:



Thanks to all of you who sent photos and a bit of context to me this month. Two things that came to mind as I was organizing and composing this month's Wave...we sure are a fun club and I have missed being away.

Enjoy your look back at May 2023

May Speakers:

May 2nd, 2023

Alison Pence Executive Director - The MSHH Donor Closet Donor Closet is a unique organization run entirely by volunteers. Three locations accept used medical equipment, refurbish it and make it available to others at a greatly reduced price.





May 16th, 2023

Shannon Sessions Executive Director - Support

and Member of Lynnwood City Council

The Support 7 team responds 24/7 alongside local police and fire first responders devoting hundreds of hours to assisting them to care more effectively for a victim's physical, emotional, and spiritual needs at times of significant incidents of trauma.

David Stern Memorial Officer of the year award



Edmonds Police Cpl. Aaron Greenmun reacts as he listens to the reasons why he was named Edmonds' 2022 Police Officer of the Year. His name will be added to the plaque of award winners, shown at left.



Amie, Doug and Debbie proudly represent our club.

Officer Katie Ballard listens as her commendation is read.

For the sixteenth year, our Rotary Club presented the David A. Stern memorial award to the Edmonds Police Officer of the Year. The award is named for former Chief of Police Dave Stern whose upcoming stint as president of the club in 2007 was halted when, as he drove home from a Tuesday meeting, he suffered a brain aneurysm and died.

This year's award winner is Corporal Aaron Greenmun, who is responsible for most of the training given to the members of the department as well as leads the Peer Support Team, which was very busy this past year due to both Covid issues and loss of local officers in the line of duty and otherwise.



L-R: Officer Tanner Locke, Cpl. Dan Ceban, Officer Breanna Trimble and Sgt. Jason Robinson are recognized.

PAWS Annual Work Party

May 6, 2023



Rotarians always work so hard at PAWS. Another great job.







New Member WelcomeParty

Braun Residence





May 11, 2023

The Welcome Party was May 11th at Eng and Bill Braun's home. Delightful evening filled with lots of laughter, socializing and fun. All the new members who joined starting July 1st were invited and their mentors. Great opportunity for them to ask questions and all get to know each other better. It was nice Brian, our President Elect and Adrienne Miller, our membership chair were in attendance plus many spouses!

Eng and Bill are the bests host and hostess! Amazing appetizers and beautiful setting.



This year's retreat was a one day local meeting at Edmonds Waterfront Center. We filled every seat in the room and had a robust discussion on the direction of the club and ways we might make it even more impactful for our community and members. It was clearly evident that we are a strong and healthy club with a bright future. Thanks to all those that participated.

Club Retreat- May 13 Edmonds Waterfront Center







And then a nice dinner at Arnies afterwards.



Libby and Pat hosted their annual Wine Tasting fundraiser on May 20.

Always one of the best parties of the year.

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Chris Allen was again sommalier extraordinaire - focusing on Washington wines this year. His wife Lisa joined the team. Cherie Allen (Libby's daughter), hit it out of the park again this year.









A picture perfect day, enjoyed by all





Great Food!





Great friends!



One of our clubs favorite days awarding scholarships to deserving students.





The Rotary Club of Edmonds is proud to announce that 13 local students have been awarded Rotary scholarships for their academic excellence and community service. The Rotary scholarships help support students who demonstrate leadership potential and commitment to make positive change in the world.





Including the (8) scholarship winners for this year, the total amount awarded since 1976, when Warren Bradbury started keeping records, now totals \$342,705 which has benefited 334 local high school graduates.

The top scorer this year was Amna Janoo, who is Pakistani-American, a first-in-family female to go into higher education. She was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship and intends to go to USC at the Marshall School for Business.

And we have a winner!



Rob Linder draws the winning Queen of Spades.

Congratulations Rob.





Social at Brigid's Bottle Shop May 26, 2023

Club members enjoyed getting to know a couple of potential members - here we grow again.

Proud Member Moment



Shelly Betz receives her Blue Badge.

Shelly graduated with a BA in Social Science and has worked in the employee benefits consulting industry for over 20 years. She recently changed careers and now leads a team of 8 account managers for a West Coast based Occupational Health company focusing on employee safety for large oil, energy and construction companies. While working remotely, she started my own business with Mary Kay skin care and cosmetics as she is passionate about looking her best and helping other women age with the best products.

Congratulations Shelly!