

The WAVE



Rotary Club of Edmonds

May 2026



Happy May 1st to Rotary Club of Edmonds, members and guests. We have arrived at Springtime and it is great! Maggie and the Membership committee continue to expand our Club with new members, and Suzanne and the Service committee have worked hard to find and fulfill Community projects.

And our partnership with Kaman Car Auctions, which has brought in almost \$20,000, for the Food Bank, continues to thrive!

Our new initiative, increasing food security, is up and running and members Dana, Brad, Casey, Khara and I will be continuing to expand this effort and welcome new volunteers. It is called: Food for Today – Hope for Tomorrow and launches June 5. It is a partnership between Edmonds Rotary and Edmonds Food Bank. Rotarians—sign up to be a driver and rally friends, neighbors, and colleagues outside Rotary to shop quarterly. Together, we expand our reach. Email info@edmondsrotary.com to get started.

Thanks for bringing joy and enthusiasm to the Club this month and let's have a lot of fun in May! Pat

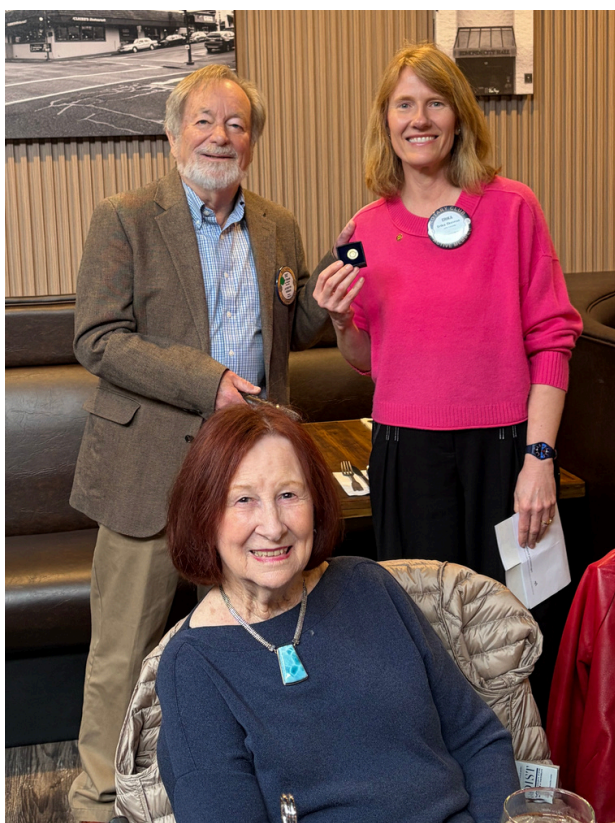
We Our members



Welcome Carol Whisenant!



Welcome Janice Warren!



Erika Skovran is awarded her Paul Harris Fellow pin



Doesn't Pat do the cutest photo bombs?

Adrienne shares the honor flag presented at the conference. Way to go club!



April **SPEAKERS**



April 21, 2026
Koni Nisperos shared his
work in Nepal



April 7, 2026
The Rick Steves Service Above Self
Awards



Maggie stands with the poster produced on behalf of the club for the Edmonds Serves Initiative. This is a country wide volunteer showcase initiative that former Congressman Brian Baird and David Owens founded. Edmonds is the first city to roll out the plan. Maggie describes the experience as “buiding the airplane while it’s in flight”.



District Conference - Walla Walla

April 16 -19, 2026

“Ignite your Rotary Spirit”



I loved the times we were all together hearing the keynote speakers. My key takeaways from these sessions were that Rotarians can create a large amount of change in a short amount of time, that motivation fades, transformation lasts, and that an engaged Rotarian will contribute 400% more than those not engaged.

Adrienne Miller

As a fairly new Rotarian attending my first district conference, I could not help but feel the overall kindness and openness of the total group. Commitment to improving the lives of others seemed to permeate the meeting. The lectures were interesting, and the keynote speakers were superb. I left feeling grateful to have had the opportunity of seeing the larger picture of Rotary in Washington State and how that is compounded internationally. I made some new friends and cemented relationships with members of our club while enjoying some Walla Walla signature wine and great conversation.

Dana Fox



What a perfect weekend with amazing speakers (as Libby noted), beautiful weather, and Rotarian friends who turned into people I can now call good friends. It was a special weekend of thoughtfulness. I feel ignited to go make the world a better place. - Amy Timmes



Hands down the best part of the weekend was getting to know my fellow Rotarians. As an example, I have seen Dana at meetings several times but we had never had the opportunity to get to know each other. At the conference we had a great time and realized we had a lot in common. A true friendship was made. Shelly Rogers

Everybody was in such a good mood and happy to see each other. So endearing to see old friends face to face and make new friends too! Attending the District Conference super charges my Rotary experience!!! - Virginia McKenzie



The event was so much fun and the Marcus Whitman Hotel was a charming venue. The keynote speakers were outstanding, especially Oklahoma bombing survivor Amy Downs' program Hope is a Verb. I plan to go again next year. - Lynn Jones



Thinking outside the box

The theme was Ignite Your Rotary Spirit and the speakers followed that theme with Embrace Humility, Life by Intention, and Hope is a verb. I marked one photo with think outside the box. Great speakers. Good wine. Great people. Fun. - Libby Freese



I've been to many District Conferences over the years. There are 3 main reasons why I go:

- 1 - opportunity to get to know club members better
- 2- see old friends in other clubs
- 3 - be inspired not just by speakers, but by hearing about all the good Rotary is doing throughout our District and beyond.

Mission accomplished! And maybe some good wine tasting... - Pat Thorpe

Student of the Month



March

Eleanor Love you ❤️ - Plans to pursue a career in medical or surgical oncology. She is a majoring in biology or chemistry

(her last name is not love you - autocorrect absolutely would not let me put her proper name here - it is L Y)



April

Claire Yim - Is interested in pursuing international law or political science with a double major in psychology

Volunteer Fair - April 11, 2026

Edmonds Waterfront Center



Rob dropped by to lend support

The Membership Team knocked it out of the park this year at the Volunteer Fair. We had 18 entries for our drawing, and dozens of people stopped by to talk to us. We find that we mostly have to correct people's misconceptions about Rotary.

Rotary Club of Edmonds Service in Action: Tiny Home Build with Sound Foundations NW

Last Saturday, April 25th, members of the Rotary Club of Edmonds rolled up their sleeves for a meaningful community service project at Sound Foundations NW in Seattle, helping construct tiny homes designed to provide shelter and stability for neighbors experiencing homelessness. Rotarians worked side by side with others on tasks such as painting and caulking, framing, assembly and material handling, either for the first time, or as repeat volunteers, throughout the morning. The project highlighted the power of teamwork and the Rotary motto of Service Above Self in action.



Casey Davis



Alliison Jack-Hannon

These tiny homes, each 95 square feet, offer more than a roof-- they create safety, dignity, and a stepping stone toward permanent housing. Members appreciated the opportunity to partner with an organization making a difference in our region. A big thank you to everyone who participated and represented the spirit of Rotary Club of Edmonds so well, as well as special appreciation to Sound Foundations NW for their ongoing, leadership, organization and commitment to compassionate solutions. Together we can continue to build stronger communities, one project, and one home, at a time.

Allison Jack-Hannon

Tom Hanson



Margo Hanson



My wife, Margot and I have attended three Tiny Home Build sessions at The Hope Factory (Sound Foundations Northwest) with Rotary members and other volunteers. We've caulked, cut building materials and constructed building components. These simple activities go toward providing someone with a place to live in a Tiny Home Village while in transition to bigger and better things. We'll be back for more! - Tom Hanson

Edmonds College - Inspire Gala

April 25, 2026



A group of intrepid Rotarians donned their finest duds to attend the Edmonds College Gala. We were on hand to hear from Ryan Henry - the Second Chance Scholarship winner



Shelly did us proud in the “dessert Dash”
Yum.



Will Chen, scholarship founder, and Ryan Henry



For Will Chen, establishing this scholarship was personal. He grew up during one of the most difficult times in main land China during the Cultural Revolution era in the 70s, He experienced homelessness from age of 8 to 10, so he knows firsthand how difficult it is to be in the state of homelessness, no matter what reason lead to that situation.

He made in to the US (on his own) and was seeking a “second chance”. He worked his way forward through long hours and multiple jobs to get an education and get established. That experience shaped how he sees the world. It taught him the value of hard work, but also the importance of opportunity and 2nd chances.

He brought his story, and his idea to provide a second chance to someone else, and asked for Rotary to help him get this scholarship funded, and so many Rotarians stepped up.

Ciela Valle-Olguin came to the club in March to thank the Rotarians in the club who donated to the Scholarship.

April Club Social - The Fox and Bottle

April 29, 2026



Good Wine
Good Friends
Good Conversation





Club Meetings:

May 5, 2026: Leonard Jackson / Leilani Miller-
Millennia Ministries

May 19, 2026 - TBA



May 2, 2026
Annual wine tasting fundraiser
See Libby to sign up



Arts Festival Grotto
June 19-21, 2026

Oktoberfest
September 11-12, 2026



Next Board of Directors Meeting:
Edmonds Public Library

May 4, 2026

5:00 - 6:30

All members are welcome to attend