

the wave



The Silver Strings started off a wonderful Holiday season just before Thanksgiving with a great musical program. Left to right, are Ginny Burger, Nona Martin, and Carol Kinney.



Eng Braun is a newer member, but she was a Rotarian at her previous home in the midwest. She has become involved at warp speed in our club, willing to help out so many times when help is needed. For that President Maggie awarded her Rotarian of the Month. In addition, she recently received a blue sapphire for her Paul Harris pin. That means she has donated much more than the initial \$1,000 required to become a Paul Harris Fellow.



A Note From President Maggie

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and were surrounded by those you love. We have much to be thankful for this year; we can meet in person with family and friends more safely thanks to vaccines. Though life is far from normal, and this terrible pandemic is far from over, we've been taught an important lesson - take nothing for granted.

I love seeing Rotarians embrace the Holiday spirit. The Service Committee, in conjunction with the Edmonds Police Department, has done a great job collecting food for those in need. We were able to gather in front of the Christmas Tree yesterday for a photo op, reminding us that community collaboration can be so rewarding. Speaking of celebrating, I'm looking forward to sharing some cheer with all of you at the annual Holiday Party on December 20th. As you know, we weren't able to come together last year and so many of us missed that warm fellowship with our Rotary family.

President-Elect Debbie Danekas has announced her 2022/23 board nominees and it looks to be a great group of hard-working and collaborative members. I for one am looking forward to another great year and am thankful to those who stepped up to lead our club.

I'll close this letter by letting you know how thankful I am that you entrusted me to lead you through this difficult year. No doubt we face challenges ahead, but I'm so thankful for how we've all come together for the common good and maintained the character of our wonderful club.

Maggie



President Maggie responded to some recent comments on FaceBook about coyote sightings in the Edmonds area. She shared these photos of her pups in their "ready for anything" gear. Pretty sure nobody wants a piece of this!



December 26 - January 1

Fireside is coming!

January 12

7:00 - 9:00pm

Dessert & coffee/wine

at the home of Adrienne Miller

*Please join us for some fellowship and conversation about Rotary. **New members especially encouraged.** Firesides are a great opportunity to ask questions about Rotary.*



Programs

State Representative Marko Liias visited with us for the first time ever. He talked about the results of this year's legislative session, especially regarding his own areas of priority. He answered questions, and elaborated on one of the more confusing pieces of legislation, requiring long-term care insurance versus a payroll tax, especially how and why the state is looking at this area. He indicated that more needs to be done on it to clarify, which most likely means a delay before actual implementation of the law.

Ron Clyborn was a driving force behind the creation of Veterans Plaza in Edmonds. He shared with us how it came about, and thanked our club and individual members who have supported it financially.

Rosemary Barker Aragon was the first female District Governor for 5030 (2002 - 2003). She has worked tirelessly many projects in the District, but has been especially dedicated to helping on international projects over the years. No one understands the Rotary Foundation better. November was Foundation Month, so we asked Rosemary to give us some good insight into the many projects our donations support, including our own club project currently in process in The Gambia. The photos here are of one of her trips to Ethiopia to help with polio immunizations, and a picture from my scrapbook of Rosemary and I on the same trip, in 2003. For anyone interested in a rewarding experience you'll never forget, think about a humanitarian trip with a group of Rotarians.

One of the highlights this month was a performance by the **Silver Strings**. Pictured here in their promo are **Ginny Burger** (celtic harp), **Nona Martin** (violin), and our own **Carol Kinney** (cello). We'd like to see Carol carry that cello on her bike!



It's Hockey Time!

by David Kaufer

Like others in the club I grew up in Calif so didn't get an opportunity to play hockey or ice skate too much but there was a shopping mall about 10 miles away from my Walnut Creek hometown that had a rink where I learned to skate and wanted to play hockey. The practices were too early and my mom had too many other commitments with 3 other kids so I never got to try it and thought I'd never play until I was invited to play in an end of the season game between parents and kids when Ty was playing junior hockey. Next to becoming a parent, learning to play hockey and becoming part of this community has been the best thing that's happened to me the past 20 years!

One of my favorite things about hockey is that, like football, it's the ultimate team sport. It really requires teamwork and collaboration to score goals (and prevent them). And this shows with the scoring stats that are kept in hockey. In baseball a run is scored by one player - while another may be given credit for driving them in (which is an RBI). In football only one player can score a touchdown - a player may be given credit for throwing it to the player who scores. But in hockey players are given one point on their stat sheet if they score a goal OR are given an assist on it. And there can be 1, 2 or sometimes even 3 assists credited to a goal - it's up to the referees and scorekeepers to decide. But any pass that leads up to the goal is considered an assist - passing/teamwork is that important.

The hockey community is unique, warm and friendly. I've been amazed and grateful for the amount of support and coaching provided to me by other players of all abilities. I believe there is a code among all abilities that simply respects anyone else who is willing to try to skate on thin blades of metal carrying a stick while trying to hit a frozen piece of rubber into a small net.

Let me know if you have any hockey/Kraken questions! Once you understand the basics it's actually pretty easy to follow."

Our football teams suffered the same result this weekend! Ugh!

Editor's Note: David is a Past-President of our club. He is currently sharing his passion for hockey in a series of articles for My Edmonds News. You can follow him there, or email questions to him directly...pt

Added Note: We welcome (short) articles from any member who wants to share with us a hobby, a trip, or any other experience or enlightenment. Political or religious offerings excepted...pt



Student of the Month



In spite of the Covid protocols we are still able to maintain our Student of the Month program at Meadowdale High School. **Ashley Both**, left, received the award in October, and **Lydia Mekonnen** in November. We must give kudos to **Lora Schwartzenberger** at Meadowdale, and **Richard Okimoto**, Youth Services Chair for being so well organized with this program.

Edmonds Rotary Christmas Party

Monday, December 20 6:00pm

Edmonds Waterfront Center

\$50/ person

(Vaccination required. Photocopy accepted.

Washington state regulations currently require face masks inside the EWC)



From the Editor

Here's a big **THANK YOU** to those of you who keep Christmas in your hearts all year round to support the things we do in Rotary, to keep our giving programs alive, to be there when volunteers are needed. It has been a difficult time and the future will be very different from the past to be sure, but good to know Rotary is still there to help. And now, a few good quotes to carry you through the holidays. Feel free to use if needed...

"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." **Charles M. Schultz**

"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should worry about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."

Unknown

"We elves try to stick to the 4 main food groups: candy, candy canes, and corns, and syrup." **Elf**

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year." **Charles Dickens**

"One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore. "Another Christmas has come and gone and I didn't get a single pair. People insist on giving me books." **J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**

"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" **Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" **Bob Hope**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Pat Thorpe, Editor
c'est finis

