

Engaging business and community members to support youth and those in need



# The Issaquah Squaker January 2022

Check weekly meeting e-mails for further updates

# January Meetings - updates in red

Jan 4th 5:30 p.m. - on ZOOM Share your holiday adventures Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM **Board Meetings** 

Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Noon at Depot Museum – tentative site Christine Bruning, Downtown Issaguah Assoc.

Jan 18th 5:30 p.m. at Big Block Brewery Beau Pulliam's Classification Talk

Jan 25th Noon at School District 5150 Bldg. Student of the Month Awards

# **February Meetings**

Feb 1st 5:30 p.m. at Big Block Brewery Matt Brinton's Classification Talk Sara Miller, Windemere Real Estate

> Feb 7th 5:30 p.m. on ZOOM **Board Meetings**

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Noon at Depot Museum Jennifer Adut, Friends of Lake Sammamish Park

Feb 15th Noon at School District 5150 Bldg. Student of the Month Awards

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 p.m. at Big Block Brewery Brenda Morris' Classification Talk

# New Memberl



**Andrew Face** Classification: Municipal Finance



Birthdays - entered in DACdb (2<sup>nd</sup> week) Cassie Howder

### **Membership Anniversaries**

Debbie Moore 11 years Bill Ramos 8 years Russ Oberg 6 years Elizabeth Urbasich 3 years

## December Member Appreciations



- Chris—who's now District-approved to work in Rotary Youth Programs (Cassie has earned this too).
- **Lesley**—for hosting a members' holiday party.
- Matt G.—for organizing Students of the Month.
- Matt B.—for emceeing SOTM meetings.
- All members who contributed to the Food Drive and Scott for delivering the items to the Food Bank.
- Food Bank Grocery volunteers for December: Charlie & spouse Linda, Lesley, Ann, Brenda, Debbie, Janine, Scott, and Gordon.

# **Our Club's Community Needs and Youth Support** July - December 2021 Recap

- Members contributed \$400, 75 Food Bags and 200 volunteer hours to the Food Bank Grocery.
- Members funded 60 Holiday Gift Barn gift cards for Food Bank families.
- Held two mini-service events to assemble gift bags for kids of Food Bank Grocery shoppers.
- Helped furnish an apartment for a Food Bank client, including furniture, bedding, and cookware.
- Cleaned up parking lot beds & replaced heat-damaged plants at the city's Post Office.
- Launched the formation of an Interact Club to provide service opportunities to teens.
- Designed and staffed a free Escape Room activity at our city's annual Salmon Days festival.
- Obtained a \$4,500 District Grant and pledged \$5,000 of Club funds to support The Teen Garage's new case management program.
- Disbursed \$14,000 for seven college scholarships awarded in prior years.

Service Above Self, in action...thank you everyone!

-- Janine & Gordon

## **December Activities**



Scott and Gordon induct our 6<sup>th</sup> new member this year, Andrew Face. He used some Beatles lyrics on what re-connecting with a Rotary Club meant to him:

Get back, get back
Get back to where you once belonged.
Get back, get back
Get back to where you once belonged.
Get back Andrew.



Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Pub Night



KayLee Jaech from The Teen Garage updated us on challenges teens continue to confront and the Garage's role in providing social contacts, counseling, food assistance (via the Food Bank) and connections to community support resources.

Our District Grant received final approval and will fund office furnishings and storage renovations that accommodate a full-time case manager. That person will work with families and schools and community agencies, coordinating local resources to prevent / address factors causing teens hardship and distress.



# Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Food Drive

Scott's car packed with our Club's 30 Food Project Bags.

Donations from December's food drive totaled 580 bags, weighing 4 ½ tons!



Dec 14th



The Cougs once again bring joy to alum Steve, who gets the Happy Bucks segment started.





English & Social Studies was December's category and strong public-speaking skills were shown before members and proud parents.