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The Gateway

December 13, 2024 Edition



From the desk of President Blaine

Oh good heavens, the time for really stepping up to support our community has arrived!

Thank you to all of you that went with Richard and did the power shopping for our Thanksgiving giving! And also for all

of you who delivered those gifts!

Not to mention all of you who helped at Walk and Knock. This has been a tradition for many years and I hope we will be there for many more. Thank you Tom and others for keeping this a tradition.

We will soon be shopping for our Christmas Families, and I am excited we can provide for those that so need our help!

Our community has so much to offer to so many. I hope you all went and appreciated the lighted Christmas Parade in Washougal: it was so wonderful to see so many people just enjoying the spirit of Christmas and the tree lighting in downtown Camas. I also hoped you went to see the parade of Christmas boats at the Port on Saturday, again, so many people sharing the Christmas Spirit in a way meaningful to them and us.

I look forward to sharing the Christmas Spirit with you soon!

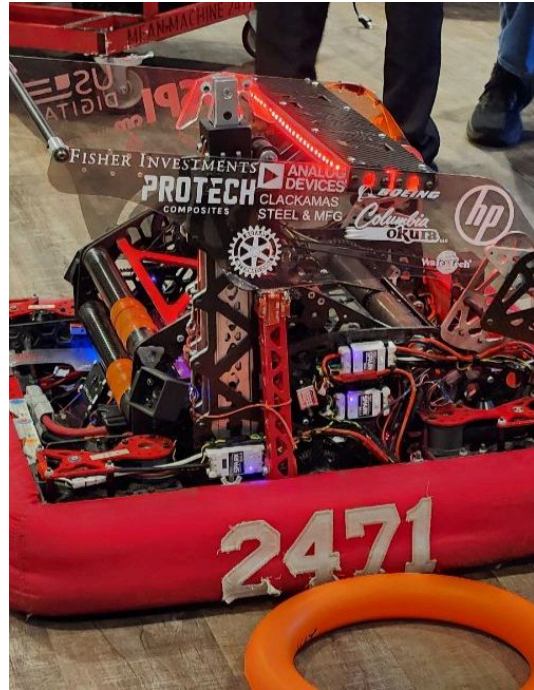
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Blaine



***Blaine Peterson
President 2024-2025
Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal***

SPEAKERS CORNER





HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT CLUB MEETINGS!

ABOVE TOP LEFT: Camas HS Sophomore Bethlehem "Betty" Nigusie receives the Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal's recognition as the outstanding Sophomore of the Month for November 2024 from Vocational Service Chair Ron Carlson at our November 21st meeting.

Congratulations Betty for your recognized accomplishments at Camas High School! Well Done!

ABOVE TOP RIGHT: The Robotics Team 2471 visited our Rotary Club on November 21st to update Rotarians about their recent work and present a Certificate of Appreciation for our Club's sponsorship. Approximately 50 students from Camas, Washougal, Hockinson and Discovery High Schools are guided by 12 mentors and volunteers.

Robotics Team President Taren and Vice President Justin along with Team mentors ran their 2024 robot through its paces as

Team 2471 prepares for the new season starting with new competition regulations to be released on January 6th.

CENTER: Camas School District Superintendent John Anzalone and Washougal School District Interim Superintendent Aaron Hansen addressed our Rotary Club on Dec 5th discussing the state of our local school systems.

They both described the challenges facing our schools as well as the accomplishments and achievements of the students and staff.

We are fortunate to have these leaders in our club. Youth Service Committee Chair Kathy Bussman accompanied by President Blaine and Vocational Service Committee Chair Ron Carlson presented checks to the Superintendents on behalf of our Rotary Club to support their school efforts.

BOTTOM: We were wowed last Thursday by the inspiring story behind creating **Light the Way**, a unique scholarship program created by Jeff & Lola Stark, for Clark County students. Speaking to us, the scholarship's first recipient, Emma Franks. Don't miss their fundraiser on Saturday February 1,2025! More info to follow

NEWEST CW ROTARY MEMBERS



Please welcome our newest Camas Washougal Rotarians, **Mia Heinrichs** and transfer Rotarian **Clay Heinz**. Here they are receiving their pins by sponsors **Dana McGuire** and **Tom Crozier**.

Don't forget to introduce yourself and sign their membership books!



Success

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

COMMUNITY SERVICE SUPERSTARS



The Rotary gang at Winco shopping for 18 families in the Camas Washougal area for Thanksgiving. This annual project is partially

funded by a District 5100 Grant.

Rotarians repacked food for further distribution on Tuesday, Dec 3rd at the Clark County Food Bank. We packed 2,400 lbs of food equating to 2,000 meals for distribution.

Attending were: Diana Rutherford, Tom Crozier, Barb Crozier, George Capacci, Paula Wanska, Cath Alvey, Cindy Forslund, Jeff Morgan and Carolyn Coursey

CW ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2024

December 15 Sunday Christmas Adopt-A-Family Shopping
10am

December 16 Salvation Army Bell Ringing - Washougal
Safeway 10:30am - 6:30pm

December 19 Backpack program Interfaith Treasure House
10am-12:30pm

JANUARY 2025

January 5 Rotary Holiday Party at LaCamas Lodge - Soup &
Chile Potluck 12 - 4pm

January 25 2025 Volunteer & Community Engagement
Summit, Camas

January 30 5th Thursday Social event TBD

Meals on Wheels Support by Rotary Club of Camas Washougal



Shifting to Monday and a mobile transfer vehicle due to renovation work at the Washougal Community Center, Meals on Wheels Washougal Manager Chelsea Kyle delivers a portion of the meals to George Capacci for further delivery.

SPECIAL NOTE: OUR DELIVERY DAY HAS CHANGED TO MONDAYS, WITH PICKUP AT THE OUTPOST IN WASHOUGAL

Q4 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AACA82DA7FF2-50163398-meals>

Meals are delivered on **MONDAY**. Pick-up at 10:15 AM at **The Outpost** (573 30th St., Washougal)



The Rotary Club of Camas Washougal meets Thursday mornings at 7:00 am, by zoom and in person at **Orchard Hills Golf Club**
605 39th Street, Washougal

NOTE THE NEW ZOOM LINK BELOW:

or

[Access Online via Zoom HERE](#)



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Robert Stuart | December 1

Barbara Crozier | December 7

Aaron Reiter | December 25

Bill Ward | December 25

Tracey McLachlan | December 30

CW ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Richie Croce | 2 years

Dana McGuire | 2 years

Richard Renton | 22 years



NEED ROTARY CLOTHING, BLING OR SUPPLIES?



You can order a wide assortment of high-quality Rotary-branded merchandise from official RI licensed vendors. The one I use the most because of its variety and great customer service is Russell Hampton, located in Evanston IL, home of RI headquarters. If you browse their catalog at www.ruh.com, I know you will be surprised at all the different items available! We sometimes have a hard-copy catalog available at the registration table.

Another company I've used once is www.awardscalifornia.com. This California company offers a slightly different mix of products.

If you'd like to see the complete list of all these vendors, go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/member-center/licensed-vendors>.

THANKS TO BARB CROZIER FOR PROVIDING HER RECOMMENDATIONS

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMAS WASHOUGAL

1st Tuesday of each Month - Board of Directors meeting - 5pm Port of Camas Washougal (open to everyone)

1st Tuesday of each Month - CW Foundation Board of Directors meeting 6pm - Port of Camas Washougal (open to everyone)

2024-2025 Club Officers

President: *Blaine Peterson*

President Elect: *Diana Rutherford*

Treasurer: *Cindy Forslund*

Secretary: *Barbara Crozier*

2024-2025 Board of Directors

Club Service Chairs: *Meridee Pabst & Cindy Forslund*

Membership Chairs: *David Bussman & Larry Keister*

Community Service Chair: *Diana Rutherford*

International Service Chairs: *Maxwell Hall & Scott Berry*

Vocational Service Chair: *Ron Carlson*

The Rotary Foundation Chair: *Richard Renton*

CW Rotary Foundation President: *Ron Carlson*

Youth Service: *Kathy Bussman*

Peacebuilder Committee: *Molly Coston*

Public Image chair: *George Capacci*

Immediate Past President: *Ron Carlson*

Sergeant at Arms: *Milt Dennison*

Club Executive Secretary: *Thomas Crozier*

Upcoming Programs

12/19/24 -
Watershed Alliance of SW Wash. - *Sunrise O'Mahoney*

12/26/24 - **MERRY CHRISTMAS - NO MEETING!**



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