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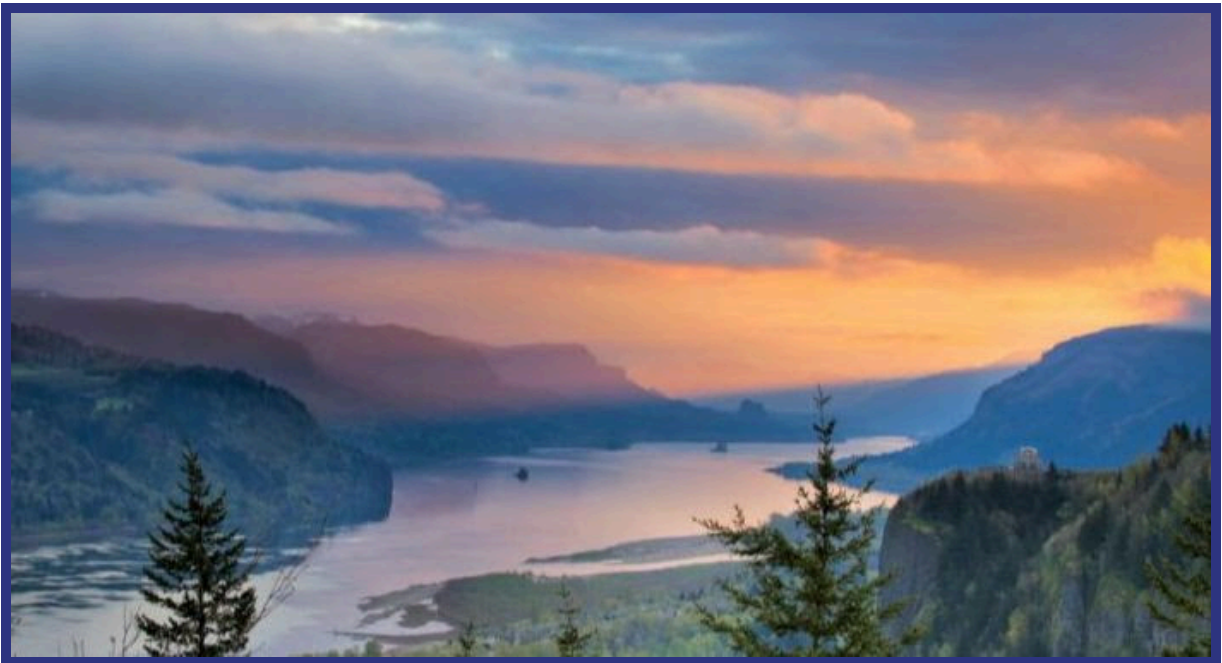
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The Gateway

July 16, 2024 Edition



From the desk of President Blaine

Well, here goes, this is my first installment for our Newsletter as your new President.

The new flag and message is The Magic of Rotary, and of course my first magic trick is to disappear for the next two meetings. Judy and I will be traveling in Italy from July 7 to the 21st so I will miss the meetings on the 11th and 18th, but you will be in good hands till we are back.

The 4th of July landed on Thursday, so no meeting then, but hope you had a great time celebrating the birth of our nation. Please celebrate safely and remember to stay hydrated as that is the first day of a heat wave.

We are doing well on ticket sales but be sure to keep it up and sell all your tickets and then some. Looks like Dave Ripp may have a challenger or two for the most tickets sold. I look forward to seeing all of you Friday and Saturday of Camas Days, July 26 and 27 and then of course on the river on Sunday the 28th. I cannot believe we are less than a month away from the 30th Ducky Derby!! Keep up the good work!

We have a great year planned with some exciting projects and events that we will be working hard to be sure our community notices and will appreciate the amazing C /W Rotary Club.

Looking forward to being your new President.


Blaine



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



JULY IS




MATERNAL
AND CHILD HEALTH
MONTH

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“We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future.”

Past RI President James L. Lacy, 1998-99


Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



30TH ANNUAL DUCKY DERBY GRAND PRIZE ANNOUNCED

"Victoria BC Getaway"

FRS Clipper Vacations has generously provided 2 round trip tickets aboard the Victoria Clipper with 2 night hotel accommodations at Coast Victoria Hotel in Victoria. We will sweeten this great getaway by providing the best experiences that Victoria has to offer and \$2000 spending money to make the trip memorable.

Second prize wins Las Vegas NV Getaway, including airfare. 2 nights at Caesar's Palace, tickets to "The Sphere" and Fun Money.

Third Prize is \$1500 cash.

We need lots of gift cards for additional prizes. Consider purchasing one or two gift cards for our big 30th Anniversary Ducky Derby

Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal Partners 2023-2024

The Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the individuals and companies that have stepped forward to support and partner with us in our global network of community volunteers working to make the world a better place.

Our Rotarians and their efforts endeavor to educate, to feed, to improve and to develop our local communities and our world through international efforts.

Thank you to our partners in 2023-2024:

Boles Company

Brian Follett

Charles Schwab & Co.

Granite Construction

Kelly Muscarella KM Reality

Management Engineering

Nathan Loren Insurance Agency

Riverview Bank

WVPN, Inc.

30th Annual Ducky Derby 2024 Planning



Club President – *Blaine Peterson*

President Elect – *Diana Rutherford*

Public Image Committee – *George Capacci*

Fundraising – Sponsors/Benefactors – *Aaron Reiter*

Event Chairs

Other Rotary Club visits (various)---*Milt Dennison*

Camas Days – (Friday, July 26)---*Molly Coston*

Camas Days – (Saturday, July 27) ---*George Capacci*

Camas Days Parade Coordinator (Saturday, July 27)

Picnic-in-Color (Sunday, July 28) ---*Randal Friedman*

30th Annual Ducky Derby River Race (Sunday, July 28) ---*Robert Nicacio*

CHARTER NIGHT 2024 HIGHLIGHTS



It became official! The Rotary baton has been passed to **2024-2025 Club President Blaine Peterson**. Past President Ron Carlson was congratulated for a job well done. Thank you Ron, for your leadership and passion this year!

Congratulations to **2023-2024 Rotarian of the Year, Past President George Capacci**. Throughout the last year, George has been a great mentor, supporter and ALWAYS goes above and beyond in living the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". Well Done, George!

Thank you for all you do.

We awarded two Honorary Memberships to 2 amazing human beings, without whom our club would not be so successful.....**Russ Chambers & Karen Stavis!!** Congratulations Russ & Karen. Pictured above is the new 2024-2025 Board of Directors. It takes a big team to make our club so successful!

And finally, thank you, thank you, thank you to **Cindy** and the **Club Committee** for the great time and wonderful fellowship we all had at LaCamas Lodge for Charter Night. With wine from Richard Renton and food from Olive Garden, we celebrated in style!

2023-2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(ORHOW TO SELL DUCKY DERBY TICKETS WHEN ASKED "WHAT DOES YOUR CLUB DO?"

Helped Educate our communities:

- Awarded Scholarships for academic & technical schools. \$24,000 was granted this year!
- Delivered Baskets of Books for all 3rd graders in Camas and Washougal. Almost 1,000 books went into classrooms for reading & lending opportunities.
- Supplied children's books to the neighborhood libraries our Rotary Club built many years ago. Maintained this network of 14 Little Lending Libraries throughout our communities.

Helped Feed our communities:

- Volunteered at the Clark County Food Bank to pack boxes for local distribution centers.
- Cooked and served meals for ReFuel Washougal to assist families in need.
- Delivered Meals on Wheels locally every week throughout the year.
- Participated in Impact Camas-Washougal effort to provide essential food items for local families.
- Prepared food baskets at Thanksgiving for families.
- Prepared food and gift baskets to deliver at Christmas to families in need.
- Collected food items during Walk & Knock campaign and during the year to supply the weekend backpack food program through community Family Resource Centers.

Helped Improve our communities:

- Pulled invasive ivy and other interfering plants in parks around our community.
- Supported the local High Schools' Robotics Team in their annual competition. An amazing group of students across the area participate in this team effort.
- Established a Peace Pole at Heritage Park LaCamas Regional Park as part of the Rotary Peace Pole system.
- Participated in summertime watering project for the Port of Camas-Washougal green spaces.

Helped Develop our communities:

- Partnered with the Camas-Washougal Community Chest to review and fund several grants in the community including a lending library of nature activities. Donated \$13,000 in grants.
- Purchased a Community Solar Panel share and earmarked the electricity credit to Interfaith Treasure House for 3 years to offset their utility bills.

Helped Improve and Develop our world:

- Continuing the Rotary effort worldwide to eradicate polio through the Polio Plus campaign. Local Rotarians donated nearly \$5,000.
- Sent a team to Guatemala to build wheelchairs for disabled people and other community projects.
- Gave money to Shelter Box for international emergency disaster aid.
- Participated in international fund-raising effort to provide "Hippo Rollers" water delivery systems in rural Africa.
- Funded micro loans totaling \$12,000 in underdeveloped countries to support entrepreneurs and business projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Contributed to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) worldwide campaign which philanthropically supports global grants for major Rotary projects improving the world. Local Rotarians donated \$16,500.

Every Ducky Derby ticket we sell supports all our Rotary Club service projects.

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMAS-WASHOUGAL EVENT CALENDAR

JULY

- July 26-27 **Camas Days**, Downtown Camas
- July 28 **Picnic in Color**, Downtown Camas
- July 28 **30TH ANNUAL DUCKY DERBY**, Washougal River, Noon

Meals on Wheels Support by Rotary Club of Camas Washougal



Meals on Wheels (Route 3X)
Washougal Community Center
1681 C Street Washougal, WA 98671 (next to City Hall
and the Library)
Time: 10:30am
Contact: Chelsea Kyle 360.210.5666

READY TO VOLUNTEER?

Q3 [July - September 2024](#)

Q4 [October - December 2024](#)

Our Rotary Club is a part of that network and delivers meals to support the program. Some of the particulars of our program support include:

- Rotarians serve seniors who live in Camas and Washougal.
- Meals are delivered on Tuesday. Pick-up at 10:30 AM at Washougal Community Center.
- Rotarians use their own vehicle to make 4 to 6 deliveries designated by the MOWP staff.
- Clients must be at home to receive meals; meals will not be left.
- Meals for a week or some portion thereof are prepacked and delivered weekly.
- The time commitment is approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours.
- Meals on Wheels volunteers have received background checks and training prior to delivery.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the Meals on Wheels People and the program depends on more than 200 people every day to help prepare and deliver meals at the centers and to deliver meals. The volunteer with the friendly smile and meals for the week is often the only person some of our homebound seniors will see on an average day.



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](#)



July Birthdays

Don Dire | July 2

Karen Stavis | July 4

Tom Crozier | July 11

Carol Keljo | July 20

Steve Bourque | July 31

2024-2025 Club Officers

President: *Blaine Peterson*

President Elect: *Diana Rutherford*

Treasurer: *Cindy Forslund*

Secretary: *Barbara Crozier*

2023-2024 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: *Margaret Rice*

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*

7/18/24 - Bonds for new CWFD Fire Stations & Foundation Board new member vote- Shaun Ford & Ron Carlson

7/25/24 - Club Business "Belonging" - President Blaine

8/01/24 - The Community Star East Project - Clark PUD Matt Babbitts & Lori Froelich

8/08/24 - Lupus Foundation - Edie Bourque

8/15/24 - Ducky Derby Wrap up - Cindy, Ron & George

8/22/24 - Membership - Dave Bussman & Larry Keister

8/29/24 - 5th Thursday (no morning meeting) - BBQ?



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