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The Gateway

June 12, 2025 Edition



From the desk of President Blaine

Howdy Cowboys and Cowgirls!

(but as Judy reminds me Horse Girls)

What a great and fun Charter Night! Thank you Cindy and your support team, thank you Richard for the wine support team, and

thank you to all of you who made this night work. I appreciate all that you do to make this Club work so well!

I was so honored that my board gave their time and talent to making this year such a growth year and work so well with all the amazing things we do, growing and improving on all the projects we have done in the past years. With that in mind, I gave you my time and talent to provide you the gifts, that may have not been as fancy, but, hey, it was western themed, and I wanted to give you something personal from me. Thank you for all your support !

Cindy, ...What can I say, you have been, and continue to be an amazing role model for all of us to follow. It was an honor to recognize you as Rotarian of the Year! You deserve that and some much more. Thank you for always being there to support the club (and me)!

Now, moving forward. We have almost met all our (well, maybe, my, goals) for the year. Each year your president is required to set goals for the club, you can just mimic the previous years goals, or you can be more aggressive. I chose both, based on what my vision was and based on what I know of our past amazing deeds. My number one goal was to increase membership, Thank you for all involved You Did It! We have met almost every goal (we still have a little time). However, I did make a specific ask for the Polio Plus campaign last week and again thank you for all who stepped up. We were 10% behind our goal and now we are 10% above our goal! You people are amazing! We are so close to eradicating this in the world; we still have some roadblocks, but we have the

support of the Gates Foundation and a World Wide Network of Rotarians committed to this, we will succeed! It is a noble goal and well worth all the support you give it.

Thank you for all you do, I am so proud to be a member of this amazing club!

***YIRS,
Blaine***



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



Do you have something you'd like to share? An event or committee meeting? Great photos?

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH ONE OF THESE AMAZING
STUDENTS!!**





Academic Scholarships

Shalaka Deshpande - CHS: (\$6000)

- Going to Oregon State (bioengineering)

Lillian Elizabeth Grindy - WHS: (\$6000)

- Going to Montana State (nursing - then to Air Force)

Ivan Wu - CHS: (\$3000)

- Going to University of Texas (information/MIS - AI)

Beckham Stephenson - Discovery HS: (\$3000)

- going to George Fox University (Physical Therapy)

Trade Scholarships

Hannah Jones - WHS: (\$3000)

- going to Clark (veterinary tech)

Noah Wheeler - WHS: (\$3000)

- going to Clark (welding or Diesel mechanics)

Betty Davis - Hayes Freedom HS (\$3000)

- going to Aveda Institute (cosmetology)

Sophomores of the Year

Natalie Volke - Hayes Freedom HS (\$500)

Henry Logan - Washougal HS (\$500)



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DUCKY DERBY 2025

THE RACE IS ON!!

The Race Is On to sell out Ducky Derby Tickets This Year!
There are so many sales opportunities!

- **June 28 at Camas Car Show 2-7pm**
- **Visiting another Rotary Club (see Milt for list)**
- **Sell to your friends and neighbors**

Tickets are still \$10 for singles, and \$25 for a packet of 3.
(Remember that you cannot separate the packets).

Don't forget about the *Duck Tagging Party on July 19* at Blaine's Ranch!!

CHARTER NIGHT 2025 & MORE

ALWAYS GREAT SPEAKERS, PROJECTS AND FRIENDSHIPS!



TOP LEFT: CONGRATULATIONS to Cindy Forslund, Rotarian of the Year! Cindy does so much for the club... keeps us straight financially, makes Thursday breakfasts & is always the person that holds us together. Well deserved, Cindy!

TOP RIGHT: Thanks, President Blaine for the unique gifts for the 2024-2025 board! Hand-made by Blaine & Kirsten, his big red truck with computer generated lettering by Kirsten. Talk about father/daughter teamwork!

BOTTOM : It takes a team to make our club successful. Here are directors, committee chairs and officers enjoying our friendships at Charter Night 2025.



Measure Twice, Cut Once: Birdhouse Project

The kids had a blast!

CW Rotarians were a big part of a special learning experience for our Washougal 4th grade students—Measure Twice, Cut Once: Birdhouse Project!

This hands-on activity brought math, science, and teamwork to life as every 4th grader in the Washougal School District built their own birdhouse.

Many volunteers were needed to make this project successful (Rotary, HS CTE, ReadNW, staff, etc.) to support students during the 1-hour build sessions.

Volunteers helped students with:

- Measuring and assembling pre-cut pieces
- Hammering nails (safely—eye protection provided!)
- Encouraging teamwork and problem-solving

Thank you for helping us create powerful learning moments for our students—we couldn't do this without your support!

JUST A THOUGHT.....ON FATHER'S DAY

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, and singers of song. *Pam Brown*

My father has been my teacher, my supporter, and my critic, but mostly it is his example of a life well-lived and service freely given that I most want to emulate. *Princess Anne*

CW ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

June 19 **Stuff Grocery Bags at Treasure House - 2 volunteers & 1 additional driver. (contact Diana)**

June 21 **Camas Ivy League - Location TBD**

June 28 Camas Car Show

JULY

July 19 Duck Tagging Party - 3pm at Blaine's home

July 27 **31st Annual Ducky Derby**

Meals on Wheels Support by Rotary Club of Camas Washougal



Returning to Wednesday at the Washougal Community Center, Meals on Wheels Washougal Manager Chelsea Kyle delivers a portion of the meals to George Capacci for further delivery.

***OUR DELIVERY DAY HAS RETURNED TO 10:30AM
WEDNESDAYS AT THE WASHOUGAL COMMUNITY CENTER,
1681 C STREET***

Q4 APRIL - JUNE 2025



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 ZOOM LINK BELOW:

or

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Bob Nicacio | June 4

Kathy Bussman | June 13

Margaret Rice | June 18

JUNE CW ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn Boerke | 7 Years

Max Hall | 7 Years

Aaron Hansen | 7 Years

Larry Keister | 8 Years

George Capacci | 6 Years

Natasha Bernal | 1 Years

Susan Chambers | 7 Years

Tracey MacLachlan | 2 Years

Diana Rutherford | 3 Years



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

6/19/25 -
**Committee
Reports / Vote
for 2025-2026
Boards**

6/26/25 - **NO
MORNING
MEETING - CLUB
SOCIAL
Doomsday
Brewing -
5:30pm**

7/3/25 - **NO
MEETING. HAPPY
4TH OF JULY!!**

7/17/25 -
**Committee
Reports**

7/24/25 - **Ducky
Derby final
details**



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