



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



# Friends of Rotary – Newsletter

February 2023

Welcome to our Friends of Rotary Newsletter. Our objective of this newsletter remains to raise the awareness of what our Battle Ground Rotary Club's (BGRC) programs are each week and what dates and activities our club is organizing.

By providing a forward-looking newsletter, we are hoping to:

- Raise community awareness of what the Battle Ground Rotary Club is focused on.
- Encourage our readers to come to a meeting, meet us and take advantage of the information being provided.
- Encourage our readers to participate in our Community Service projects.

## ***Words from the editor***

Welcome friends, We've cleared January and it was a time of working out our plans for 2023 and laying the ground work for the upcoming months. We're excited about having new members join Rotary! It's great to see the quality of those joining us in service and I look forward to spending time with them while we serve and socialize.

Rotary for me is so much more than our local meetings. As Becky and I travel we often check to see where the local Rotary Club is. Typically, there are Rotary wheel signs and Club meeting times posted in city centers or at important crossroads.

As we look around in each city, we will typically find community service projects. Projects that those Clubs have committed their time and resources to impact their community.

For our Club we take care of Old Town Battle Ground by cleaning the side walks and weeding twice a year. You will also see wooden benches on both sides of the street that we take care of. Last year we added a couple cross walk flag stations on the East end of Main Street.

Our Sister Club, Lewis River Rotary has taken on the maintenance of Central Park in Old Town. If you've not been by there it's just West of Music World in Old Town.

My point here is that Rotarians care about the livability of their communities and those less fortunate in our communities. There are 46,000 Clubs worldwide, 1.4 million members working together to make a difference one day at a time.

We are blessed to have so many committed to serving!

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## February is Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. In fact, 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of which are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.....

Rotarians train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. During February, Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, we're celebrating our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict.

[Learn more about Rotary's 7 Centers of Peace](#)

### February Rotarian Articles: **LIFE DURING WARTIME** PART I: POLAND

*Photography by Ed Zirkle*

As the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine approached, *Rotary* magazine's **Wen Huang** traveled to Europe to see firsthand how Rotary members are responding to this humanitarian crisis. In the first installment of his two-part report, Huang visits Poland en route to Ukraine.

#### **TUESDAY, 7:45 P.M., WARSAW**

A glittering, guitar-shaped sign for a Hard Rock Cafe welcomes me when I step out of Warsaw Central Railway Station. I snap a photo and send it to a journalist friend whose wife used to collect Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts from former communist countries. She and other pop culture experts believe that there is a strong relationship between rock 'n' roll and the fall of communism in Eastern Europe. From my perspective, the sign is one example of a loud declaration of Poland's modern identity.

When I turn to take in the rest of Warsaw's central landscape, I am confronted by the Palace of Culture and Science, a hulking edifice that rises nearly



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800 feet and remains the second-tallest building in Poland. Begun in 1952 and completed after Stalin's death, this Soviet-style high-rise that resembles the Empire State Building was a "gift" from Moscow to its unruly satellite. At night, the Poles light the building in hues of yellow and blue, Ukraine's national colors, in solidarity with their besieged neighbor. This symbol of Poland's communist past overlooks nearby shopping centers decked with Christmas lights and neon signs proclaiming Western fashion brands.

[Link to article](#)

***Our February Meetings and topics are posted on our website.***

We meet at Galeotti's on Main Street.

BGRC Webpage [Link](#)

***Hold the Dates.***

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Festival of Wreaths and Wine 2023 Kickoff meeting, after our normally schedule meeting  
May 18-22<sup>nd</sup> District 5100 & 5080 Peace Summit in Kennewick, WA

***Club Member Rotary Anniversaries***

None this month

***Club Member Birthdays***

Katie Bauer 2/19



***Our Tradition is to end each meeting by reciting Rotary's 4 Way Test, so I will end each newsletter with this...***



**The 4-Way Test**  
*of things we do and say:*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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These are tests that we challenge ourselves to live by as Rotarians. But above that we commit to “Service Above Self”, which is Rotary’s motto. This is who we are. We invite you to check us out by participating in one of our projects or attending a meeting.

See you soon hopefully!

**We meet at:**

Galeotti’s Wine Cellar  
715 East Main Street  
Battle Ground, WA 98604

When: Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Social from 5:00 to 5:30 PM

Meeting starts at 5:30 PM

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