



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



FRIENDS OF ROTARY – NEWSLETTER

JULY 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

My oh my it's hot. Hope you had a great 4th of July and are able to chill someplace. (Like Galeotti's on Wednesday nights)

Last month I gave a shout out to what an amazing place we live and work in, and call home. This month I'll shift that to what amazing people we have in our community. This is a caring community. So many share their time and resources to help those they do not know.

We have service clubs, business leaders and government leaders. There are churches, parents, and volunteers. There are youth clubs with service projects.

It takes a village to create the kind of place you are proud to call home and neighbors that you can call friends.

For me it's doing what I can and asking my maker for clarity. I'm of the belief that as we collaborate together towards common goals, that serving and supporting those who serve is the natural outcome.

We are blessed to have a community that walks the talk. Thank you!

Friends, be safe and thank you for helping us help others!

July is Rotary Transition Month

Rotary International, District and Club Officers serve from July 1 to June 30th

This month's Rotarian Magazine details who our Rotary International Executive leadership is for the next twelve months.

RI Board of Directors President, Scotland's Gordon McNally

Board of Directors [Link to Rotarian Article](#)

Rotary Foundation Trustees [Link to Rotarian Article](#)



At a club level our Club President for 2023-24 is David Welch, David was President Elect last year. We look forward to another great year with David at the helm.



Last Years President, Mike Simpson will remain on the Club Board as the Past President. Our Club flourished under Mikes leadership. We added new members, completed several fundraisers, and delivered on our donation plan. All the while, making it fun. Thank you, Mike!



This year's President Elect is Darren Davidson, Darren was responsible for Membership last year, he was amazing! This year Darren will be responsible for arranging our guest speakers and preparing to be the President for 2024-25

The remainder of the 2023-24 BGRC Executive board includes:

- Treasurer: Jeff Quade
- Secretary: Bethene Denman
- Membership: Michael Ernest



July - Shine the light - ShelterBox

For those who have been to our Festival of Wreaths and Wine Fundraiser at the Battle Ground Community Center, you may know that ShelterBox is an organization supported by BGRC that delivers a “shelter box” to those in need during an emergency. By providing emergency shelter, tools, and household supplies to displaced families after disaster, ShelterBox enables families to begin to rebuild and recover, transforming despair into hope. Our club was introduced to ShelterBox by Mike Robinson from our sister club, Lewis River Rotary. For the past 8 years our club has funded at least one box and often two boxes. These boxes are deployed by teams of volunteers who respond to humanitarian crises around the world. Sadly, Mike passed recently and will be greatly missed. He was a champion for those in need and always had a smile. BGRC’s commitment to ShelterBox and their mission remains strong.



The attached link will take you to the ShelterBox home page [ShelterBox](#)

The cost to sponsor a ShelterBox is \$1000. If this is something you would like to participate in, please let us know and you can donate through BGRC or you can donate via their home page. You don’t have to be a Rotarian to participate.

Our July meetings and topics are posted on our website and on Facebook, typically 2-3 days prior to the meeting.

Hold the Dates.

July 7th Club Social at Majestic Berry Farm – (Friday) Berry Picking 5:30-7 PM

July 8th Festival of Wreaths and Wine team meeting at Blue Castle Coffee in Battle Ground at 9:30 AM

July 12th Club Meeting – Marcy Sprecher from Rocksolid

July 14-16th Harvest Fest in Battle Ground, look for us. We’ll be selling pulled pork sandwiches during Friday nights cruise and Saturday, until we run out in the BGHS parking lot. [Link to Harvest Days Information](#)

July 19th Club Meeting

July 26th Club Meeting – Two new BGRC Rotarians will share their story.

August 2nd: District 5100 District Governor will visit BGRC for the meeting

August 12th Fundraiser BBQ for Heidi Lyon

BGRC Club Member Anniversaries

Tony Domine 10th



Club Member Birthdays

Anthony Andrews July 3rd

Darren Davidson July 11th

Mark Sabo July 13th

Shawna Quade July 20th



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



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

BGRC Facebook [Link](#)

BGRC Webpage [Link](#)

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