

The

WAVE



Rotary Club of Edmonds

April 2025

Happy Spring!!! Every year, I anxiously await for the 4 months of gray cloudy weather to pass so I can say that. Now that skiing is done for me, I am no longer a winter lover. And just like the gorgeous cherry trees in my yard, we all seem to bloom and blossom this time of year. We had such a fun and active month as a club; everything from service projects to a social, as well as our terrific club meetings.



I hope you feel the same when you read the WAVE as I do when I create it - how lucky are we to have such a loving caring club?

Enjoy -

Maggie

Member Pride



Erika is gifted a Paul Harris Fellowship from her mother, long time Rotarian Nancy Ingrid Niemann

Suzanne and Richard present a check to Edmonds College for the Second Chance Scholarship. Joan Sheetz generously contributed \$5,000 to that fund. Amazing!



Pat Thorpe accepts Paul Harris Fellowship on behalf of her sister, Verna Blanford

Erika goes to Bellevue



On the evening of February 18th, 2025 I attended the New Rotarian Celebration at Dave and Busters Restaurant in Bellevue. I had a lot of fun meeting new Rotarians from our District 5030. I would estimate at least 50 people attended. I met many Rotarians from multiple clubs in our District. Rachele Bouchand, Rotary International 5030 District Governor 2024-25 welcomed all of us with a heart felt welcome! We mingled for a little while and it was great to see everyone wore name tags so we learned new names with faces and the name of their club. We had heavy appetizers for food, one drink ticket was provided and we took a large group picture. For the lucky ones, 3 gift baskets were given away in a raffle drawing. All new members were given 1 raffle ticket. What a wonderful evening. I highly recommend new members attend next year!



Nice
shout
out
from
CASA

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the Rotary Club of Edmonds and the support of Edmonds Bookshop, children served by our program received a specially selected book that uplifts Black voices and narratives.

For children in out-of-home and foster care, books can be a source of comfort, encouragement, and hope. By sharing these powerful stories, we help ensure that every child we serve feels seen, valued, and inspired to dream big.

We are so grateful for this partnership and the opportunity to foster learning and empowerment through literature. Thank you, Rotary Club of Edmonds and Edmonds Bookshop, for making this possible!

March **SPEAKERS**



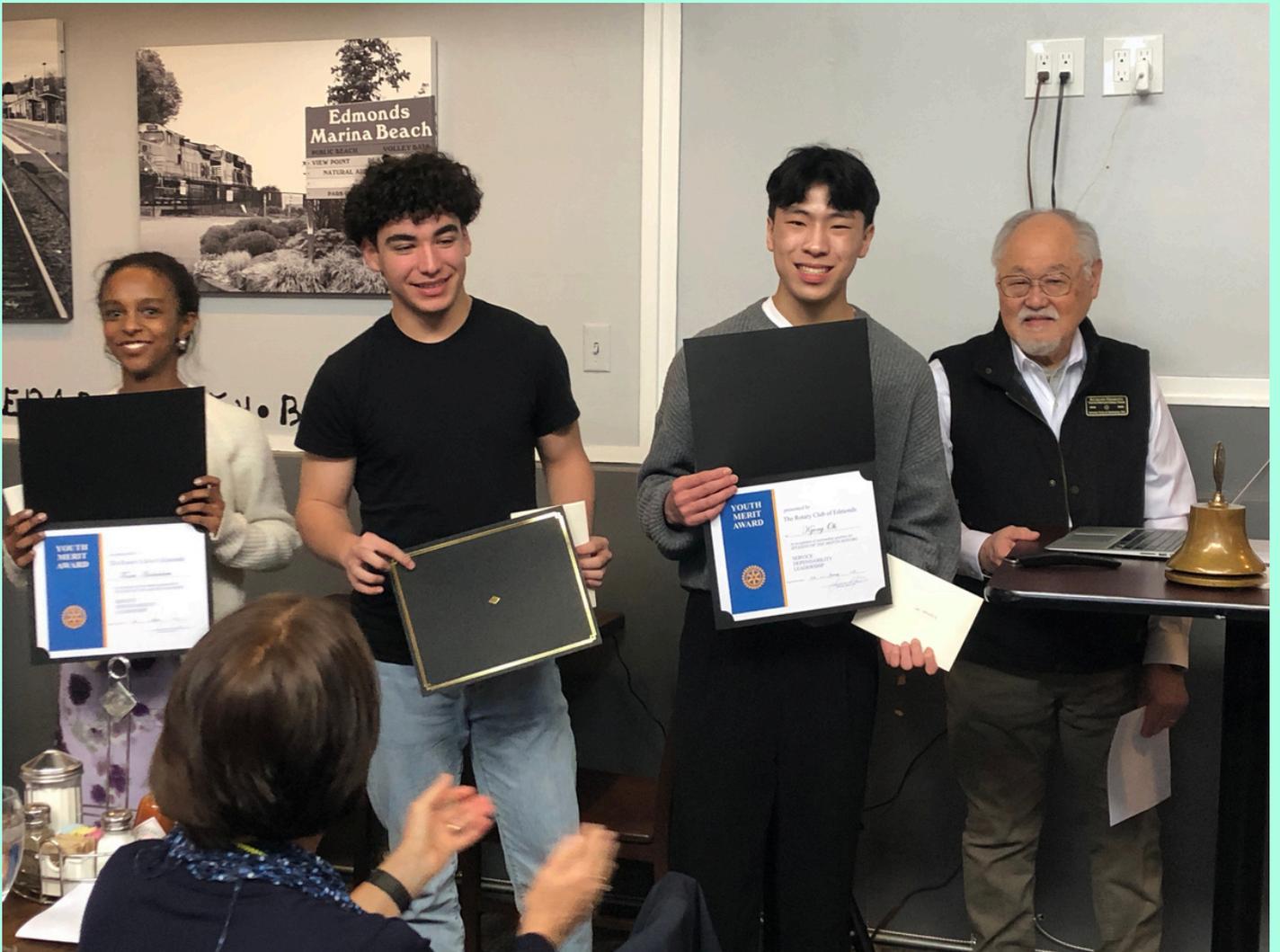
March 4, 2025
Edmonds City Council
woman Vivian Olson
and Christie Veley of
South Snohomish Fire
present data about
the upcoming vote on
April 4th.

March 18, 2025

Dave Spicer

Dave gave the club a great
overview of what Rotarians
both locally and globally are
doing to help the environment
and combat global climate
change





Students of the month:

January - Kyong Oh

February: Keegan Wright

March: Fana Adualem

Congratulations!

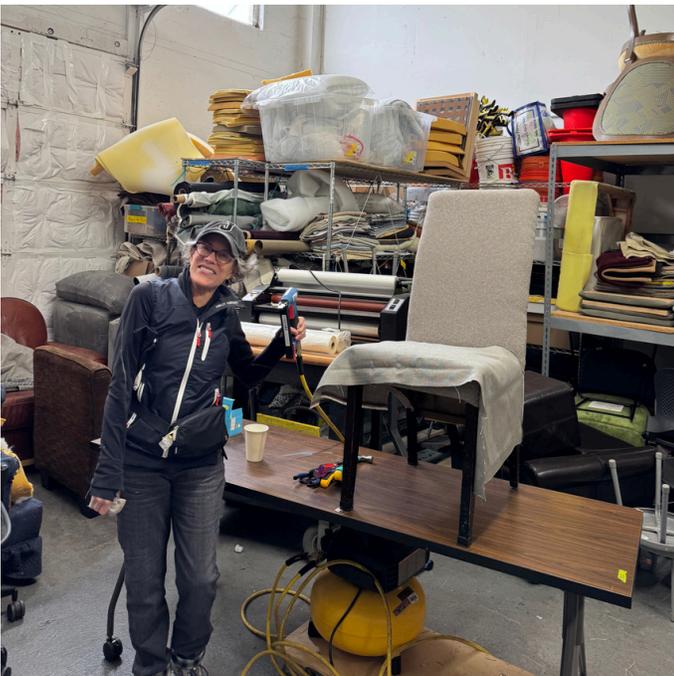
SERVICE PROJECT

ALERT

Furniture Repair Bank

March 8, 2025

On Saturday, March 8th, a group of 10 volunteers made up of club members and family, ventured to SODO district to the Furniture Repair Bank warehouse to refurbish furniture. The mission of the Furniture Repair Bank is..." Reducing waste, building resiliency.



With the help of dedicated volunteers and partners, we revive unwanted furniture and provide it to families in need, addressing climate issues and creating a positive impact locally."



Upon arrival at the warehouse @ 8:45 AM, we could see recently refurbished furniture such as a dining table, chairs and a dresser that had been beautifully restored and destined for a family in need that morning!





Awesome Rotarians at Work!!!



After hearing about the work of the Furniture Bank by Xenia Dolovova, Founder & Director of Furniture Bank, we received the necessary safety information and were assigned to various workstations. Phil, Eng and Rob got to work removing upholstery and a zillion staples from dining chairs, while Joan, Nancy, Alison, and I started reupholstering dining chairs. Out on the loading dock, Bill (Eng's husband), Robert, and Mathew (Robert's son) got to work sanding a dresser.

In less than 3 hours at the end of our shift at noon, we were amazed at how much we accomplished! Close to a dozen chairs stripped down and ready for new upholstery, two dining chairs about 90% complete with new upholstery and the dresser on the loading dock was about ready for a new finish.





Besides feeling a sense of accomplishment at helping our neighbors in need, we were also able to learn new skills required to refurbish furniture for others or ourselves! We hope to schedule another group event sometime this summer, in the meantime you can also volunteer as an individual as well @ [Repairbank.org](https://www.Repairbank.org).

by Suzanne James

Death by Chocolate



Another
AMAZING
murder mystery
dinner. Host Libby
and Chef
Adrienne have
done it again!





Amy and Gazanne studying their parts



(Ghhhhh... she's the murderer)





Just delicious!!

Our awesome club members nurture our community.



Several club members attend the Waterfront Center Luncheon (there were a bunch of other members, but could not find them for the photo).

A big group of caring RCE members showed up for the Kids in Transition gala.



Kids In Transition Annual Gala



Dusted Valley Wine Bar

March 26, 2025



Another gathering of great friends



The only way to
have a friend is
to be one.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



SAVE THE DATE

Edmonds Marsh Walk, led by Joe Scordino, will be held on Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 AM. Meet up at Edmonds City Park, 600 Third Ave., S. Assemble at the crosswalk off SR 104. Sign-up sheet available at meeting

Learning Symposium @ MI Community Center Sat.

April 19th. This district training event will equip existing and new board members with the tools and knowledge to elevate your Rotary Club experience.

Sound Foundations NW – Tiny Home Build Sat. April 26th. Two more spots available. Sign-up sheet available at meeting

Annual Retreat - President-Elect, Pat Shields, will be hosting his retreat on May 17th, at the Best Western Hotel from 11:00 – 4:00 PM (Lunch to be provided). More details to follow.

Changing of the Guard on Sunday, June 29th @ 2:00 PM at Maggie Peterson's Home – More details to follow.

Rotary International Convention – This year the event is being held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 21st – 25th, 2025. Still time to register for the event.