

The

WAVE



Rotary Club of Edmonds

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A note from your editor:

When I notified you last month that your WAVE would be a bit late, I didn't know that I would be producing it in isolation at home after contracting Covid in Gambia. But the silver lining is that I have lots of time to get the mountain of work done following what was the MOST amazing trip. I won't be including a lot of photos or stories here, as Lamin, Suzanne and I will be making a full report to the club on April 2nd. You are not going to want to miss it. You will feel such pride when you see the tremendous way in which our club is participating in transforming rural Gambia.



In the photo above, Suzanne and I are enjoying a relaxing day at the beach after a grueling (but rewarding) three days.

Enjoy your Wave - Maggie

The 2024 winner of the Rick Steves annual Service above Self award

Tana Axtelle

The recipient of this year's award is Tana Axtelle. Tana has been the manager of the Harbor Square Athletic Club for 25 years. Her sense of service in her work extends beyond the gym walls and deep into our local community.



To learn more about Tana's amazing work in the community and world, read the My Edmonds News story:
News story:
<https://myedmondsnews.com/2024/02/tana-axtelle-receives-rotarys-rick-steves-service-above-self-award/>

Former Vocational Chair and Award creator, Amie Armstrong with Tana

New Member Party



The incomparable Eng and Bill Braun did it again. They welcomed new members and mentors into their home for fellowship and lovely appetizers



(Can it really be a newsletter without one silly graphic)?





New member Parties are a chance to just hang out and get to know each other. Our club is growing fast, and staying connected is important to maintaining member satisfaction. Thank you Debbie, Kathy and Eng for making it happen.

President Elect Suzanne James at PETS (President Elect Training)

She is trained and ready to lead the club on July 1



Tom Wynne-Lynnwood

Candice "Candie" Lambert - Mill Creek

Admiral Flunder - Alderwood-Terrace

Valerie Claypool - Edmonds Daybreakers

Debbie Bodal - Lynnwood Rotary and Assistant District Governor



Here are just a few images from the trip. As you can imagine, we took about 100 and several videos. As soon as we're able (yep, we all got Covid), we're going to meet and start working on the program for April 2nd. We can't wait to share this with you.



I wanted to leave you with this powerful image. We gave the safety equipment bags we had brought to the science teacher, and by the time we had walked out of the meeting room and down the hall to look at the classrooms, we saw students in safety gear. We were confused...we thought they didn't have any safety equipment. They didn't, the teacher said. They are already using what you brought. Needless to say...we were speechless, and again so grateful to you - our wonderful club members.