

# The

# WAVE



**Rotary Club of Edmonds**

**May 2025**

I don't know about all of you, but SPRING is definitely my season. I have three absolutely gorgeous cherry trees that captivate not only myself and my neighbors, but anybody who happens to be walking by. We sort of feel like we're a stop on a movie star tour for about 2 weeks in April. And then, like all beautiful things, they are gone too soon. I hope you are all taking the time to bask in the wonderfulness of warm sunshine on your face. I hope you are all lifted up by the scent of fresh mown grass wafting in your open window.

Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth, and a wonderful time to remember how truly lucky we are to be living in this amazing little city by the sound, and belong to this amazing group of loving, caring people.

Enjoy - Maggie





# Member Pride



Harry McKerney  
gets his Red Badge  
- with his mentor  
extraordinaire Rob  
Linder  
Welcome Harry!

Membership Chair  
Maggie thanked Brad  
and Nancy for  
sponsoring members -  
with homemade  
Chocolate Chip Cookies!





# April **SPEAKERS**



April 1 2025  
Dana Fox  
Friends of WPC  
Nepal

April 15, 2025

In case you missed  
it, here's a great in-  
depth story about  
this years winner.



Rick Steves and Megan Wolfe  
Service Above Self Award

<https://myedmondsnews.com/2025/04/girls-on-run-leader-megan-wolfe-honored-with-rick-steves-service-above-self-award/>



# A visit to the Edmonds Marsh with Joe Scordino







The AMAZING membership team really represented at the annual Volunteer Fair

Held annually at the Edmonds Waterfront Center



Joan and Amy's gorgeous baskets really brought the fair attendees to our table.



Another Amazing Tiny Home build. This time, it was a family affair, as several members brought their spouse/kids/friends.,

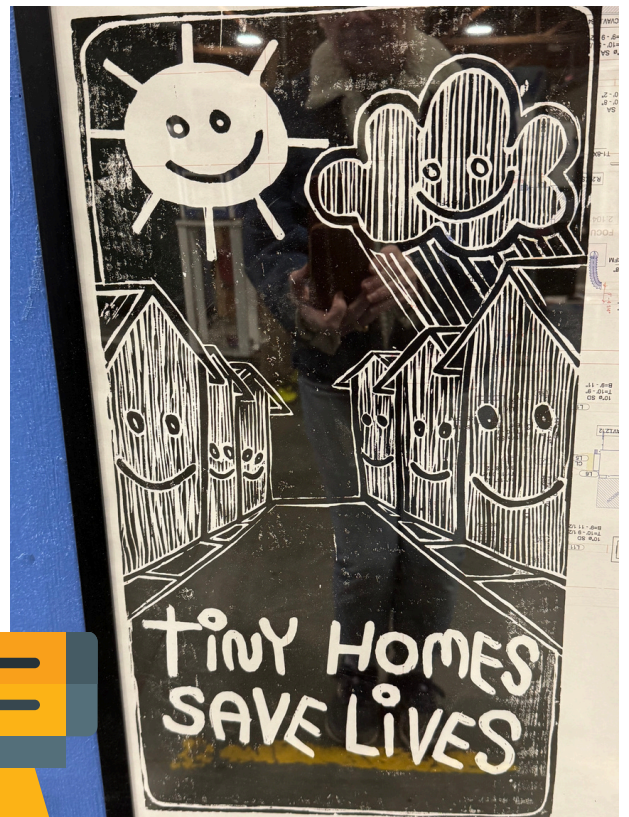


**I'd like to say how much I appreciate all the volunteers that participated this past Saturday at the Sound Foundations NW - Hope Factory.**

**For many of us, it was your first experience volunteering at the Hope Factory and learning about their mission to eliminate homelessness. Our team consisted of Rotarians plus friends and family.**

**All the volunteers did not hesitate to jump in to help with various tasks including painting, caulking, using power tools such as drill and nail gun, moving tiny homes and equipment and attending to quality control tasks. After several hours of hard work, the group gathered around to hear Barb Oliver/Director of Operations, tell us the story of the Hope Factory, learn about the complexities of homelessness, and understand that ending homelessness in our communities can and will be done!**











# **Clothes for Kids Auction**

## **April 26, 2025**



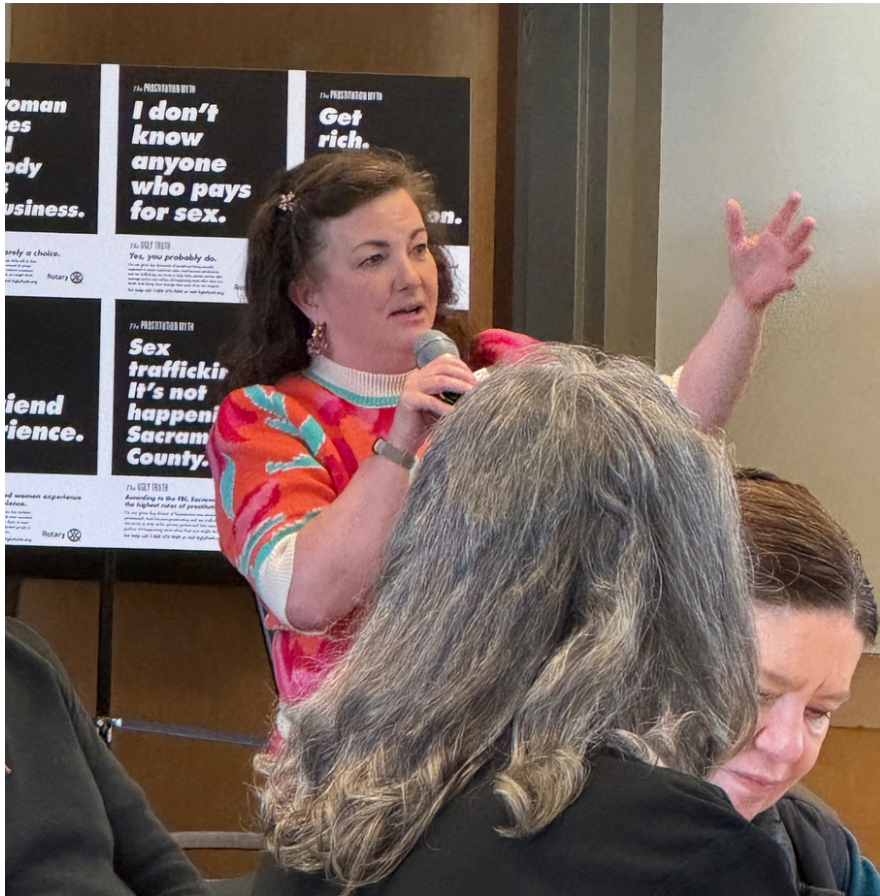
**We really shine when we come out  
to support our community.**

**Thank you amazing Rotarians and  
family.**



# Learning Symposium - April 19, 2025

## Mercer Island



A huge thank you to Alison Pence, Adrienne Miller, Robert Ha, Lynn Jones, and Virginia McKenzie, who spoke on ending slave sex trafficking, all joined me at the recent Rotary District 5030 Learning Symposium on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

We arrived early at 7:00 AM and enjoyed a continental breakfast, and for me, lots of coffee! We then heard an insightful presentation by keynote speaker, Jeff Gross, President of the Des Moines & Normandy Park Club, on Bridging Generations and Insights for Rotary's Future. We attended several breakout sessions covering topics such as Grant Writing, Excellence in Leadership Training for current and prospective Assistant Governors.

We all reconvened in the main banquet room to hear about the importance of networking and making introductions at social events, best practices for membership growth and retention, empowering the next generation and much more.

Lynn Jones, one of our newest members, has already been able to utilize her new knowledge of grant writing to submit a proposal to our International Service Committee. The proposal will fund a project in Nepal to empower women to become entrepreneurs in partnership with the Women's Protective Center in Nepal. Way to go Lynn!

The symposium was well attended by the district with over 250 Rotarians in attendance. I encourage you to sign up for the event next year.

by Suzanne James



# SAVE THE DATE

**May 6** - District Assistant Governor Debbie Bodal and Lindiwe will be updating us on their Days for Girls project.

**May 20** - David Owens - Fellow Rotarian David Owens will give a presentation on the vital role of service and volunteerism in strengthening community connections and democracy.

**May 28** - Club Social - Fox and Bottle - new wine shop on 5th.

**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.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 5 at Maggie Peterson's House at 5pm.

Members are welcome to attend.