

the wave



August 2021

Incoming Club President Maggie Peterson gives a farewell thanks to outgoing President Beth Westenhaver-Kealy at the re Demotion Party. See photos on page 4.



It's been a tough year for Rotary fundraising, but for many seniors in our community it has been an even tougher year. President Maggie Peterson and Carol Kinney, past Secretary and member of the EWC Board, were pleased to present a check for \$1,500 for the Edmonds Senior Center Lunch Program recently. The check was gladly received by EWC CEO Daniel Johnson and Michelle Burke, Director of Social & Program Planning. Joan Longstaff recently took part in the annual Edmonds Cemetery History event, portraying Mattie Otto, Edmonds pioneer who died from the Spanish Flu. (photo by Sam Spencer.)

We want to welcome new member Nhat Pham (pronounced Nat Fam) to our club. It's nice to see some younger faces too! Nhat is a CPA with the firm of Jim Traner, CPA (Jim is also a past member and Past President of our club.)



President's Message

I hope you all have enjoyed seeing each other in-person as much as I have. I appreciate the love and energy you have brought to the meetings every week. I know we're not out of this COVID nightmare yet, and I am keeping a very close eye on the statistics and mandates in our county. I continue to strongly urge any unvaccinated members to join us via zoom for the time being.

I want to personally welcome our newly inducted members: **Leslie Amman, Georgia Ragsdale, Fiona Hatfield and Michele Miller**. Welcome to our Club!! I can't wait see what great things you will do.



New member **Nhat Pham** will be officially inducted in coming weeks.

We had a lot of fun saying "Thank you" to outgoing President Beth W. Kealy July 10th. Thanks for all who came out to the park for that. We had lots of yummy food and even more laughs.

The planned Garage Sale, being organized by Sharalyn Ramm and Michele Miller has been postponed; but continue to squirrel away your items. They will announce a new date as soon as they have one.

Speaking of fund-raising - I hope that seeing how much fun members are having at the meetings will inspire at least a couple of members to host a fund-raising event. We gathered some great ideas at the retreat, and I'd love to see a couple of them happen. Not only would we have a great time, but we would replenish our depleted coffers. Every cent goes right back to the projects we support.

If you haven't signed up for the District Conference, it's not too late. The conference takes place in beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Idaho October 1-3. All members of Edmonds Rotary are invited to join me in my room for a wine and appetizer reception Friday night. [https:// 5030conference.com/](https://5030conference.com/)

In response to the Membership Survey I conducted in the Spring, I am including a summary of board meeting actions in my monthly letter. If there's anything else you'd like to know, please don't hesitate to ask. Also, feel free to contact any of the Committee Leaders if you'd like to get involved in their on-going work.

Board round-up:

Brenda (**Membership**) is off and running with her committee; they held their first meeting on July 1st, at which time they set their goals for the 2021-22 year. Brenda is currently updating the Membership Handbook (electronically available) and will send it to the board for approval at the August 2 board meeting. Brenda is also developing a membership award program and will announce the details at a later date. The board approved Nhat Pham for membership.

Randy (**Club Service**) will make a list of everyone who received funding from Edmonds Rotary in the past Rotary year. Upcoming service projects to sign up for: packing snacks for school children, backpack stuffing and giveaway at Trinity Place. Look for sign-ups at meeting soon.

Janet (**Public Relations**) is looking for a member of the club to write press releases and articles. We also welcomed Leslie Amman as our volunteer official club photographer.

Lamin and Maggie (**International Service**) were happy to announce that ground has broken on the Bridge to Success Project in Gambia. The Global Grant to complete the funding for the project is currently under review.

Pat (**Admin**) reported that the **Photomathon** netted \$3,500 this year. An exhibition of all photos is being planned for a later date - stay tuned.

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Amie (**Vocational**) plans to schedule a field trip to a local business sometime in September. She's also creating an annual "Rotary Service Award" for a local business who embodies the Rotary 4 way test.

The Board approved funding for both Maggie and Debbie to go to International Conference in Houston, Texas in June. Elizabeth Crouch has donated air miles as well.

The planning committee is working hard to put Oktoberfest together. Be ready to roll up your sleeves and work as many shifts as you can. This is our biggest fundraiser and we need ALL hands on deck. This fun event happens September 24-25 at Francis Anderson Field.

See you soon,

Maggie

Edmonds Arts Festival

August 27 - 29, 2021

Frances Anderson Center

Volunteers needed!

We will be staffing the Festival Wine Grotto during this event! It's a great fundraising opportunity for us, and a fun event as well. Be sure to wear your Rotary shirt, hat, etc. Please click on the link to sign up for a time slot. If you have any questions, contact Diane Buckshnis.

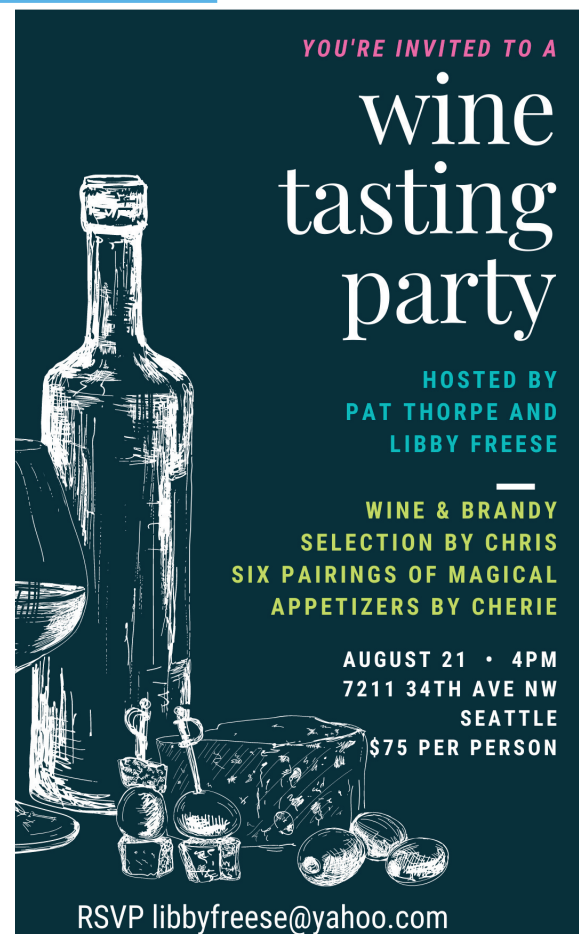
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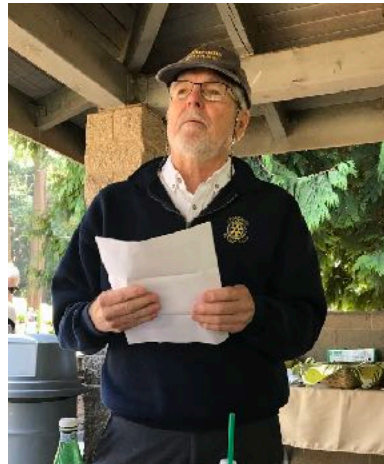
**Rotary International Motto
2021-2022**



Demotion Party

Once again, we “demoted” a hard working President. This was a fun event at City Park to honor President Beth Westenhover-Kealy in proper style. It was also the first real in-person gathering of members in over a year! Beth is truly to be commended for keeping us all together for the past difficult pandemic year. Newer members were pleased to see Beth was not a Robot, and that we were ALL real, not Rotary AI (artificial intelligence?). Kidding of course, but it was a challenge to keep members spirited and programs running to be sure. Congratulations Beth, and many thanks for a well done and inspiring year!

With a little optimism, we are now trying in-person meetings once again, at Claire's.





Picnic in the Park

Our club has had one of our summer meetings in the park for many years now, long before there was a Daybreakers club. It has had a number of different themes through the years, but after the formation of the morning-time club, which we sponsored, we decided to make it a joint event with both clubs. Many of the members of Daybreakers were members, even officers of our club, so it is always a fun reunion. Along with a little friendly rivalry too of course! Both Presidents - Maggie and Nikki - welcomed all, and there were a few shared memories recalled. And the food was good too!

(Photos courtesy of Leslie Amman)



From the Editor

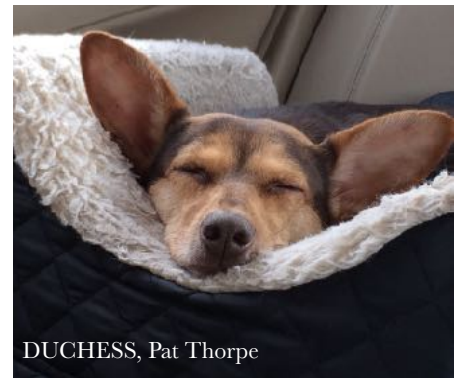
Happy National Dog Month!

The COVID-19 Pandemic caused a surge in global pet adoptions, especially dogs, with some shelters even having waiting lists! Of course we know why. They are faithful companions in the best of times as well as the worst of times. They give us unconditional love, and occasional obedience. Now there is a concern however, that as people go back to work and school - to the new normal outside the home - some of these faithful friends will be neglected, returned, or even abandoned. This month is a good time to think about donating in honor of your "best friend" to help shelters care for pets that may be "returned".

Enjoy some photos of a few of our own "Edmonds Rotary Pups".

Pat Thorpe, Editor

*Buy a pup and your money will buy
Love unflinching that cannot lie -
Perfect passion and worship fed
By a kick in the ribs or a pat on the head.*
Rudyard Kipling



DUCHESS, Pat Thorpe



KIKO, Brian Albright



LUCKY & BUTCH,
Maggie Peterson



SPIKE, Diane Buckshnis



HIRO, Beth Westenhaver-Kealy



GUNNAR, Brenda Carrithers

*The truth I do not stretch or shove
When I state that the dog is full of
love.*

*I've also found, by actual test,
A wet dog is the lovingest.*

~Ogden Nash



MOLLY, Stuart Mesnik



BAILEY, Adrienne Miller



LOKI, Beth Westenhaver-Kealy