

# the wave



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Club President



Rotary Theme for  
2021 - 2022

Reconnecting through Rotary - is the theme this year for our club. And what a great time to reconnect, as we gather again for our first in-person meetings in 15 months. I'm beyond happy to see each and every one of you again.

We have to first thank our past president, Beth W. Kealy. She guided us through what can only be described as one of the most challenging years I hope we ever have to face. To show up on zoom every week and put on a brave face, while the world around us faced an unprecedented health catastrophe could not have been easy. So, hat's off to you Beth.

And now...we look ahead. And what a bright and glorious year we have ahead of us. Don't get me wrong, we face challenges. We weren't able to fund-raise at the level we wanted or was customary. We will face that challenge as a club this year, rather than a single committee.

We're doing all we can to figure out the technical side of hybrid meetings for those of you who cannot make in-person meetings. Our transition team coordinator, Maryallene Arsanto, has worked hard to meet with other clubs, district leaders and our own board to move us through this process. So a big thanks for Maryallene and her team.

What can you expect moving forward? More communication from your committee chairs and regular board summary reports (this is a good time to remind you that members are always welcome at board meetings). I will use this forum to let you know what's going on at the board level, and committee chairs will be reporting to you, the members, every week on a rotating basis.

We have used this time wisely to strengthen our foundation. You will find CLRR's (Club Leadership Roles and Responsibilities) on the website. We're almost done updating our Strategic Plan, as well as our by-laws. There is now a membership talent matrix on-line; a valuable tool to utilize the talents and skills of our members. Brenda will be talking more about this as she's really stepped up and led the charge on this work.

So let's have some fun and help those in our community who rely on us. Help out and support whenever you can and we will have a great year.

Yours in service,

Maggie



# Edmonds Photomathon



**CONNECTED**  
by Heather Gyselman

This image encapsulates the love and “connectedness” of the child with what we assume are family members on the screen, as they share the familiar heart hand gesture. Viewing this photo one can literally feel the emotions and the bond flowing between the child and the woman on the screen. It is another timely message of how love ties us together despite the separation many suffered through during the pandemic shutdown, and how despite this love finds a way to connect, in this case via technology. The message comes through - even in the depths of the pandemic, love is stronger than COVID.

## Judges’ comments ~

### 2021 Edmonds Photomathon winners:



What an honor to be asked to judge this year’s **Photomathon!** This year’s entries made for some very tough decisions, and I admit to losing some sleep while pondering their relative merits. In the end I am impressed with the body of talent, artistic expression, and overall creativity that went into this year’s entries. Thanks for allowing me to be part of this great event. –Larry Vogel



**YELLOW**  
by Vicki Rivers

A great example of seeing something special in an everyday object. The monumental tractor wheel and tire dominate the photo, drawing attention to its weight, size, symmetry, and color. But the art is in the details, specifically the imperfections – especially the partially flat tire and the spots of rust. This is no showroom tractor - it works for a living. Its youthful glory days may be past, but it’s strong and still has plenty of chores ahead – a metaphor for all of us as we move through life’s many stages.



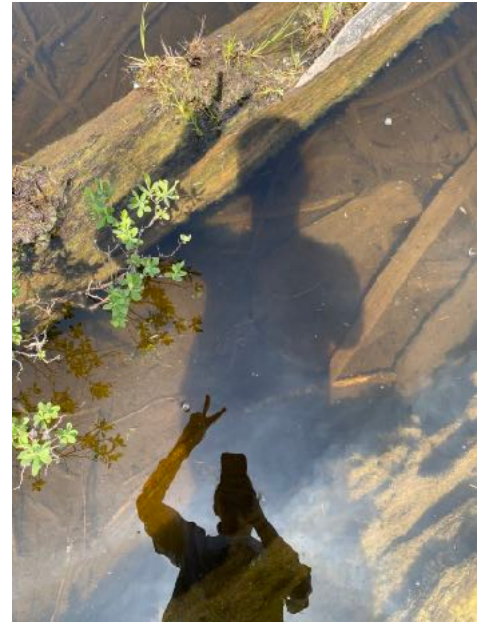
**DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE??**  
by Frances Vanderbeck

The true creative art in photography (and indeed all other art forms) involves seeing ordinary things in different ways. This image captures a face formed by knots and tree growth patterns exposed in an everyday fence board. It reminds me of the famous work by Picasso, which he created in a spark of inspiration by seeing a bull’s head in an everyday set of handlebars and a bicycle seat. These commonplace objects are an everyday part of our surrounding, and there may be similar ones gathering dust in your garage or shed – but it took the genius of Picasso to see them differently and the result is an enduring work of art.



This is an amazing image that captures multiple vertical levels and dimensions in a single shot. Closest to the camera are the plants growing out of the partially submerged log. One level down, the water's surface reflects not only the clouds, but the image of the photographer. The final level shows the bottom of the pool, repeating the shadow of the photographer (a very special touch) and adding the crisscrossed debris. It's one of those complex photos where every time you look at it you see something new.

Best in Show was a very hard choice, but there's so much going on in this photo. The more you look at it, the more you see. I found it both cerebral and intellectually challenging. You could almost base a course on it. In the end, it was this consideration that pushed it over the top as **Best in Show**.



**THIS IS ME - Best in Show**  
by Molly Ottele

Joy, youthful exuberance, color, action, and motion come together in this shot that's sure to bring a smile to the face of even the glummiest curmudgeon. The red, orange, and blue color seem stolen from a bowl of rainbow sherbet and just scream summer. They provide the perfect backdrop to a child's moment of joy and splashing water. It's a summer afternoon frozen in time. Pull this one out some dreary winter day, and let it be summer just for a moment.

The Best in Show decision was tough for me. The raw emotion and joy of life in this image is so compelling – it really draws the viewer in. I think it deserves recognition as **Best in Show runner up**.



**WET - Runner Up, Best in Show**

This photo captures the emotions inherent in the forced separation of loved ones across generations imposed by the COVID shutdown. The obvious age difference of the two hands (and the fact that the older hand is in partial shadow) encapsulates the joy, emotion, and intimacy we are again able to experience as we reconnect physically with those dear to us, grandparents once again hug grandchildren, and the time of COVID-imposed separations slowly fades.



**AFTER QUARANTINE**  
by Erich Hayner



## Programs & other stuff



*Randy Hutchins and Elise Hegrat gave a good summary some of our Community Service projects during the past year.*



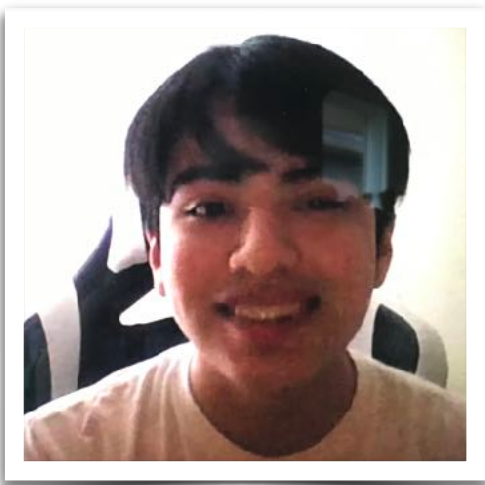
*Brian Zinke, Pilchuck Audubon, fielded a lot of questions from members about local birds and bird habitat. He also gave some tips on bird friendly gardens, and invited members to visit the Demonstration Garden right here in Edmonds for ideas.*



At right is a hard working group intent on updating the club's Strategic Plan. It's an effort encouraged by RI to take a longer look at goals and activities. Sorting out priorities at right, are President Maggie, Adrienne Miller, Brenda Carrithers, Pat Shields, Carol Kinney, and Will Chen. Once the committee has completed the proposed update, it will be presented to the full club membership for review and approval.



*Our last Student of the Month, for this year, from Meadowdale High School, is Saul Gonzales. Many thanks to Lora Schwartzenberger, Counselor, and to Youth Services Chair Richard Okimoto for keeping this program running on behalf of these great students.*





## *Fourth of July Parade*

Edmonds Rotary Club made a glorious return to public at this year's 4th of July parade. Though we were given a very short notice, several members turned out and had so much fun representing our club. The joy from the crowd was incredible. Thanks to club members Georgia Ragsdale, Fiona Hatfield, Randy Hutchins, David Kaufer, Debbie Danekas, and Jean Swenson, and guests Stone Kaufer and Elise Hegrat. New members Georgia and Fiona led the whole way.





# Warren Eugene Bradbury: 1938 - 2021

Warren passed away on May 21 of this year. He was a graduate of Edmonds High School, and graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Business. As a teenager he began working in the family business, Bradbury's TV Service & Repair, and took it over when his father retired, until his own retirement.

Warren was an important part of our Rotary Club from 1974 until his death. He served as Scholarship Chair for over 20 years. Even as he began to slow down with age, he was always there to do his share in whatever way he could, a great role model for anyone who wants to be called a Rotarian. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow, many times over.

One of the things we remember about Warren was his positive outlook and wonderful (quiet) sense of humor. He liked Chinese food and the Pancake Haus. He was a member of Edmonds United Methodist Church. He enjoyed photography, and was quite good at it. He really enjoyed going to the District Conference every year (we always tried to find a good Chinese restaurant nearby!). He also liked the Seahawks and UTube, and was quite an expert on the bus routes after he stopped driving. And he always, ALWAYS pulled all his shifts for the Corn Booth, the Waterfront Festival, and even for Oktoberfest. We may never be able to fill his Rotary Membership Classification as "TV Service & Repair" to be sure, but as a friend and fellow Rotarian he will be even more missed.

The family has suggested donations to Edmonds Rotary Club Scholarships, or to PAWS, Lynnwood. Our Club Board is also considering ways we can honor Warren as a Club.



## *Warren Bradbury's Famous Peanut Butter Pie*

### FOR THE CRUST:

- 1 pkg Graham Crackers (1 2/3C Crumbs)\*
- 1/4 C Sugar
- 1/4 C Softened Butter

Put Graham Crackers in a plastic bag, 2 or 3 crackers at a time. Roll the crackers with a rolling pin until they are fine crumbs. Add 2 or 3 more crackers and repeat, until all the crackers have been rolled into fine crumbs. Pour Crumbs into a mixing bowl. Add Sugar and the softened Butter. Blend all ingredients well with fingers, a fork, or a pastry blender.

Spray a 9 1/2" or 10" pie plate with Pam, or lightly grease with butter. Spread with paper towel to cover bottom & sides, and remove excess. Pour the crumb mixture into the pie plate & distribute evenly to form the crust. Bake in 375 degree oven for 8 minutes.

### FOR THE FILLING:

- 1 C Peanut Butter (Extra Crunchy)
- 8oz Cream Cheese (Do not use Light or Low-Fat or Fat Free, or pie will not set up)
- 1 C Sugar
- 1 T Melted Butter
- 1 C Whipping Cream
- 1 T Vanilla

With electric mixer, cream together the Peanut Butter, Cream Cheese, Sugar, and Butter

Add Whipping Cream & Vanilla. Mix all ingredients together and pour into Graham Cracker Crust. Chill 6 - 8 hours, or overnight.

If desired, chilled pie can be topped with melted Fudge Topping (or Chocolate Syrup). Refrigerate again to set.

### \*GRAHAM CRACKER SUBSTITUTES

- Chocolate Wafers - about 24 - 1 2/3C crushed
- Vanilla Wafers - about 36 - 1 2/3C crushed
- Gingersnaps - about 36 - 1 2/3C crushed

Warren said he got this recipe from a radio interview he heard with Bob Harris, Chef to Gene Autry. It was so popular with members at Rotary gatherings that he was "forced" to always bring at least 2 pies. We also included the recipe in our New Member Notebooks for years.

**CASA Projects Update, from Diane Buckshnis** ~ Funds collected from the giving trees at Christmas time are usually used for helping families pay for basic needs like food, utilities, etc. This year there were some funds left over, so they (Chair Diane, Joelle Kelly and Lindsay Cortes from CASA) tried something new. Working with a list of books drawn from titles requested by children in the program and suggested by volunteer case workers, they approached Mary Kay Sneeringer and David Brewster, owners of Edmonds Bookshop. They gladly provided a 20% discount for purchase of the 200 books CASA then distributed to the children in this program, all of whom are victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, or neglect.

Sharing stories from books has always been what CASA volunteers did with their clients, but there were never enough, so the volunteers could not leave the books behind, but had to take for use with other children. Now these books can be left for the children to own, read, and re-read.

Many thanks to the Edmonds Bookshop for their generous support! We call this an update of our club's efforts, but kudos to Diane, in this case acting pretty much as a committee of one representing our club. Good work all!



Oktoberfest will be LIVE on September 24 & 25. Things are coming together well, but we still need some great Sponsors to help make this a financial success too.

Doug Lofstrom, Past-President, is not an active member these days, but he still spends much time volunteering with things like Rotary and the Food Bank. He also has stepped it up to be one of our Sponsors for Oktoberfest. Thanks Doug !



## From the Editor

**"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."**

**F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby***

*Warm summer days are here, along with a New Rotary Year. And if you're vaccinated, you can take off the mask, maybe hug a little. Take some time to enjoy the Northwest outdoors, even if you aren't ready for a real trip out of town (or maybe you are!). If you do travel, ask Secretary Elizabeth for a Club Banner, and visit another club on your trip.*

*And while you're relaxing, if you're a newer member, and even maybe if you're an "old timer" like me, this is a good time to brush up on Rotary. Take a look see in the Rotarian to find out what other clubs are up to. Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to get acquainted with some of the many programs that Rotary has besides our weekly meetings. What do you know about Peace Fellowships, Rotary Community Corps, or the New Generations Service Exchange? What about Polio Plus, or the Malaria Project? Did you know that the Rotary Foundation, which is providing matching funds for our club's Gambia project, is one of the most efficient and highest rated charities out there?*

*Think about how you can use your skills in Rotary. There are many projects to get involved in. And fellowship. Be sure to enjoy our "live adventures" now as a club; there are a number scheduled for now through the fall, so you can get to know other members. And you can also check Rotary Fellowships on the above website, where you can get to know Rotarians from other clubs around the world who may have some of the same interests as you. Lastly, consider attending the District 5030 Conference on October 1 - 3, in Coeur d'Alene. You'll meet other Rotarians and be inspired by what we are doing together.*

**Pat Thorpe, Editor**

*c'est finis*



**PS ~ Photos from the Demotion Party will be in next month's edition of The Wave.**