

Rotary Club of Edmonds

the wave



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“What binds Rotarians together is a unity of desire and a unity of purpose to serve society and to serve mankind... a unity in diversity.”

PastRI President C.P.H. Teenstra



Finally, after 2 years of Covid-19, plus Omicron, etc, we held a Fireside. It was well attended by senior as well as newer members, and enjoyed by all. We talked a bit about the historical development of Rotary, and answered questions. A few Past-Presidents in attendance shared some thoughts about how to enjoy the experience of Rotary more fully. Adrienne Miller, our gracious host, plied us with tasty refreshments to add to the evening’s enjoyment. Hopefully, our next Rotary year will be able to return to the tradition of a Fireside every quarter.





President's Message...

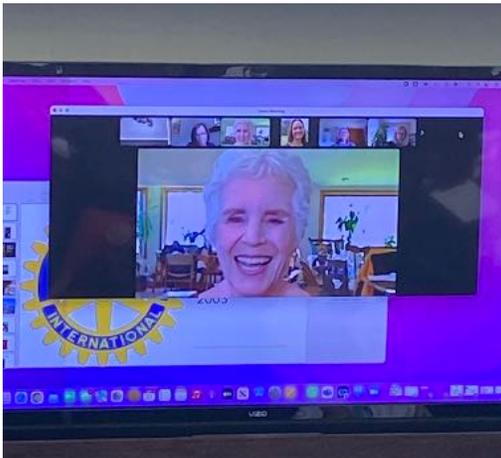
While on a walk with my husband this morning, he asked me how I feel about my term as President coming to an end. And to tell the truth, I got a lump in my throat. It's been a swirl of mixed emotions as I look back on my year. As you all know, we've faced challenges. And yet when I think of those challenges, I'm reminded of how we came together to meet them. We lost a beloved member in January. Twice we had to pivot back to Zoom due to the continuing Covid pandemic. There were various member issues to work out and technical issues to overcome. But, mostly I feel grateful. Teams of very talented members worked hard to get our club documents in order. We established several procedures to make sure our leadership is better trained and ready to lead. Our Board made meaningful decisions with their wise council that benefited all. And my friendships deepened as I became more engaged with all of you.

I have truly been honored to be your club President, and I will miss it. But...we are in for a great year with our new President. Debbie's enthusiasm, drive and friendly demeanor will ensure that our club continues to grow and thrive. I hope she enjoys her year as much as I did, and that she will feel as embraced and appreciated as I did this past year.

This is my last President's letter, as June is chock-full of end of year events. I hope you will all take part in the retreat in LaConner, The Changing of the Guard party on June 25th, the golf/ dinner at Newcastle Golf Course on June 27th, and my final meeting as President on June 28th.

Then, I'm off on vacation July 1. I return mid July as your Public Relations chair - ready to get back to work.

Maggie



Club Anniversary celebrated with cake!

We celebrated our Club Anniversary this past month: 70 or 71 years depending if you count charter date ('51) or first full Rotary year ('51-'52). We had a good "look back" as a few Past Presidents in attendance recalled some memories: Clockwise, Elizabeth Crouch, 2004-05; Doug Purcell, 2008-09; Lamin Manneh, 2011-12; and Libby Freese, 2014-15. Pat Thorpe, 1998-99; Pat Shields, 1999-00; and Carol Kinney, 2009-10 also spoke, though our photographer didn't catch them.





2022 Scholarship Winners

Top row, L to R: Alexandra Weber, Emma Whitlock, Hazel Warner, Owen Lee, Phillip Borchert, Juliette Kwak.
 Bottom row, L to R: Alejandra Engel, Saul Gonzales, Auryasia Ko, Katelyn Ely. Not pictured: Melany Sloan.



Chief David Stern Memorial Officer of the Year: This award is given by our club every year, with nominations coming from fellow department employees, and the final selection is made by previous recipients of the award. Given to a full time, fully commissioned police officer, this year's award was presented by Doug Purcell to Cpl. Ashley Saunders. Linda McCullough and Debbie Danekas also attended the event and helped to serve the cake.



Wine Tasting Fun...

The event was full of eager wine and food connoisseurs, and the weather cooperated to give us lots of sunshine. All of the wines this year were from the southern hemisphere: Argentina, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Before each course (there were six), our Sommelier Chris Allen gave us some background about the wine and explained the characteristics of taste, especially how it might vary from a similar wine produced in another part of the world. Chef Cheryl Allen then introduced the dish to accompany, suggesting what to watch for in the blending of flavor from the wine to the food. Elizabeth Crouch volunteered as Sous Chef, and the event was hosted by Libby Freese and Pat Thorpe, at Pat's house in Ballard.



Memories of past years...



More memories...



From the Editor

Finally, to be able to travel once again! With my daughter and a small group of friends, I took a barge trip on the Ouche (oosh) River in the Burgundy region of France, adding on a few days in Paris as well. With chateaus, wineries, truffles, lots of food and good wine from the region, and great friendship, it was quite a change from the semi-isolation of the past two years.

The recent Fireside at Adrienne's house, along with the wine tasting event Libby and I hosted, bring hope that the worst is behind us. So sorry I missed the Retreat this weekend, but it too is a good sign we are headed back to some kind of normal. When I think about it, it's amazing what we have continued to accomplish in our community in spite of a pandemic. Our great project in Gambia is on target for completion - special thanks to Lamin and his team. We now look forward to an energetic and successful Oktoberfest come September. Our new President, Debbie Danekas will be a good leader and we need members who are involved more than ever.

*In closing, the photo below is meant to offer a farewell thanks thrice over, as I add a sad/sweet adieu as your Editor for *The Wave*. I believe it was Vern Chase who asked me to "help out" and write a newsletter. I said yes, then reflected that I had absolutely no idea how to do that. No desktop publishing skills at all. Now here we are, 14 years later. I'm so grateful for all the encouragement and support from so many of you, including articles and photos, over the years. I hope you have found ***The Wave*** informative, especially while many of you have not been able to gather physically these past couple years. I hope you have found some joy time to time, even a laugh, and maybe something to think about each month. I'm not sure who will write next month's edition, but I encourage you all to offer help and support as you have for me.*

"Don't adventures ever have an end? I suppose not. Someone else always has to carry on the story."

J.R.R. Tolkien, The Fellowship of the Ring

Pat Thorpe, Editor

c'est finis

