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In response to the deepening humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, **The Rotary Foundation** has created an official channel for Rotary members around the world to contribute funds to support the relief efforts underway by Rotary districts, and has designated its **Disaster Response Fund** as the main avenue for contributions. If you want to contribute, you can bring a check made out to the **Edmonds Rotary Foundation** to the meeting, or you can contribute directly at [rotary.org](https://rotary.org).

## Recognizing members...



You don't always have to be loud in order to be effective as a good Rotarian. The women here are proof of that.

**Jean Eastman Swenson**, photo left, was recognized by President Maggie as **Rotarian of the Month**. Jean joined the club years ago, while married to member Carl, who was also a Past District Governor. During their marriage the importance of Rotary flowed through to Jean, so that after Carl's death she has continued to be an active and generous member of our club in her own right. Quiet, but always a positive and gracious contributor with both volunteer time and financial help for club efforts in the community.



**Kathy Prewitt**, above right, has also been a member for quite a few years. In fact she is a second-generation Rotarian: her Mom is a member of the Mercer Island Rotary Club. Kathy is not one for speeches, but if you need some work done, she will help. She has been Assistant Secretary among other things, and will take the helm as Secretary next year. In the photo here she is receiving her **Paul Harris Fellow** recognition award.



## Rotary International statement on Ukraine conflict ~

*It is a tragic and sad time for the people of Ukraine and the world. At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship there. Continued military action against Ukraine will not only devastate the region, but also risk spreading tragic consequences across Europe and the world.*

*As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, we have made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We join the international community in calling for an immediate cease fire, withdrawal of Russian forces, and a restoration of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict through dialogue. In the past decade, Rotary clubs in Ukraine, Russia and nearby countries have transcended national differences and have actively engaged in peace-building projects to promote goodwill and to marshal assistance for the victims of war and violence. Today, our thoughts are with our fellow Rotary members and others in Ukraine coping with these tragic events. Rotary International will do everything in its power to bring aid, support and peace to the region.*

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## Rick Steves Service Above Self Award

*by Amie Armstrong , Vocational Services Chair*

At our regular Tuesday meeting on 2/22/2022, Rick Steves presented the inaugural Rick Steves Service Above Self award. The vision behind this award is to recognize employees in Edmonds who embody Rotary values in their home, work, and community. We could not be prouder to present this first award to Terra Mangum, DNP. Terra captures the essence of Rotary service in all realms of her life, selflessly serving others in a way that inspires us all. In her home life, through the years she and her husband Zach have opened their home to 25+ adolescent youth, helping several graduate from high school. As Steves discussed Terra's accomplishments, he quipped, "I can't think of anything more heroic than taking an adolescent into your home."

Professionally, Terra is an inspiration to her colleagues. Having earned her doctorate in adolescent medicine, she works at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Edmonds (formerly Edmonds Family Medicine) caring for families and supporting mothers as a lactation consultant. In her new role as Co-Section Head of their primary care leadership team, Terra is spearheading and elevating the roles nurse practitioners play in healthcare. As if this was not enough, Terra is also active in local events and regularly regularly patronizes downtown Edmonds businesses.

We wholeheartedly agree with Dr. Chanyasubkit's words: "When I think of Edmonds personified, I think of Dr. Terra Mangum. She radiates service and joy wherever she goes and I cannot think of a more deserving individual." Congratulations, Terra!



**Jann Venedict Esberto Adan** is our Student of the Month for February. He is a junior at Meadowdale High School



## A Note From Your President

Hello Rotarians,

Every year, as the Earth starts the process of re-birth, and the flowers and trees are ready to explode with color and beauty, the expression “Hope springs eternal” pops into my head. But where did that expression come from? This particular expression was coined by the poet Alexander Pope in An Essay on Man (1732). “Hope springs eternal in the human breast”. It is human nature to keep on hoping against all odds.



I've always felt like Spring is nature's way of reassuring us that “hope springs eternal”. After the dark and cold, we welcome the warmth and light back in.

Being a member of Rotary makes me feel that way too. So many of us have gone into some pretty bleak situations, and through our love of service, and commitment to making the world a better place, we bring the light... and we bring hope. Hope for a planet without polio, hope for clean water where there was none, hope for a fair and just education for all, regardless of financial ability; the list is endless. And so is the dedication of Rotarians across the globe. As we welcome the first warm breaths of Spring, may your heart be warmed by the fact that you are a member of a wonderful organization and a club that practices spreading hope every single day.

Happy Spring!

Many in our club have had to help a family member, or may even be trying to decide for themselves how to go through the process of downsizing and finding appropriate senior living facilities.

### Rotarian

**Adrienne Miller** is here to help. She can assist through her business, **Forever Care Services**. She

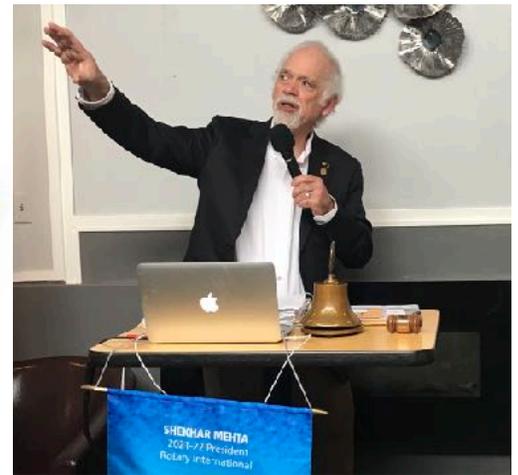
suggested some questions to ask, to help folks decide what fits as well as what is affordable. She can even help if outside financial aid is needed through Medicaid. She began her vocation after having to help a loved one herself, then recognizing a real need for someone to help people find a way through this process in a less painful way.



## Meeting Recap...



**Ron Dotzauer** is CEO of Strategies 360, but also serves as KOMO News Political Analyst. He gave us his take on the November elections, but also what he sees in the current climate, both in the State and well as nationally. He then fielded questions about politics and suggestions for resolving some of the current division that has upended community discourse.



**Captain Kevin Coulombe**, US Merchant Marine, ret., talked about Marine Transportation: the beating heart of the U.S. Economy. Many of us have already noticed the importance of marine transportation as we have seen so many empty shelves in our stores of late, due to the shortage of workers to unload at the ports. As Kevin explained the history of transport ships, he also explained the diversity of ship design today based on the specific cargo. In other words, a cargo ship is more than just a cargo ship. After 40 years of service, Captain Kevin walked down the gangway of the container ship MV Maersk Memphis in New Jersey, retired, and came home to Edmonds.



## *Celebrating International Women's Month*

### **Women Pioneers in Edmonds**

The election of Edmonds Mayor in December 1924 was expected to be a foregone conclusion with incumbent M. C. Engels having been re-nominated with no obvious opposition. However, on Election Day, the women of Edmonds began handing out stickers with the name of **Mrs. Alice U. Kerr**. When the final tally had been made, Mrs. Kerr had beaten Mr. Engels by a vote of 163 to 159.

Alice Kerr moved to Edmonds from Chicago in 1920. She was installed as Mayor of Edmonds in January 1925 and served in the position for one year. In October of that year, she clashed with the Edmonds City Council — of which George Brackett was a member — over pool and card rooms.

The council had prepared an ordinance to repeal all regulations affecting the practices and passed it with a five-to-two vote. Mrs. Kerr immediately vetoed but the vote was passed over her veto during the next session. After complaints were raised about dances in the basement of the Beeson building and Mrs. Kerr became critical of the events, a new ordinance covering card rooms, pool rooms and dances was introduced and passed in December 1925.

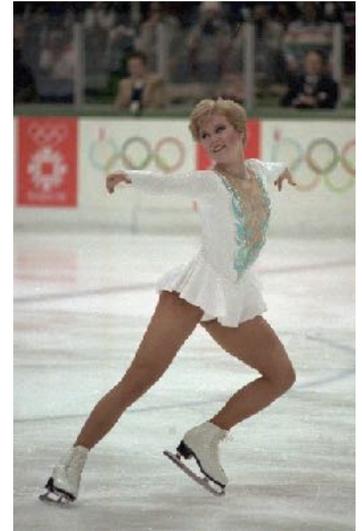
Mrs. Kerr also served as secretary of the National Baptist Association and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Edmonds. She passed away in 1949 at the age of 91. At the time of her passing, she was the first and only woman to have served as Mayor of Edmonds.

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### **Olympic Champions in Edmonds**

**Rosalynn Sumners** was raised in Edmonds. She won three straight national titles in figure skating from 1982 - 84, and was the World Champion in 1983, at the age of 19. She won the Silver Medal at the 1984 Olympic Games in Sarajevo, losing the Gold Medal to Katarina Witt by one tenth of a point. While her home town of Edmonds hailed her as a champion for her achievement, even naming one of the streets in downtown Edmonds "Rosalynn Sumners Boulevard", it took a number of years to overcome her own disappointment at not winning gold, feeling she had let people down. She signed on with Scott Hamilton's "Stars on Ice", where she finally came to realize some of the value in her accomplishment. She was inducted into the US Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 2001.



### **Women in Rotary**

**Jennifer E. Jones**, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, will become **Rotary International's President for 2022-23**, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's history. Rotary International President-Elect, Jennifer Jones is the President of Media Street Productions Inc., a 25-year old, award-winning media company in Windsor, Ontario. Her talents have strengthened Rotary reach and impact, through many roles including as Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, RI Vice President, and co-chair of the End Polio Now: Make History Today campaign.

Working alongside political figures, celebrities and global leaders, she uses her voice to raise awareness and hundreds of millions of dollars to eradicate disease, support peace and provide clean water and sanitation in developing areas of the world. Her skill as an expert storyteller inspires hope and promise and motivates people to take action.

She has received many honours and recognitions including Rotary's Service above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award – a first for a Canadian.

## From the Editor

As many of my fellow Rotarians know, travel is one of my passions. Like Rick Steves, I believe in the power of travel to aid in personal and political understanding of people in other parts of the world. For 2 years though, I have have been stuck at home - almost literally! Finally I got on a plane again. I visited my son Mark, and his family, in Orlando. Wearing my mask, social distancing, I was quite trepidatious, like a first-time flyer almost - you'd never guess I had enough mileage credits to "buy" my first class ticket. I had a lovely time. Lots of lakes, parks, flowers, even a few (small) gators! Except 86 degrees was "too hot". Until I got back home to Seattle right after the snowfall and 30 degrees! It was great to visit with family again, and to meet my granddaughter's fiancé. I plan to go back for the wedding in the fall - if not sooner. My next trip though will be on a river barge through the Burgundy area of France, in May. I am emboldened. I'm back on a roll!

**Pat Thorpe, Editor**

*c'est finis*

