

the wave

Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served



A few words about Veterans Day...

~Originally called Armistice Day, honoring the war dead from World War I, the date represents the day the agreement was signed ending the war, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918. It is still called Armistice Day in Great Britain, and Day of Remembrance in Canada.

~President Eisenhower changed the name to Veterans Day, to honor ALL those who have served in the military, living and dead. Hence, no need for an apostrophe.

~The red poppy is associated with this day because of a poem written by Canadian physician LTC John McCrae. After the funeral of a dear friend during WWI, he was moved by seeing bright colored poppies stubbornly flourishing all over the war torn fields of Belgium and France.

For all Veterans...

*I don't know war
Or the pain of it.
All you've endured
My gratitude feels insufficient
So I weave it in words
And pray they are
a gift fit for a soldier.
thank you.*

Anonymous, Library of Congress

In Flanders Fields

~LTC John McCrae

*In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



A fun evening of *Spaghetti* and Bingo!
hosted by Maggie Peterson and Debbie Danekas



Work Party at Trinity Place

~ from Brenda Carrithers

Jean Eastman, Michele Miller and Brenda Carrithers IN ACTION assembling shelving and clearing the 8x10 room for a second Pantry at the YWCA's TRINITY PLACE. The goods stored here will serve the resident families entering the program with necessary household items.

A Note From Your President

Hello Rotarians,

If you are brave enough to turn on the news these days, you would think it was all doom and gloom. But... if you're looking at our little corner of paradise from where I'm sitting, it's not so bad.

I've had so much fun this past month with many of my fellow Rotarians. Debbie, Brenda, and I hosted the first President's New Member Invitational on October 15th. This was a casual little get-together for our new members and their mentors so they could bond, and we could get to know them better. It was a warm and lovely evening and we enjoyed spending time with our fabulous new members in a relaxed environment. After all, I don't get much time to "schmooze" at meetings, so it was a real treat for me.

We also had a really fun social/fund-raiser on October 23rd. Debbie and I hosted 18 of you at my home where we enjoyed a few games of Bingo and a spaghetti dinner. We loved seeing all of you in person, having fun and enjoying each other's company. And we made \$930.00 for the club!

Our Global Grant was approved on October 4th. It is a lot of work to get a grant approved; the team has been working on the Bridge to Success project since 2018.

We got to enjoy a "field trip" to the Edmonds Food Bank on October 26th.

We'll be meeting together again to clean up Trinity Place on October 30th.

We've seen several new faces at our in-person meetings, whom we hope will convert to new members.

So, with all these great things happening, we have to remember that none of this happens without leadership. We have an amazing pool of talent in our club, and I'm hoping many of you will be willing to step up and keep our club strong by taking a leadership role. Debbie is in the process of putting together her board right now, and it's an honor to be asked to serve. I have regular meetings with other Presidents in our District, and many clubs are experiencing member apathy when it comes to filling leadership roles. I expect we will have a strong, committed board in the coming year. So, if you get that call, please consider serving your club, for the good of our community.

Yours in service,

Maggie



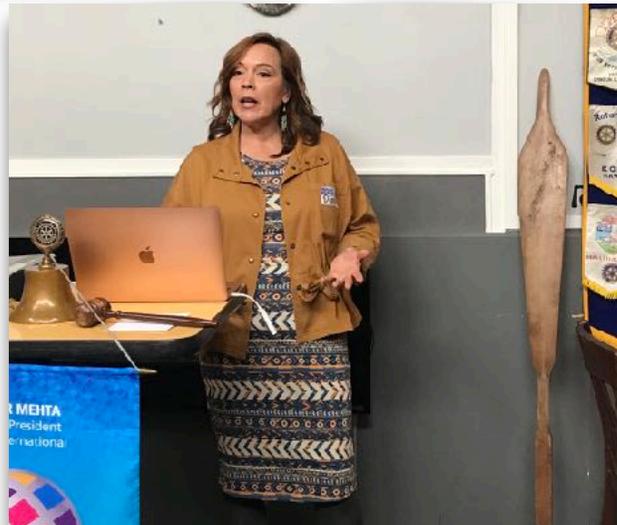
Recent visit to the Edmonds Food Bank:

Amie Armstrong, Vocational Services Chair, recently organized a tour of the Food Bank. Our club has been a long time supporter, but in the past couple of years, during Covid-19, the needs here have more than doubled.



Diana White recently took part in the annual Tribal Canoe Adventure in the San Juans.

Eng Braun is a new member to our club, but President Maggie honored her for her outstanding efforts already in the club.



From the Editor

So, Fall has rushed in not with a sigh, but with a giant roar. And yet the display of color these past few weeks would rival some of the legendary displays I have seen in the Northeast part of our country. As we hunker down to find some “hygge,” or coziness, the good news is that unlike last fall, we may actually seek warmth in the closeness of friends and family once again, what with the vaccine and a pandemic that seems to be slowing finally. Caution is required of course, but I’m hopefully optimistic (optimistically hopeful?), as I know many of you all are as well.



We had to cancel Oktoberfest, our main club fundraiser, but the \$30,000 Grant from the city will be very helpful in allowing us to continue to help others in the community. Our own members have also been extra generous this year, and anxious for meeting in person. In light of both, we had a good turnout for the recent spaghetti dinner, raised a little money for the club, and had a really fun time together.

We plan to have an actual **live** Christmas Party on December 20, at the Waterfront Center. Follow that with our first Fireside of the year on January 12, at the home of Adrienne Miller. Details to follow shortly for both.

Special thanks to Libby Freese and Brenda Carrithers for providing some great photos for this edition of The Wave. Many thanks also to those of you who have suggested speakers for our meetings. While some of them are not able to fit into our scheduling, the suggestions are appreciated. When members take the time to come to a meeting, it’s important that they feel the time is well spent. That is the goal we strive for.

Here’s hoping you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. May you have many blessings to be thankful for, and many more days to be thankful.

Pat Thorpe, Editor
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