

the wave



September 2021

The District 5030 Conference will be October 1 - 3 at Coeur d'Alene Resort, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Members who attend will be reimbursed for Conference Registration. All attendees must be vaccinated.



Jean Eastman, here with District Governor Howard Cohen, gives a smile after receiving her award from President Maggie as Rotarian of the Month.

The Rotary Wine Grotto was a feature at the recent Edmonds Arts Festival. Many thanks to those who poured, including Jim Welsh and Steve Tholl, shown here. Diane Buckshnis was in charge and labored all weekend, along with a few other fellow Rotarians.

President's Message

by President Maggie Peterson



It's always a shock to me to see the leaves changing around town. Happens every year, but still a shock. Most of us are looking forward to the lovely cooler days. Luckily this year we didn't have to endure too much smoke.

I want to thank you all for your cooperation as we continue to manage COVID as best we can. Priority number four of our strategic plan (sent to you on August 11th) is "increase our ability to adapt". I guess we're really putting that into action as we move through this challenging time.

We've had some fun this weekend at the Edmonds Arts Festival. The new space is a really welcome change. We're able to seat about 100 people, as opposed the 20 or so on the upper deck. And being able to rock out to the music is fun too. We owe a HUGE thank you to Diane Buckshnis for her hard work putting the grotto together.

Board Meeting Round-up - Board of Directors August 2nd meeting.

As always, Libby starts us off with her financial reports. Our total balances as of August 2nd total \$83,177.20.

Brenda has eight potential new members (that girl is on fire!). She's working on the final revision of the New Member Handbook.

Brenda did a DACdb training demo for mobile phones on August 6th and 10th. If you'd like more information about this wonderful platform, she'd be happy to show you all the great features.

Do you know someone interesting who is associated with an amazing organization? Pat would love any ideas you have for great speakers for our club. We discussed having outdoor socials only during Covid. Any ideas for virtual socials is welcome.

Libby and Pat hosted their annual wine tasting on August 21st. I was sorry to miss that as I was up in Canada on the boat. But I hear a great time was had by all.

We're still looking for somebody to chair the annual holiday party. I know it's hard to know right now if we'll be safely able to come together for that, but we should be ready in the hopes we can safely celebrate the holidays.

Amie is working on a quarterly Vocational Service Award. If you know of a business that is meeting or exceeding the Rotary standards, be sure to nominate them. A field trip is scheduled for September 21st at the new Edmonds Waterfront Center - mark your calendars.

Following a robust discussion, the 2021/22 budget was approved. If you'd like a copy, please let me know.

The next board meeting is scheduled for September 13th in the Community Room at the Waterfront Center. All members are invited to attend.

So, let's pull out those sweaters and dust off the boots and get ready for some beautiful fall weather. Let's keep on masking up and staying safe; we'll get through this.

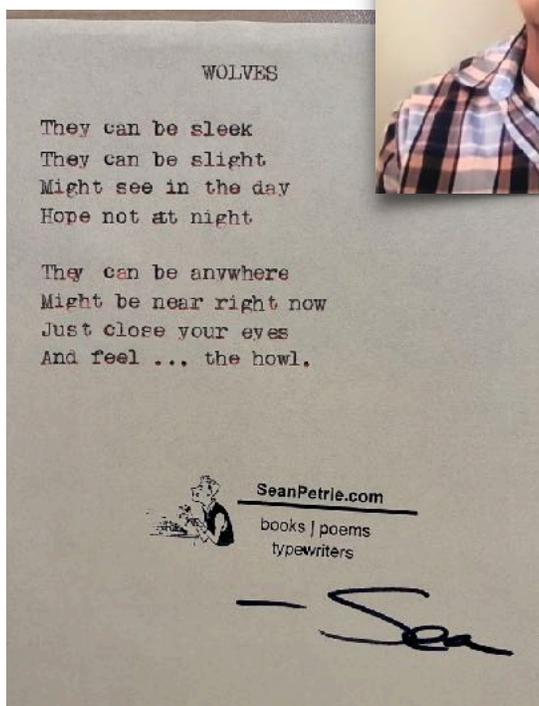
Programs

State Representative Strom Peterson gave us an update on the 2021 legislative session, and answered questions, especially about issues affecting Edmonds directly.

Each year the club welcomes a visit from the current District Governor, and this time it was Governor Howard Cohen, very enthusiastic about his goals for the year - in spite of COVID! He also invited members to the District Conference in Coeur d'Alene October 1-3.

Visiting from Cocoon House were Dylan Tipps and Joseph Alonzo. They told us about a new program for homeless teens, providing temporary shelter in homes, rather than in institutional settings.

Sean Petrie was a special guest. He is a law professor and poet, joining us via ZOOM from Austin, Texas, who uses his 1928 typewriter to write spontaneous poems at public events like festivals, etc. Rotarian Adrienne Miller asked him to write one about Wolves... and he did... right in the time while he was being introduced! A copy of it is here with his picture.



September 24 - 25, 2021

Wine Tasting

This was an evening of fun, with great wine and food, and a little fundraising for the Club as well. Everyone who attended was vaccinated, so the feeling was a little relaxed even before the wine was poured. Chris Allen presented us with a fine selection of wines, explaining a bit about each one, and finishing off the offerings with a great French Cognac. Cherie Allen once again delighted with food paired to each wine choice. This year though she also introduced a little "molecular gastronomy" into the menu to make it interesting and at times almost seemingly magical. Adrienne Miller was Cherie's sous chef, Lisa Allen was head waiter, and the event was hosted by Libby Freese and Pat Thorpe.



Where does the money go?

Conversations about fundraising are constant in Rotary Clubs. We also do work projects, and enjoy great fellowship with friends in Rotary. But at our core we also raise funds to help make our community better and to make lives better, both locally and internationally. So where do we spend it? Randy Hutchins is Service Chair, and he has given a list of some of the projects we have given money to as well as volunteer time over the past year, in spite of Covid:

*Clothes for Kids the Edmonds Museum Kids in Transition Rotary Harvest Against Hunger Trinity Place
Seniors Lunch Program Miscellaneous community grants David Stern Officer of the Year Award Edmonds Food Bank*

In addition, according to Diane Buckshnis, we fulfilled over 250 Xmas requests for the CASA (Guardian ad litem) program.

Brenda Carrithers and her team made sure the kids at Trinity Place had Easter baskets in the spring, and backpacks with back-to-school supplies at end of summer.

Richard Okimoto heads up Youth Services. \$50 gift certificates were awarded to each Student of the Month at Meadowdale High School. Richard's very hard working committee reviewed applications submitted, and chose 10 high school seniors from Edmonds School District to receive scholarships of \$1,200 each.

We donated \$10,000 to the Edmonds Waterfront Center as part of a 5 year pledge of \$50,000.

*On the international level, each **new** member in our club must donate \$50 to the Paul Harris Foundation, and our club matches that so that every member of our club is a Sustaining Paul Harris member.*

*We also continued our efforts to build high school science labs in Gambia as part of our **Bridge to Success Project**. International Chair Lamin Manneh and his committee parlayed our own funds with matching grants from the RI Foundation and an additional grant from a foundation in the Netherlands. After a few years of planning, we finally broke ground on the building this year!*

Apologies if we have missed mentioning anything. And thanks for all your efforts as members to raise the needed funds.

Many thanks to those of you, especially Leslie Amman and Carol Kinney, who help to make your Wave more cheery and interesting with many of the photos we print in **The Wave**. I don't always know/remember who took the photos received, but they are greatly appreciated. Leslie is a newer member who is trying to build her photography business during these trying times, so we really appreciate her generosity in helping us capture the moments. And Carol has just provided me with so many photos that are better than my poor attempts over the years., much appreciated.

From the Editor

Where does the time go? My youngest grandchild, Kiki, is starting high school this year. It hardly seems possible, when she was just a stubborn, adorable, little baby just a week or so ago. At least it seems like that. She is also tiny, 5 feet+ tall perhaps, but weighing in at less than (but tough) 90 pounds. All grandchildren are special, but she is my youngest, so we seem to have something special. Or maybe I just see more of myself in her. Just as with your children, the times you spend with your grandchildren are truly special. Someone once told me that the reason grandparents get along so well with their grandchildren is that they have a common enemy. (Think about that one for a minute.) Anyhow, I worry about her in that teen jungle of high school, but like her mom (and her uncle), I know she will survive. Still I will try to grab as many "Nama" moments as I still can.



Grandparents Day is September 12. Hug your grandchildren!

Pat Thorpe, Editor

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