



Welcome To The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor MIDDAY



Serving to Change Lives

Little Free Pantry program gets a BIG boost!

From Past Prez Lonna,



MIDDAY Rotary's Little Free Pantry program got a big boost from John and Tricia Mulligan on Tuesday. They had heard about our program from Dick Siler and Carol Virak, and thought it was so special that they came to our meeting to make a significant donation. Thank you SO much, John and Tricia.

We also need to thank Dick and Carol for our new mini-pantry donation box, which will be a feature of our meetings from now on. Dick - you are our Pantry Building Hero!



We love our Interactors!

From your Editor,



We are thoroughly enjoying having our Interact students join us for lunch at our new Yacht Club venue. On Feb 7th Henderson Bay Interact Club Co-Presidents Arrow Wehmeier, Raine McDonald, and Aspen Tsurkanu visited to receive Certificates of Appreciation for their Service Above Self, and to brief us on their upcoming Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, to support their service trip to Guatemala this year. Please come out Saturday, March 11th and support our Interactors, and have a great breakfast to boot!

2023 Guatemala Service Trip Fundraiser

Interact

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Rotary Interact Clubs
GHHS, HBHS & PHS

**SATURDAY - MARCH 11, 2023
8 AM to 11 AM**

8402 Skansie Ave, Gig Harbor
Donations support student travel expenses. Checks can be made to Rotary Club of Gig Harbor-North Foundation

Four new members - at one meeting

From Membership Chair Cheri,

MIDDAY Rotary had a BANNER day this week - inducting FOUR new Rotarians on the same day! Well done to Cheri and the Membership Committee...
- Amy and Gregg Larson are joining as a Family. They are recent retirees and are both interested in serving our community. Amy is a Health and Mindful eating coach (we may need her to review our lunch programs) and Gregg is a PhD Clinical Research Doctor. Both are already active at our FISH Food Bank, and Gregg is mentoring homeless youth with Harbor Hope. Welcome to you both.

Speakers

February 14, 2023

Duke Paulson - Tacoma Rescue Mission
NOTE: Special Meeting Location: Best Western Wesley Inn & Suites 6575 Kimball Dr, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

February 21, 2023

Club Assembly
Come hear what is going on at MIDDAY Rotary! Short intro and updates from each club committee. Don't miss this!

February 28, 2023

Board Meeting

March 07, 2023

Star Award Winner (tentative) and Cathryn Cummings - Goodbye Address

Club Leaders



Dennis Wilford
President



Jill Dabbs
President - Elect



Carol Virak
Secretary



Stephen M. Rainbolt
Treasurer



Don Hutchins
Bulletin Editor



Cheri Johnson
Membership Chair



Nathan Ryan Schlicher
Rotary Foundation Chair

Scott Bush
Club Service Chair



- Tyler Martindale is an Insurance Agent/owner of our local Farmers Insurance Agency. He's highly interested in Community Service and finding volunteer opportunities in our area. We're very pleased to have you with us, Tyler.

- Maureen Wilson is a recent retiree from Apple where she was a Community Liaison, managing a dozen volunteer programs. She wants to broaden her scope, getting into local, national and even international service projects. We're sure that



Rotary is the right place to do that, Maureen. Welcome aboard!

We focus on schools

From your Editor,



Our January 10th meeting saw us zeroing in on our local schools. Twins Halle and Eilah Sundell, Co-Presidents of the GH High School Interact Club talked to us about their Club and their interest in community service.

Our Program speaker for the day was Peninsula School District Superintendent Krestin Bahr, who brought us up to date on the "state of the schools" this year.

THANKS to all for an interesting and informative meeting.



Our First meeting at GH Yacht Club

From Co-Prez Jill,



We started our New Year in a new venue: we're now meeting at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club, still a lunch meeting at noon on the first three Tuesdays of the month. Come have lunch with us!

Our first GHYC meeting saw (former Middy - now Morning) Rotarian Ralph Flick provide us his annual update on the doings of our US Supreme Court. As always, we learn a lot from Ralph!

We also heard a Classification Talk from our new member, Banker Rob Lewis. Rob is an amazingly talented person. A career Commercial Banker, in his spare time he's a husband and father, a musician who dabbles in stand-up comedy, as well as being a dedicated board-gamer and lover of the outdoors. We're excited to have you with us, Rob!



Our last meeting at Morso Bistro!

From Co-Prez Jill,



At our last weekly meeting at Morso Bistro just before Christmas, we named our own Jennifer Littlefield an honorary Little Free Pantry Steward (and awarded her for the most unusual find in a Little Free Pantry - a bedpan)!

We also said goodbye to our perennial Morso waitress, Katie, who has provided terrific lunch service to our club during the time we've been meeting there. THANK YOU, Katie!



New officers elected

From Co-Prez Jill,

On December 6th, the Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Middy unanimously elected the following new officer and chairs. From right:

- Dr Nathan Schlicher, 2023-24 President-Elect
- Tammis Green, Secretary



Lonna Calas
IPast President
Community Service Chair



Tammis Greene
Club Service Chair



Luellen Lucid
International Service Chair



Daniel Brown
Interact Club Sponsor
Youth Services Chair



Gunhild Hetty Meissner
Assistant Governor



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- Carol Virak and Rob Lewis, Club Service / Social Committee

Seen here with current Co-President Jill Dabbs.
The position of Treasurer is still open. If interested, please contact Steve Rainbolt for details.



Join us at our Weekly meetings...

Midday Rotary Meets at: We meet the first 3 Tuesdays of the month in-person at Morso Bistro, 9014 Peacock Hill, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. Our Board meets the 4th week by Zoom. Meetings begin about 1/2 hour before noon, for socializing beforehand.

Time: Tuesdays at 12:00 PM

More new members!

From Membership Chair Cheri,



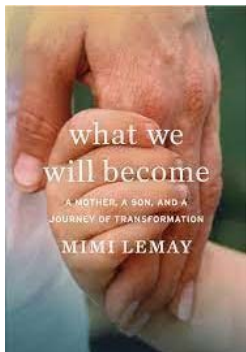
I'm happy to say that we have two more new Midday Rotarians to introduce this month: Jennifer Littlefield comes to us as a Rotarian who has already served in two previous clubs: Sulpher Springs TX and Santa Monica CA. She is a Real Estate Administrator who has taken a position with Keller Williams West Sound in Gig Harbor. She is very interested in all kinds of Community Service and has previously served as a campaign coordinator for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, kayaking, paddleboarding and exploring our beautiful Pacific Northwest.

Maggie Arnold is a new Rotarian, trained as a Nurse and with skills in Communicating and Networking who wants to join others who are interested in the development of Gig Harbor, with an emphasis on Health and Well Being. She lives in Gig Harbor with her husband, and has 5 adult children. She previously worked with the Pierce County Health Department as a Team Lead for Mass Vaccinations. Her outside interests include paddling with the GH Dragons, pickleball, hiking, welding and art.



Midday Rotary wishes you both a very warm welcome!

Join our DEI Book Club



From our DEI Co-Chair, Dan Brown,

Our DEI Book Club has read and discussed some fascinating books. This Month's selection will be the topic at our next meeting, which will be on Thursday, December 2 at 1:30 pm by Zoom.

The book is "**What We Will Become**", by Mimi Lemay: A mother's memoir of her transgender child's odyssey, and her journey outside the boundaries of the faith and culture that shaped her.

If you're interested, please [email Dan](#) for an invitation to the Zoom meeting.

Join us!

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Are you interested in Community Service, or International Service, Youth Service or many other ways of serving your town and your world? Rotary is a great way to get involved, and make friends along the way. Come to any of our weekly meetings at noon Tuesdays on Zoom, by just clicking this link. Meetings open about 1/2 hour before noon for social time. Please feel free to zoom in!
Just [Click Here!](#)

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Midday Rotary



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

A Joint Gig Harbor Rotary Program for Awareness, Education, and Action

The three Gig Harbor Clubs jointly formed a DEI Committee last year, to examine these issues as they apply to our World in General and Rotary in Particular.

Our Midday presentation on June 1st was from our two "lead" members of that Committee: Dan Wilson and Dan Brown.

Dan Wilson started off with the question: Is Racial justice, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, a Rotary issue? And yes, all three GH clubs and the KP Satellite club used the 4-way test as basis and, without question all members of the DEI group agreed, yes.

This DEI program featured a video from King 5 TV, Facing Race. It is the story of Shayla Zartman from Gig Harbor, she is the granddaughter of Charlie Zartman, a member of Gig Harbor North Rotary Club. Shayla graduated from Peninsula High. Shayla is the cousin of George Floyd. She watched how police killed her cousin.. After Floyd's death she joined the fight against systemic racism and also realized she fought a battle

within herself: "I wasn't black enough to be black, not white enough to be white ". She told her story of being raised in a multi-racial family, and the awakening she had with Mr. Floyd's death.
Hers is just one story that represent millions of multi-racial Americans struggling to find where they fit, powerless that they can do nothing about the color of their skins.

If you have any doubts about this issue, I recommend you watch their excellent presentation, on our Midday Rotary YouTube channel, right [HERE](#).

Check us out on Social Media

from Editor Don

I mentioned earlier that our Rotarian Adison was setting us up with Twitter, Instagram and Linked-in accounts. That's in addition to our presence on FaceBook and YouTube which had been up and running earlier. We're now online in all those venues, so whatever your online preference, just

search Gig Harbor Midday Rotary to connect with us and share out latest news...
THANK YOU, Adison, for your help!

YOUTH PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING

GH Midday Rotarians please note: Only a few Midday Rotarians have completed this worthwhile course, and our goal remains to have EVERY Midday Rotarian so qualified. If you are among the substantial number who have NOT - would you please go to our website and click the link to YOUTH PROTECTION AWARENESS TRAINING?
The course takes just a little time, and is very important to Rotary's Youth Protection program. Will you please do it?

