



# Welcome To The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor MIDDAY



Serving to Change Lives

## Communities in Schools

From Co-Prez Jill,



This week MIDDAY heard from our Service partner, Communities in Schools, about their program at Discovery Elementary School. Delonna Halliday, Principal and Alex MacAulay, Site Coordinator at Discovery Elementary talked about the program in general and more specifically about how valuable an addition Alex and Communities in Schools are to the Discovery Students and Staff alike. Well done, Alex! We were happy to be able to present Alex with our annual contribution to this excellent Community Service organization.



"Alex MacAulay is the Site Coordinator at Discovery Elementary School for Communities in Schools. Alex grew up in Gig Harbor, WA, attending Harbor Heights Elementary School, Good School, and graduating from Gig Harbor High School in 2008. Alex studied Early Education and now works as the Communities in Schools Coordinator at Discovery Elementary School. In his free time Alex enjoys riding his bicycle, fishing, and podcasting with friends."

## Harvest Against Hunger

From Co-President Jill,



On March 21st we heard from David Bobanick, who's a Seattle Rotarian and Executive Director of Harvest Against Hunger - a Seattle-based nonprofit which connects farmers, truckers, food banks, volunteers, and others to reduce hunger and food waste, and build food systems to help get nutritious surplus produce to hungry people across Washington state and beyond. David's presentation was an eye-opener, and extremely thought-provoking as well. Thanks for coming, David.

## Our annual Etta Projects update

From your Editor,

On March 7th Penny Nixon, the founder and Executive Director of Etta Projects brought Operations Director Dino Maccari to MIDDAY to bring us up to speed on their latest work in Bolivia. They are celebrating the 20th year of their wonderful service projects in honor of Etta Turner, Penny's daughter, who was tragically killed in an accident while an exchange student in Bolivia. We were pleased to hear how their work has

## Speakers

March 28, 2023

[Board Meeting](#)

April 04, 2023

[Club Classifications - Gregg, Amy, Maureen and Tyler](#)

Get to know our four newest members!

April 11, 2023

[Executive Director Zaida Woodworth Food Backpacks 4 Kids](#)

April 18, 2023

[OFF SITE MEETING: Stephanie Lile - Harbor History Museum - HCC Site Visit](#)  
[OFF SITE Visit to the Harbor History Museum 4121 Harbor Dr, Gig Harbor, WA 98332](#)

## Club Leaders



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Club Service Chair

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grown, and were happy to be able to contribute once again this year. Here our International Service Chair Luellen presents them our annual contribution. Thank you Penny and Dino for all the great work you do!



**iPast President**  
Community Service Chair



**Tammis Greene**  
Club Service Chair



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Assistant Governor



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## We had a great Mardi Gras meeting

*From Editor Don,*



Midday Rotarians Celebrated Mardi Gras this week with a visit from our upcoming International Exchange student, Liam Bass, introduced here by Youth Services Chair Dan Brown. Liam will be heading to Germany for a one-year exchange program this August. We know he will have an absolutely incredible year.

Also on Fat Tuesday, our own Co-Prez Jill Dabbs and Treasurer Steve Rainbolt picked up a \$2000 load of groceries at WinCo, as a donation to Foodbackpacks4Kids, part of our Community Services Rotary Grant project this year.



Way to go, Rotary Super-Shoppers!



## 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.

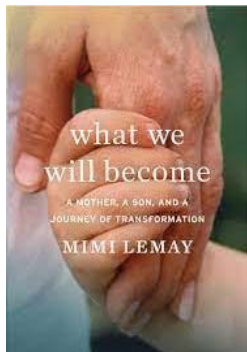
Maggie Arnold is a new Rotarian, trained as a Nurse and with skills in Communicating and Networking who wants to join others who are interested in the development of Gig Harbor, with an emphasis on Health and Well Being. She lives in Gig Harbor with her husband, and has 5 adult children. She previously 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!](#)

## 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?

## 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!