



Golferitaville is coming!

From Tournament Chair Cheri and Sponsor Chair Kathy,



Lets Celebrate Golferitaville's 20th Anniversary!!

Midday Rotary's annual Charity Golf Tournament will take place again this year at McCormick Woods in Port Orchard on July 19. This event is super fun and gives lots of exposure to tons of golfers and other businesses in the area. To be a tee sponsor allows you to put on games, share marketing material and get your brand out there! Other sponsorship also provide great marketing opportunities, and contribute to GH Midday Rotary's year-round Community Service work.

A SPONSOR TESTAMENT:
"As a TEE SPONSOR....(only \$375) You will have a YEARS worth of Networking in just ONE Day!"

Golferitaville is a 501(c)3 and donates 100% of

proceeds from this event to Local Charities

Over 165 Golfers and 200 Vendors/spectators will be there!

You will have a Huge Presence, High Visibility and Maximum Branding Exposure!!

Please join us as a sponsor, or come out and PLAY - for one of the most fun events you'll attend this year.

Contact us at: Golferitaville@gmail.com



Midday Rotarian Howard Svigals is honored by District 5020

From President Jill Dabbs,



Congratulations to [Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Midday's](#) own Howard Svigals!

Howard was recognized as International District 5020's 2023/2024 Foundation Service Award recipient, and it is so well deserved!

Howard, your dedication to Rotary and your service to others is heroic. You will never know how many lives your generosity of time and finances has affected. And that may be the most beautiful thing of all.

About this award: The Rotary Foundation plays a crucial role in funding projects and programs that address critical humanitarian needs worldwide.

The Foundation Awards recognize [clubs and] individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Rotary Foundation through donations and/or active involvement in Foundation initiatives. Participating in these awards helps promote the Foundation's work, encourages others to support its programs, and strengthens the collective impact of Rotary's humanitarian efforts. The benefits of participating in Foundation Awards include fostering a culture of giving, establishing partnerships with other clubs and organizations, and leveraging resources for large-scale projects. Well done, and well deserved Howard!

(Photo: District 5020's Governor, Caleb Summerfelt, presents Howard Svigals with the Foundation Service Award, May 2024)

Speakers

May 14, 2024

Dr. Wen Chen

Wen Chen, PHD, Chinese Studies Professor - Issues on human rights

May 21, 2024

Alisha Vilela, Exec Dir. 321 Buddy Fundraising

Alisha Vilela, Executive Director and Founder. 321 Buddy Fundraising, was founded in 2021 and was created as a fundraising organization that focuses on raising money for the Down syndrome community in Pierce County.

June 04, 2024

Ralph Flick, USSC Update

US Supreme Court Update

Club Leaders



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Cheri Johnson
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Rotary Foundation Chair



Scott Bush
Club Service Support



West Sound Magazine covers our Little Food Pantries

From Prez Jill,

Check out this great story in West Sound Magazine! Midday Rotary Rocks On...

The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Midday "Little Food Pantry Project" embarks on its fourth year providing emergency food, thanks in part to a UD5020 District Matching Grant. The grant provided a total of \$3,000 for purchasing food to supplement donation and fundraising efforts. Beginning in early 2021 with just two pantries, the project has grown to encompass six locations throughout Gig Harbor and The Key Peninsula.

Responding to the widespread issue of food insecurity exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, Little Food Pantries (LFPs) have become integral in addressing hunger within communities. These pantries, operating 24/7 with zero barriers to access, serve as supplements to existing food bank services, partnering closely with local agencies and communities to fill gaps in the food system.

"We have 14 dedicated Rotarians and a handful of community partners who build, repair and stock these pantries several times a week " year-round and in all weather. Many of our stewards started at the beginning and are still going strong. It is truly a labor of love," said Midday President Jill Dabbs.



The success stories of the Little Food Pantry project are numerous, such as Cheri Johnson's encounter with a mother and her children outside a closed food bank. Johnson directed them to a nearby pantry recently installed by the club. These pantries provide a vital resource, ensuring more individuals have access to emergency food supplies and hygiene products 24/7.

The Midday club members participate in a variety of ways, donating food at weekly meetings, running an annual community food drive, volunteering to pick up donations, attending "packing parties," filling in as substitutes and sharing the news about the project with the community. Some business members have "sponsored" pantries by purchasing an encouraging sign, while other members are part of the maintenance crew. It is a whole-club outreach. Recently, the Rotary Club of Gig Harbor, "aka The Morning Club," has joined the effort by contributing food and funds as well.

Operating on the principle of "take what you need, bring what you can," these pantries rely on community contributions and the dedication of Rotarian stewards who ensure regular restocking and upkeep. The club's commitment to this cause is evident in their ongoing efforts to expand the project, making a tangible difference in the fight against food insecurity in their community, one pantry at a time.



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More great stuff from our Interact Students

From Youth Service Chair Dan Brown,



On May 4th, 30 students helped clean up the Wilkinson Farm Park. Most of the students are members of the Gig Harbor High Interact Club, but we also had representation from Henderson Bay High and Goodman Middle School. If you stop by the park you will see what a great job they did to beautify it.

THANK YOU, INTERACTERS and other great young people!
And thanks to Dan, who keeps us connected to these terrific students.

May is Hunger Awareness Month

From Community Service Chair Lonna Callas,



May is Hunger Awareness Month!

This spotlight is on our Little Food Pantry in the parking lot at Way Point church. And especially on the two dedicated Stewards, Tammis and Jeff Greene who for over 4 years have kept it in good shape and stocked! Thank you so much, Tammis and Jeff. The need is great. And your dedication is much appreciated!





It takes dedicated Service Above Self...

From Community Service Chair Lonna,

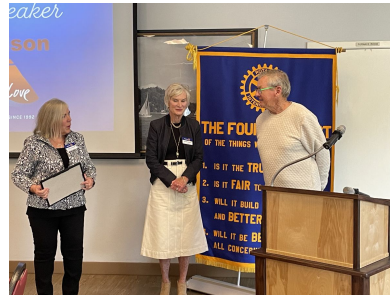


This week's spotlight is on Midday Rotarian Julie Richards, the faithful weekly Steward of our Little Free Pantry located near FoodBackpacks4Kids on the Key Peninsula. Thank you Julie for everything that you do!

A former Rotarian, now a new Midday member

From Membership Chair Cheri,

At our April 9th meeting we inducted Jeff Greene, husband of our long-time member Tamis Greene and a former Federal Way Rotarian himself. Jeff is an Architect, and is interested in Community Service. He's been observing Midday's very active Community Service program for some time and decided he really needed to get involved with us. We're happy to have him join us. Welcome aboard, Jeff!



So what the heck IS a LFP?

From President Jill Dabbs,



You hear us talk about them. But.... What is it? What is an LFP? Little Food Pantries, AKA Little Free Pantries... It doesn't matter how you say it, we just do it!

The Gig Harbor Midday Rotary Club has six LFP's one in Gig Harbor and five on the Key Peninsula. They are 24/7 emergency food pantries. We also include hygiene products and small home essentials in ours. We installed our first two pantries in April of 2021, and have dedicated stewards who restock them multiple times a week. And we can't do it alone, we need you!

Our annual food drive will be coming up in May. Watch for details... But you don't have to wait! You can donate now. Just contact me at any of the POCs below. We happily accept food donations, and cash donations. Maybe your business would like to be a sponsor? You can commit to as little as a case of chili a month, and go on up from there. It takes a community to care for a community.

Want to learn about what we do? I would love to talk with you!

Jill Dabbs, 2022-2024

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Learn about the national movement in the link below:

<https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>

We are SO proud of our GH High Interact Club

From Youth Service Chair Dan Brown,



On Saturday April 6th, members of the Gig Harbor High Interact Club volunteered at Raising Girls. Under the guidance of Sharon Chambers-Gordon, the founder of this organization (thank you SO much for your inspiration), we were able to pack several hygiene bags, write notes of encouragement to the recipients of the bags, and re-stock the shelves with the supplies. Many thanks go to Guy Magnus and Alyse Yeaman for their continued leadership and dedication to this club.



How do we support our Little Free Pantries?

From Community Service Chair Lonna Callas,



Behind every Little Food Pantry is a "village" of stewards and donations! Special thanks to Vicky Pulls for her "warehouse" and Jill Dabbs for her "warehouse skills"! And for everyone who donates food at a food drive. This is our Community & the need is great!





We're back in the Exchange Student business!

From Exchange Chair Mary Gorman,



And so the adventure begins!

Midday's outbound exchange student, Liam Bass is off to his new home for the next year in Wiesbaden, Germany (near Frankfurt).

German is a tough language to master, so after settling with his first host family Liam will head off to a two-week immersion language school. His high school experience starts in late September, so his hope is to explore local Germany after he "masters" the language during the interim weeks.

Liam was an active member of GHHS's Interact Club, so we are confident that he will find like-minded students in his new community and continue his community focused heart. Gig Harbor Midday wishes him good fortune and many exciting adventures in Germany in the upcoming year. His outbound counselor, John Acken, will report his status to the club on a regular basis.

In "exchange" for Liam, Hugo Geschke will arrive at Sea-Tac from Rostock, Germany on August 25th. The Midday club looks forward to knowing Hugo and sharing our home with him.

Join us at our Weekly meetings...

Midday Rotary Meets at: We meet the first 3 Tuesdays of the month in-person at The Gig Harbor Yacht Club, 8209 Stinson Ave, Gig Harbor, WA 98332. 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

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!