



Welcome To The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Middy



Golferitaville is coming!

From Tournament Chair Cheri and Sponsor Chair Kathy,



Lets Celebrate Golferitaville's 20th Anniversary!!

Middy 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 Middy 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



We support Raising Girls

From Community Service Chair Lonna,



The Murano Hotel Pavilion was completely filled for lunch on May 14th to celebrate Raising Girls and their fight against Period Poverty! We are so proud to support and partner with this amazing organization.



Foodbackpacks\$kids needs your help

Speakers

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

June 11, 2024

[Zechariah Henderson, Tacoma Rescue Mission](#)
Tacoma Rescue Mission

Club Leaders



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Community Service Chair
Past President



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President-Nominee



[Cheri Johnson](#)
Membership Chair



[Ted Thomas](#)
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Club Service Support



[Gunda Meissner](#)
Public Image Chair

From Community Service Chair Lonna and FBP4K,

Do you have some time to help at the farm? We have a lot to do and need bodies to plant, clean, dig, and more. We have jobs for all ages and abilities! No sign up needed. Bring your own gloves and a snack and water.

Food Backpacks 4 Kids' Food 4 All
Program

Farm Fridays & Growing Community Saturdays

Volunteers Needed!

Help us kickstart the new Food 4 All program on our farm!

**EVERY FRIDAY
& THE LAST
SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH!**

SIGN UP TODAY!



Photo: Tony McNeil

VOLUNTEER	LOCATION	PROJECTS	INFO
Every Friday & the last Saturday of the month 11AM to 4PM All ages welcome - Children under 12 w/ adult supervision	Creviston Valley Farm - 3421 Creviston Road SW, Longbranch	Weeding, pruning, clearing, and more	<p>Signup today:</p> 



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Our Interacters Rock On!

From Past-Prez Lonna,



Gig Harbor High Interact Club Rocks!! May 18th, Rain or Shine they washed cars (again!) to help fund Polio Prevention & treatment world wide. Special thanks to Dan Brown and crew. You are the best! And from Denny Wilford: Thank you so much GH Interact Club. These funds will go to help with physical rehab at FREIDIS CENTER in Lira Uganda.



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)

West Sound Magazine covers our Little Food Pantries

From Prez Jill,
Check out this great story in West Sound Magazine! Middy Rotary Rocks On...
The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor Middy's 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 Middy 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 Middy 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.

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!



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.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Midday Rotary



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?

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