



Welcome To The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor MIDDAY



We send a record number of Interacters to RYLA

From Youth Service Chairs Dan and Guy,

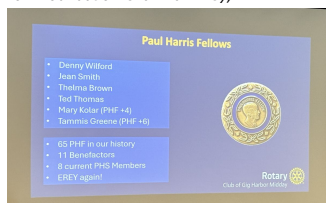
We want to thank our Club members for supporting our Interact students this year with all their service work and projects. Sending nine students from Gig Harbor High to the RYLA camp (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) was the most we have ever sent and worth the expense. They were able to learn leadership skills, network with a diverse group of students, and collaborate with others in making videos of potential service projects. (The Club got to see some of those videos).

Here Dan and 5 of our RYLA kids take a bow at our July 15th meeting.



We celebrate Paul Harris Fellows

From Foundation Chair Dan Riley,



The week of July 15th we celebrated Six of our Paul Harris Fellows, some with several awards. Here President Nathan congratulates Mary, Tammis and Jean on their achievements. Note also the remarkable record of our MIDDAY Club in support the Rotary Foundation in many other ways. Well done, all of you!



World Wide Smiles update

From Prez Nathan,



MIDDAY was served an inspiring story of saving lives and helping people in need in early July from Dr. Sherwin Shinn and World Wide Smiles - one of our perennial supported causes. A compelling example of Caring for Others and Service Above Self! Thank you for inspiring us!



Speakers

August 06, 2024

Club Meeting: Golfertville First Report; Star Awards Heads-Up

August 13, 2024

Scott Bush
Peninsula Class of 88 Foundation

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Lemonade for Little Food Pantries!

From 2024-25 President Dr Nathan Schlicher,



LEMONADE STANDS can donate to help stop hunger! These North Creek neighborhood kids just donated all their money to help fill Little Food Pantries! Thank you! The need is great! (DM us for info if interested)!



Interact helps out at the Farmers Market

From Youth Service Chair Dan Brown,



The last week of June we had 13 dedicated Gig Harbor High Interact students assist with the downtown Farmer's Market. For those who have volunteered for this event in the past, you know the work that goes into setting up and taking down the vendors' tents and supplies. I am very proud of the way these students assisted throughout the day.

Their next summer service project is the Summer Lunch Program for Food Backpacks 4 Kids on July 11th.

We LOVE the way these young people pitch in to help their Community!



Empower Philippines

From International Service Chair Luellen,



In June MIDDAY members were proud to meet Dr. Jude Versoza & his wife Therese. Together they have founded "Empower Philippines" where they tackle heart-wrenching poverty and desperate human abuse. This presentation was spell-binding. Sound interesting? Join us the first 3 Tuesdays at noon at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club!

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



John Louis Acken
Youth Protection Officer

Jill Dabbs
Past President



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](#).

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

