



# Welcome To The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor MIDDAY



Serving to Change Lives

## Midday Little Free Pantries get boosted by partners

From Past Prez Lonna,



Midday Rotary's Little Free Pantry project (now 5 LFPs and soon to be 6) has recently received a huge boost, with sustaining donations from our own Rotarian Jane Kohler and Land Use and Property Law, and new food support agreements coming from Fish Food Bank and Backpacks4Kids. This has made a huge difference in what we are able to do as a club to help end food insecurity.

If any members are interested in helping Steward or be back-up Stewards for our Little Food Pantries please contact **Jill Dabbs**.

And if anyone might be interested in a **Volunteer position** that FISH Food Bank has available for a Financial Aid representative please click on the link

below. This is an opportunity to make a real difference in many lives.

We are SO grateful to all of these great folks for supporting this program, which is proving a big benefit to our local community.

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## Speakers

**November 15, 2022**

For World Wide Smiles Grant Recipient  
World Wide Smiles Empowering people with healthy, happy, Smiles!!! Classification: Joe Davis

**November 29, 2022**

No Weekly Club Meeting

**December 06, 2022**

Vanessa from Morso  
Choosing wines for the Holidays

**December 07, 2022**

Holiday Party - Details to follow

## 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



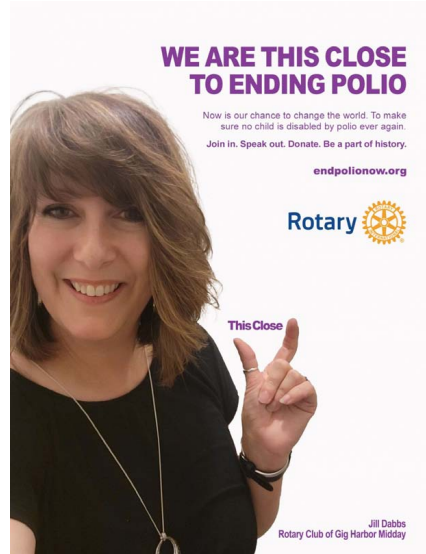
Scott Bush  
Club Service Chair

## World Polio Day is here!

From Co-Prez Jill Dabbs,

This October 24th, World Polio Day, GH Middy Rotarians know how close we are to putting an end to this horrible disease! Do you? Please join us...

[#WorldPolioDay](#)



**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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## A Middy Rotarian helping Veterans

From Membership Chair Cheri,



We are proud to post this photo from the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals honoring our Middy Rotarian Lynn Jabs (2nd from left) for service as the National Legislative Co-chair and locally as their Chapter Government Affairs Director.

The group advocates for legislation to increase the use of the VA Home Loan for our Service Members and Veterans.

They teach certification courses for housing professionals to better serve military, veterans, and their families to realize the American Dream of Home-ownership.

And through philanthropy they support the Orting VA Tiny Home Village, Serenity Angel's at American Lake.

Additionally through their, STOP, DROP & PUSH MISSION they connect veterans with a network of alternative therapy providers so they can continue the journey of healing and rediscovering purpose.

We're proud of your work, Lynn. Congratulations!

## A new Partnership!

From Past Prez Lonna,

Middy Rotary is happy to announce that we're now partnering with FISH food bank and Foodbackpacks4Kids to distribute excess food bank food to our 5 "little free pantries".

Four of these pantries are located deep in the Key peninsula.

This partnership helps distribute food to areas that need it most, for people who cannot easily visit a regular food bank.

Rotary Stewards and Runners pickup, deliver and stock these food pantries on a regular basis.



## Another road cleanup day...



Middy Rotary cleans up the North half of Burnham Drive a couple of times a year. Saturday morning Oct 15th was one of them.

We fortify ourselves for the task with breakfast at Hi Lu Hee Hee before heading out to work.



## New co-presidents and a celebration for Julie Walters (nee Richards) wedding.

From Past Prez Lonna,



Our first meeting in October was extra special! Our Board recently approved adding Jill Dabbs to serve as Co-President with our President Denny Wilford, to ease his extraordinary workload, and our much-loved member Julie was married recently and was celebrated at the same meeting.



## We're helping Backpacks4Kids again

From Past Prez Lonna,



This is NOT a picture of a regular door. This door was custom-made to roll with the custom-made garage door it is set into. Its unusual, you won't see many like it! Because of this door within a door the volunteers at Foodbackpack4kids will not freeze during the cold, wet months ahead. Such a big improvement for all the workers and people who use this food-bank. For years they have worked with the garage door wide open to the elements. Our Rotary helped pay for this improvement through the Community Service budget!

WELL DONE MIDDAY ROTARY, thank you all!

## We celebrate our Championship Canoe and Kayak Club

From Past Prez Lonna,

On Oct 8th, MIDDAY Rotary put on a Western BBQ for the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Club to celebrate their successes and their international guests. Special Thank you to Gunda Meissner and Carol Virak.



## 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,



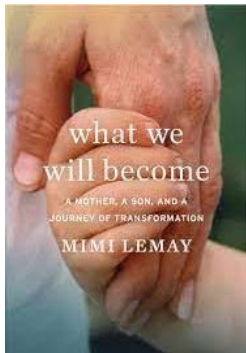
I'm happy to say that we have two more new MIDDAY Rotarians to introduce this month: Jennifer Littlefield comes to us as a Rotarian who has already served in two previous clubs: Sulpher Springs TX and Santa Monica CA. She is a Real Estate Administrator who has taken a position with Keller Williams West 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?