



Welcome To The Rotary Club of Gig Harbor MIDDAY



Serving to Change Lives

Don't miss the Harbor's Lighted Christmas Parade

From MIDDAY Rotarian Robyn Denson,



The Gig Harbor Lighted Car Parade will be bigger and better than ever this year! Benefiting a number of local charities (like Food Backpacks for Kids, Fish and Eastside Baby Corner), the Parade will also feature a "Santa's Village" Holiday Market! Come to Uptown on 12/17 from 4-7:30 to stroll through a wide variety of local craft, artisan, food/beverage vendors. Enjoy holiday music, view over 100 decorated cars/trucks and of course get your photo taken with Santa! The event is free. If you'd like to "be" in the parade or be a vendor, visit www.gigharborkiwanis.org for more information. Otherwise we'll see you there for this wonderful community holiday event!

We get the story direct from our Mayor

From Co-Prez Jill,

Our principle speaker recently was Gig Harbor Mayor Tracie Markley - who gave us a comprehensive briefing of the "state of the city". In a nutshell - our little city is doing very well, plans are afoot for loads of improvements, and if you're looking for all the details, subscribe to Mayor Markley's weekly newsletter/email "the Gig-A-Byte" and/or get all the latest news at the city's website: <https://www.cityofgigharbor.net>



MIDDAY provides winter clothing to immigrants

From Co-Prez Jill,

We were pleased to have Patti Kilpatrick, board member of Advocates for Immigrants in Detention Northwest (AIDNW) picking up Rotary donated Winter coats and jackets and saying thanks at a recent meeting. We were very happy to donate to this worthy local charity.

Speakers

November 22, 2022

[Board Meeting](#)

November 29, 2022

[No Weekly Club Meeting](#)

December 06, 2022

[Denny Wilford - Disease Prevention](#)

December 07, 2022

[Holiday Party - See email invite from Scott Bush](#)

December 13, 2022

[Henderson Bay Annual Luncheon](#)

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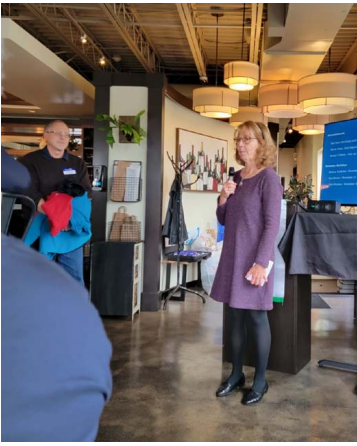


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Club Service Chair

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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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World Polio Day is here!

From Co-Prez Jill Dabbs,

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

[#WorldPolioDay](#)



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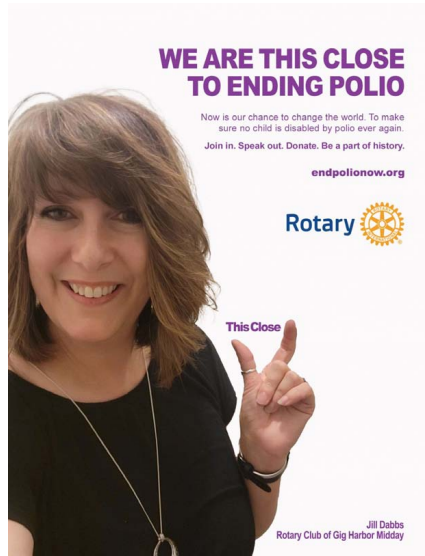
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A Midday Rotarian helping Veterans

From Membership Chair Cheri,



We are proud to post this photo from the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals honoring our Midday 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,

Midday 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...



Midday 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.



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,



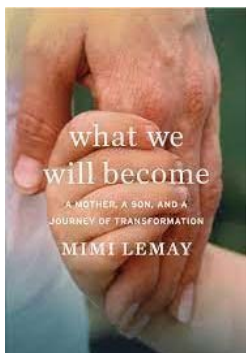
I'm happy to say that we have two more new Midday Rotarians to introduce this month: Jennifer Littlefield comes to us as a Rotarian who has already served in two previous clubs: Sulpher Springs TX and Santa Monica CA. She is a Real Estate Administrator who has taken a position with Keller Williams West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



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?