

# Rotary



# Club of Olympia

## Next Club Meeting Date: Feb 27, 2023

By Dan Lehuta

NO MEETING FEB. 20TH AS IT IS PRESIDENT'S DAY NATIONAL HOLIDAY

Join us at our next meeting on Monday, Feb. 27th at the River's Edge restaurant.

**NOTICE - We are now meeting regularly at the River's Edge restaurant at the Tumwater Valley Golf Course. Click to [Map It!](#)**

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## Meeting of 2-13-2023 Washington Interscholastic Activity Association

By Dan Lehuta on Friday, February 17, 2023



**Rotary Club of Olympia  
The Wheel**

**Date:** 02/13/2023

**Today's Program:** Mick Hoffman, Washington Interscholastic Activity Association **Meeting Called to order:** President Sarah Clinton @ 12:30 pm

**Invocation by:** N/A

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** Brett Anderson

**Song:** N/A

**Four Way Test led by:** Cindy Hough

**Visiting Rotarians:**

David Brooks  
Rob Taylor Manning

**Guest of Rotarians:**

Several guests joined us today.

**Announcements:**

**February – Black History Month:** Resistance is the theme this year, Sarah sent an email to the entire club with resources around the value of education. She shared a quote from Booker T Washington.

**Madison Elementary School Literacy Project:** Christy is setting up a reading buddy program between our club and Madison Elementary. Christy will send more information to the club.

**Happy Bucks** hosted by **Lynn Heinold**

**Steve Bean:** Bet that Kansas City Chief would win the Super Bowl, he is very excited to see they did.

**"Re"classification talk – Denny Peterson:** Denny joined the club in 1965 and shared that he never has given a classification talk. He is a Navy Veteran, having served on active duty for 4 years and he spent 26 years in the Naval Reserves. He was a financial consultant and branch manager for Morgan Stanley since 1965, in fact he was the manager who opened the Olympia branch. He

recently retired from Morgan Stanley. He attended the University of Washington and ultimately graduated from Central Washington University with a degree in economics. Colleen Gillespie and Corrina Philips, club members, were both hired by Denny to join Morgan Stanley. Denny has served on several boards, both local non-profits and regional banks. He has been happily retired since 2019.

**Program:** Washington Interscholastic Activity Association



Bill Lahmann introduced Mike Hoffman. Bill shared his perspective about the broad reach of the WIAA from his time as a school superintendent.

Mick Hoffman is the Executive Director of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. He was named the WIAA's fifth Executive Director in the spring of 2019.

Serving at virtually every level of the WIAA, Mr. Hoffman most recently held the role of Assistant Superintendent and Chief Operations Officer for Vancouver Public Schools. Before taking over as an Assistant Superintendent, he served as the District Athletic Director for Vancouver Public Schools from 2007-15. Mr. Hoffman also represented WIAA District IV on the WIAA Executive Board from 2016-18 where he was a member of the Classification Committee and chaired the WIAA Recruiting Committee.

Mick shared a power point presentation about the WIAA. The organization is a private non-profit and receives no public funding directly. He shared some facts about "Why" WIAA is important. Students who participate in school sports attend 21 more days of school each year. They perform up to 40% better on standardized tests. As well, student athletes learn soft skills (like how to handle success and failure), 49% are less likely to use drugs and 37% are less likely to become a teen parent. Athletics generally make up less than 2% of a school district budget.

The WIAA has four areas of focus: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Financial Action Support; Coaches Education; and, Healthy Cultures. The WIAA has 9 districts across the state. Athletics in both Middle School and High School are represented within the WIAA. Mike gave an overview of how the state and district structure works. The challenges facing the WIAA are a shortage of officials, the worsening behavior of student-athletes, helping to re-set goals around winning v. competing.

The meeting was recorded, if you would like to see the recording, please contact Neil.

**Mr. Snappy:** A Laurie Maricle won a \$25 Home Depot gift certificate donated by a club member.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:25 pm

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## Photos and Videos from Meetings and Events

By Dan Lehuta on Tuesday, December 27, 2022



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August 29<sup>th</sup> – Laurie Tebo  
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August 30<sup>th</sup> – Tacoma Rainiers Game  
[8-30-2022 Rainiers Game.mp4](#)

August 4<sup>th</sup> – Rotary at Thurston County Fair  
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October 10<sup>th</sup> – The Olympia Symphony Orchestra New Conductor  
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October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween  
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November 7<sup>th</sup> – Denny Heck Lt. Governor  
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November 21<sup>st</sup> – Dick Nichols Talk and Cool Jazz/Clean Water  
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December 5<sup>th</sup> – Holiday meeting with Kiwanis  
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