

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

By Dan Lehuta

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Our next lunch meeting is April 22nd and our program will be Chief Executive Officer at Experience Olympia & Beyond, Annette Pitts.

Wheel for meetings of April 8 and April 15

By Robert Heck on Saturday, April 20, 2024

Rotary Club of Olympia

The Wheel

Date: 4/08/2024 and 4/15/2024

4-8-2024 meeting:

Today's Program: National and World Water Policies - Dr. Amanda Bielawski

Meeting Called to order: Past-President Colleen @ 12:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Christy Peters

Four Way Test led by: Dan Lehuta

Visiting Rotarians:

None today

Guest of Rotarians:

Marilyn - Guest of Brian

Announcements:

Board Meeting - 4/18 @ 4pm

Book Club - April 16 - starting at 5:30pm-ish at Mercato. All members are welcome.

Cool Jazz, Clean Water - if the club sells 50 cases of wine this month, the club will earn an additional \$10,000 towards the total goal. The winery is offering this challenge, they will be the entity providing the match money. Of the cash, 100% of the cost comes back to the club towards the event goal. For more information, please contact Corey Gauny. The event date is Saturday, November 16, 2024.

Dan Lehuta - on behalf of the club, gave Oscar Soule the ultimate baseball shirt.

Happy Bucks:

Corey Gauny - finally restored the family scion XB vehicle.

Natalya Rubel - OAR has a meet in Oregon this weekend. She invited anyone in the club to join if they can, the rowing club works very hard and it shows!

Program: National and World Water Policies: Global Water Resilience

Barbara Barney introduced the program and our own club member **Dr. Amanda Bielawski, Director of Communications and Outreach at the Pacific Institute**. The Pacific Institute is a global water think tank with a focus on corporate water stewardship, water/climate equity issues, and investments in natural solutions. Dr. Bielawski shared that she has conducted doctoral research in over 50 communities in nearly 30 countries. Her presentation focused on the following topics: global water challenges, water & climate change, water resilience defined, global water policy, multi-sector solutions and the new Rotary International initiative.

Globally 2.2 billion people do not have access to clean water, nearly 1/3 of the global population. Water conflict issues continue to play a role in the global water security crisis. If the global community continues with "business as usual", the UN projects a 40% global water deficit by 2030. Of all global water, 70% is used for agriculture, 19% for industry and 11% for household use. The fact that 75% of earth's terrestrial surface has been altered has contributed to the current water security crisis. The overall cost of this impact is estimated to be between 4-20 trillion dollars per year.

As it relates to climate change, water is said to be the "delivering mechanism of climate change impact to society". Since 1980, the occurrence of weather issues have increased 4 times.

Water resilience means the ability of water systems to function so that nature and people, including those on the frontlines and disproportionately impacted, thrive under shocks, stresses, and change. In the 1990s, the focus was on water security, then in the 2000s, the focus was on water sustainability and more recently, the focus has turned to water resilience.

As it relates to global water policy, the United Nations has added water to its list of sustainable development goals. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #6 is focused on clean water and sanitation. Progress to date has been woefully inadequate. The reality is that water is the nexus of many other issues, including almost all of the other 16 SDGs. The UN has held the first water conference in 47 years. The next water conference will occur in the next 5 years. The US and other governments committed to putting resources toward global water sustainability. Water and water sustainability are present in the COP goals in both 2022 and 2023. There is a scheduled "water day" at COP28.

The Pacific Institute is leading a group of over 40 business entities to identify and build water resilience across over 100 identified water basins. The goal is to grow the number of business entities and to grow the number of water sources to expand the reach of the initiative. Matt Damon and his non-profit organization support the efforts of the UN and UN Water Conference.

While at COP, Dr. Bielawski came across a Rotary Pavilion that hosted information about the focus of Rotary International on freshwater ecosystems.

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

Mr. Snappy: Jim won a \$20 gift certificate to Starbucks, donated by Ralph Munro.

Meeting Adjourned 1:25 pm by Past-President Colleen.

4-15-2024 meeting:

Today's Program: Youth Environmental Education Program - Andrew Sisolack

Meeting Called to order: President Debra @ 12:25 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Christy Peters

Four Way Test led by: Dan Lehuta

Visiting Rotarians:

Andrew Sisolack

Guest of Rotarians:

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Paul Harris Presentation - Barbara Barney re-presented Judy Henderson and her husband with their Paul Harris pins. Judy and her husband were robbed over the Super Bowl weekend, these were replacement pins. Judy and her husband joined the Olympia Rotary Club on June 30, 2005 and the next day they traveled to the Rotary International Conference. It is their experience with RI that motivates them to donate to the Rotary Foundation.

Club Board Meeting - Thursday, 4/18 @ 4pm via Zoom (link will be sent out)

Happy Bucks:

Colleen Gillespe - celebrating the 20th anniversary of her second career, becoming a financial advisor when she joined Morgan Stanley in 2004.

Natalya Rubel - shared about the OAR regatta in Oregon and how hard her son and others from OAR worked (and how much it rained!).

Heather Antanaitis - shared that she has gotten funding to launch a Girl Scouts Cert. Team. She invited club members to volunteer if they are interested.

Program: Youth Environmental Education Program - Andrew Sisolack

President Debra introduced the program and **Andrew Sisolack**. In addition to being the CEO of Pacific Harbors Council, Boys Scouts of America he is also a member of the Tacoma Rotary 8 club. An active Boy Scout while growing up (in Southern California), he and his family live in Gig Harbor and are very active in scouting. Andrew shared that he joined Rotary just after he turned 23.

The Pacific Harbors Council spans from Federal Way to Castle Rock and all along the coast. It includes seven counties: Mason, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Thurston, Pierce, King, and Cowlitz. Within this region are approximately 32 Rotary Clubs. Andrew shared that Paul Harris and James E. West were collaborators and shared how the founding of Boy Scouts has a connection to Rotary and the Rotary mission. Boy Scouts of America was chartered by the United States Congress in 1910.

Boy Scouts of America serves nearly 1.1M youth through the volunteerism of the 400,000 adult volunteers. Scouting units are Chartered (Franchised). Over 1,400 Scouting units (Packs, Troops, Crews, Ships) are sponsored by Rotary Clubs across the nation, serving over 50,000 young people annually. International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians is the global collaboration of Scouts and Rotarians around the world.

Pacific Harbors Council (PHC) served nearly 3,200 families through year-round programming across 148 local Scout units. Post pandemic PHC has had two consecutive years of membership growth. PHC is working to create easy ways for young people to access Scouting programs across the region. PHC is also focused on reinvesting in the Camp property (Camp Thunderbird) on Summit Lake.

Scouts put "service above self". This is seen in the Eagle Scout leadership service projects, Scouting for Food projects, how Scouts support local parades as well as State/County fairs, local charter partners, lead environmental stewardship programs and engage with/support local elderly and veterans.

Camp Thunderbird is a Boy Scout and Cub Scout camp, located on the western shore of Summit Lake. It is owned by the Pacific Harbors Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

It offers an array of camping options. from tent sites. to adirondacks to full dormitory style cabins. It is approximately 200 acres. As the

to create an array of sampling options, from some areas, to others, to help determine the best location. The Pacific Harbors Council invests and upgrades the camp it is doing so in parallel with an emphasis on environmental programming and in the hope of strengthening the relationship with the surrounding community.

Andrew shared volunteer opportunities for club members and our club, club/district grant opportunities and environmental service project opportunities. Andrew took questions from club members.

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

Mr. Snappy: Chuck Fowler won a \$25 gift certificate to Farell's™ Pizza, donated by a club member.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:18 pm by President Debra.

Water From Wine

By Corey Gauny

Water From Wine Challenge

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As I mentioned in our Rotary meeting on Monday, our partner Water from Wine is having a 50-case challenge in the month of April.

Please consider helping our Cool Jazz Clean Water committee raise an extra \$10,000 toward our Clean Water projects. In order to do this, we need to sell 50 cases of the Cool Jazz Clean Water-labeled wine by the end of April. I know it is a big undertaking, but we are Rotarians and I know we can do it.

For clarification, the additional \$10,000 will come on top of the revenue we generate from the sale of our labeled wine. If we were to sell 50 cases without the challenge, 100% of the proceeds from our labeled wine (approximately \$16,540) would go toward our water projects. With the challenge, we will receive an additional \$10,000, for a grand total of \$26,540 toward our water projects.

You can either purchase a case, a half case and even support other amazing water projects from the following links. Also, please share with other Rotary clubs around Thurston County.

1 case of Cool Jazz Clean Water labeled wine: [Cool Jazz Case](#)



1/2 case Cool Jazz Clean Water labeled wine: [Water from Wine - Products - Cool Jazz 6-pack \(50 Case\)](#)



Other Water project labels: <https://www.waterfromwine.org/index.cfm?method=pages.showPage&pageID=9ED54209-908A-40AE-3DF9-B883F9ACD797&sortBy=DisplayOrder&maxRows=10&page=1>



With Gratitude

Corey W. Gauny
