

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: June 10, 2024

By Dan Lehuta

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Our lunch meeting for June 10th will be our annual scholarship awards and will be held at the Olympia Golf and Country Club. You can purchase your lunch tokens in advance by clicking [HERE](#).



Meeting of 6-3-2024

By Robert Heck

Rotary Club of Olympia

The Wheel

Date: 6/03/2024 **Today's Program:** Rotary In Action Pt. 2: Club Member Reflections

Meeting Called to order: President Debra @ 12:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: David Hughes

Four Way Test led by: Bill Latta

Visiting Rotarians:

Evan Skytte - West Olympia RC

Guest of Rotarians:

Several guests joined us today

Announcements:

Scholarship Awards Meeting - Monday, June 10 @ Olympia Golf & Country Club - the program at this special meeting will be the students who have been awarded a scholarship from our club. Please purchase your lunch in advance online (*disregard the date & venue information, this is the correct link*): <https://rotary-club-of-olympia.square.site/product/meal-purchase-june-10-scholarship-luncheon/33?cs=true&cst=custom>

Pride Month - President Debra shared some historical information about Pride Month.

Happy Bucks:

Jay Burney - updated the club on ways that the City of Olympia is honoring Pride Month (June)

Cyndi Zechmann - shared some crazy stories about the adventures she and her husband have had in her 2008 Ford Escape recently.

Olivia Hickerson - thanked the club for all their support after the loss of a grandparent. She also thanked the club for the support/encouragement of her consulting business. She is pleased to have raised \$200,000 for her clients this year. If you know of a non-profit that is struggling with finances, she'd love to help!

Cindy Hough - shared two items: she called for volunteers to join the *Lakefair Races Committee* (it is a really fun group!). The committee especially needs a *treasurer*. Additionally, *Marian Spence*, a part time resident of Thurston County, is looking for volunteer opportunities. She is a past president of her Rotary Club in Africa. If you know of volunteer opportunities, please contact Cindy directly.

Bill Lahmann - updated the club that 18 musical instruments were purchased and delivered to local schools thanks to the proceeds from Cool Jazz, Clean Water.

Skip Steffen - gave kudos to his work partner on the progress their organization has made supporting kids in need who live in rural areas of Thurston County. They have plans to serve at least 150 kids who have, up until now, not had support.

Program: Rotary In Action Pt. 2: Club Member Reflections

Steve Bean introduced the program and club members **Barbara Barney, David Hughes, Olivia Hickerson, Al Cohen** and **Natalya Rubel**. These are not classification talks, rather club members share why they joined Rotary. Each club member expanded on their involvement with the club since joining. The focus of this meeting is hearing from newer club members.

Barbara Barney - a member of Rotary since 1989, she joined our club about two years ago. She and her husband moved to the area to be closer to their kids. She chose to join our club because of how welcome she always felt on any of her visits. Barbara also resonates with our club's international projects.

David Hughes - he joined Rotary for business/business development. David pointed out that the origins of Rotary come from the business community. He has fond memories of the members he met in his father's Rotary club. It is the fellowship that is most important to him. Additionally, his business goal is to bring a branch of his credit union (America's Credit Union) to the Olympia area. He said this plan is close to being complete.

Olivia Hickerson - she shared that her calling in life is to be of service to all types of people, especially given the state of the world at the present time. Olivia is drawn to rotary for both the fellowship and service. The positivity she receives from her involvement with Rotary is an important balance to the heaviness that she often faces with her work.

Al Cohen - shared that the Olympia School District Superintendent has a very long history of being a member of the Olympia Rotary Club. Al joined in part because of the tradition set by his predecessors. Al let the club know that he has known **Steve Bean** since they both attended the University of Washington. Steve, Al said, served as the "Rush" chair the year that Al pledged to join Steve's fraternity. As Al looked to get involved in our club it was only natural to ask that Steve once again be his sponsor. Al encouraged everyone to stay involved with the club in retirement. Fun fact: Al has never given a classification talk (until today!).

Natalya Rubel - she shared that she appreciates being involved with Rotary because of our club and the greater Rotary community. One of her favorite aspects of our weekly meeting is Happy Bucks. Natalya also appreciates the many ways she has felt connected to and has been able to be involved in the club work as well as our community.

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

Mr. Snappy: a club member won a \$20 gift certificate to Starbucks, donated by Ralph Munroe

Meeting Adjourned: 1:22 pm by President Debra.

NOTICE - The June 24th Changing of the guard meeting

Our annual changing of the guard meeting on June 24th will not be held at the River's Edge restaurant for lunch but will be held as a dinner meeting at Anthony's Restaurant at 5pm with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. Check back here soon for a link to buy your meal ticket in advance.
