

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: July 10, 2023

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PLEASE NOTE - There will be no meeting on July 3rd due to the Independence Day Holiday.

Join us at our next meeting on Monday, July 10th at the River's Edge restaurant ([Click here for map](#)). Our speaker will be Aaron Lamb, Artistic Director of Harlequin Productions.

Meeting of 6-26-2023 - Changing of the Guard

By Robert Heck on Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Rotary Club of Olympia

The Wheel

Date: 6/26/2023

Today's Program: Olympia Rotary Officer Installation

Meeting Called to order: President Sarah Clinton @ 12:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Denny Peterson

Four Way Test led by: David Brooks

Visiting Rotarians:

David Brooks, Assistant District Governor - Olympia Capital Centennial Club

Guest of Rotarians:

Several guests joined us today including potential new members.

Announcements:

Officer Thank You - President Sarah called for a special thank you to the current officers and gave a special thank you to Cyndi Zechmann and Ned Owens for their service to the club, both will be transitioning off the board. After 17 years of service, Ned will be leaving the club.

Annual Rotary Club Picnic - Monday, August 7 at Squaxin Park. Lunch will be catered, please pay online. This will also be a membership drive meeting. Guests will have their meals paid for.

July 3 - No meeting, due to the July 4th holiday.

Happy Bucks hosted by **Lynn Heinold**

Bill Lahmann - Cool Jazz/Clean Water - Instruments have been passed out! The teachers shared how many students will be positively impacted by having access to these instruments.

Colleen Gillespie - Annual Rotary Picnic: you can pay online, an email will be sent out shortly. **Dues** are due, you can pay online. To pay monthly, please complete the ACH form and return to Colleen for processing. Also, she and Pat attended the US Open which was a wonderful event, except her husband got COVID and she got bronchitis.

Oscar Soule - Tacoma Rainiers - July 16: Suite is sold-out, tickets are available on the third base line. Tickets are \$15 and include a hotdog (or hotdog like food item) and soda. Please contact Oscar for tickets.

Brian Windrope - gave remarks about the transition of club leadership, giving kudos to the outgoing officers, especially current President Sarah and incoming President Debra.

Martin Meyer - Olympia Lakefair Races - about 500 runners have signed up and we are still in need of TWO more volunteers.

Program: Office Installation Ceremony

President Sarah shared a summary of the many accomplishments and work that the club has undertaken this year including the induction of **9 new** members. By moving the meeting location to River's Edge and adjusting how members can buy lunch, the club has realized \$6,000 in savings. The club was able to grow the annual scholarship program by \$6,000 this year. The club has updated and streamlined its administrative and budgeting processes. This year the club is able to report 100% of member participation in giving to the Rotary International Foundation. President Sarah shared that the club successfully navigated hard things, and that easy things are rarely worth doing. She gave a heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the entire club.

The incoming nominations were read by Cyndi Zechmann, chair of the club's nominating committee:

Incoming President Debra Stephens
President Elect Corrina Philips
Secretary Jeannine Roe
Treasurer Tom McLean
Director Cindy Hough
Director Corey Gauny
Director David Hughes
Director Heather Antanaitis
Director Brian Windrope
Director Lauri Arnone
Past President Sarah Clinton

President Sarah called for any further nominations.

Wendy Holden, moved to close nominations as none were offered. The motion was unanimously approved.

President Sarah called for a motion to approve the slate of officers/directors. The club unanimously approved the slate as presented.

David Brooks, Assistant District Governor was invited to induct the new officers. Starting with the directors, then incoming officers, ADG Brooks gave each their specific oath of office. All newly elected club leaders affirmed the duties and expectations laid out in their specific oath.

Newly elected President, **Debra Stephens** was given her new club president badge and pin. **President Debra** gave **Sarah** a commemorative plaque, and her new past president badge and pin.

President Debra shared her thoughts as well as thanks for the work that the directors/club leaders have done and her goals for the Rotary year ahead. Some of the goals that President Debra shared: *Engagement* - supporting each member of the club in finding "their personal Rotary", at least 4/year the club will replace the lunch meeting with an in-person service project; *Connection* - increase more ways for club members to get to know each other and strengthen the social connections between club members, to do this intentional club activities will be planned (that include a lot of fun!); *Expanding Olympia Rotary Club's Reach* - this includes growing the resources that the club has available and further engaging with Rotary International in meaningful ways.

Decade Costumes: Club members shared their decade dress as the club decided on the "*Club Choice Awards*": **Denny Peterson, Al Cohen, Cyndi Zechmann** won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

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

Mr. Snappy: Ned Owens won a \$25 gift certificate to Browsers Books.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:28 pm by President Debra.
