

# Rotary



# Club of Olympia

## Next Club Meeting Date: July 17, 2023

By Dan Lehuta

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Join us at our next meeting on Monday, July 17th at the River's Edge restaurant ([Click here for map](#)). Our speaker will be Sarah Peterson of the Washington Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance. Before taking on this role in 2014, Sarah spent 15 years working with refugee and immigrant communities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Sarah attributes her passion for working with people from other countries to the rich experience she gained as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala. When she returned to the U.S., she earned a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Pennsylvania.

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## Meeting of 7-10-2023 Aaron Lamb Harlequin

By Robert Heck on Thursday, July 13, 2023

**Rotary Club of Olympia**

**The Wheel**

**Date: 7/10/2023**

**Today's Program:** Harlequin Productions - Aaron Lamb, Producing Artistic Director **Meeting Called to order:** President Debra @ 12:30 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** President Debra

**Four Way Test led by:** John Sabo

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Several visiting Rotarians joined us today.

**Guest of Rotarians:**

Several guests joined us today including potential new members.

**Announcements:**

**Auction: Steve Bean** - Auctioned homemade Gin by Colleen Gillespie, won by Wendy Holden. He also auctioned homemade Rye and homemade smoked salmon by Joe Scuderi.

**Annual Rotary Club Picnic - Monday, August 7 at Squaxin Park.** Lunch will be catered, please pay online. Lunch is \$25. This will also be a membership drive meeting. Guests will have their meals paid for.

**Martin Meyer - Olympia Lakefair Races** - the race is THIS Saturday, July 15. As of this morning, 575 runners were registered. More than last year with a potential to get to 600+ before the race.

**Oscar Soule - Tacoma Rainiers - July 16:** The game is THIS Sunday. Suite access is up steps/elevator. If you have questions, please contact Oscar. The stadium has a 'clear bag' policy. All items being carried into the stadium must be in a clear bag. The stadium is 'cashless', all purchases need to be made by credit or debit card. Thank you to club member **David Hughes** for providing the tickets to the suite.

**Colleen Gillespie - Annual Rotary Picnic/Club Dues:** 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.

**John Sabo** - will be 'retiring' from Rotary. President Debra thanked him for all his work and support as a member, especially related to coordinating the weekly Zoom meetings.

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

**Ralph Munro** - shared he celebrated his 80th birthday, which is 'slightly' close to Steve Bean's 80th birthday.

**Tom McLean** - joined Threads and made his first post about today's meeting and the speaker, Harlequin.

**Warren Carlson** - shared how easy he finds getting tickets at and going to shows at Harlequin, compared to Seattle or even Tacoma.

**Program:** Harlequin Productions - Aaron Lamb, Producing Artistic Director

**Jeff Crooks** introduced Aaron Lamb, the current Producing Artistic Director of Harlequin Productions. Jeff shared that he and his wife have enjoyed some of the best theater in downtown Olympia at Harlequin. Aaron has been the Producing Artistic Director since 2009, he is a native Washingtonian who graduated from WSU and earned a graduate degree from Cal State Fullerton. Aaron's presentation focused on three areas: Art, Theatre, and Community.

Harlequin Productions, a local community supported organization, was started 33 years ago by Scott and Linda Whitney. Harlequin is the only professional theatre production company between Seattle and Portland. "Professional" means that everyone involved in the production is paid, either on stage or behind the scenes. "Producing" means that after the script is found, Harlequin will design the sets, lighting and all other aspects of the production. The vast majority of the artists that Harlequin works with are local to the south Puget Sound area. On average, there are about 50 individuals involved in each production.

Aaron shared how Harlequin operates, how the company navigated the last several years, and how the company plans to expand/thrive in the future. Following his presentation, Aaron took questions from club members.

For information about the current show, Falsettos, and more information about Harlequin Productions, visit:  
<http://www.harlequinproductions.org>

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

**Mr. Snappy:** Bill Lahmann won two Harlequin Production ticket vouchers donated by Harlequin.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:30 pm by President Debra.

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