

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: August 1, 2022

By Dan Lehuta



Our next meeting will be our annual club picnic held at Priest Point Park.

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

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Dr. Thelma Jackson - Meeting of 7-25-2022

By Robert Heck on Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Rotary Club of Olympia
The Wheel

Date: 7/25/2022

Today's Program: The History of Blacks in Olympia, 1950-1975 – Dr. Thelma Jackson

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

Invocation by: Jay Burney

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Al Cohen

Song: N/A

Four Way Test led by: Kyle Cronk

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guest of Rotarians:

President Sarah's Son
Dr. Jackson – Guest of Al Cohen

Announcements:

Book Club: The next book club is August 16, the meeting place is Mercato Ristorante

Cool Jazz, Clean Water: Dennis Cooper reminded club members that volunteers are needed to support all areas of this event. He also shared a bit about the event. If club members have old instruments, please consider donating those.

Thurston County Fair: Rotary will have a Thurston County Rotary tent at the fair – if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Sarah. If you're at the fair, drink plenty of water and say hello to fellow Rotarians at the booth.

Happy Bucks

Bob Wubbena: Shared about coordinating efforts to fund a Rotary waster project in Ukraine

Christina Daniels: Son graduated from Olympia HS

Colleen Gillespie: She and Mark just built a home in Tucson, AZ and it will be hotter in Olympia this week than in Tucson

Jim Kainber: Harlequin Productions has extended the run of Hedwig, he encouraged members to join

Program: The History of Blacks in Olympia, 1950-1975 – Dr. Thelma Jackson

Ralph Munro gave a bit of background on local Black History. He introduced Dr. Thelma Jackson. She got her degree from LSU-South and was recruited by the federal government to work on the Hanford project. She was a biochemist for Battelle Northwest in Richland, WA at a time when Hanford industries had few black professionals. Her husband Nat Jackson, a former club member and past president, served in the administration of Governor Dan Evans. She and Nat made Lacey their home. She served for 20 years as a school board director. In that role she served as President of the Washington State School Directors Association. Dr. Jackson has served as a Trustee to The Evergreen State College. She has authored a book that chronicles the history of Blacks in Olympia.

Dr. Jackson gave a brief summary about her book and the history of blacks in Olympia. If you'd like to purchase a copy of her book, you can do so at Browsers. The title is "The History of Blacks in Olympia, 1950-1975". She spent time taking questions from club members during the second half of her presentation.

The meeting was recorded and edited down to just Dr. Jackson's talk, so if you would like to see the recording click on this link:
https://1drv.ms/v/s!AqTnOz7_Md_niCDGnIwQJDz5vtSI

Mr. Snappy: John Sabo won a gift card to Spuds Market donated by a club member.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:27 pm by President Sarah
