

# Rotary



# Club of Olympia

## Next Club Meeting Date: Sept.25, 2023

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Join us at our next meeting on Monday, Sept. 25th, at Rivers Edge Restaurant at the Tumwater Valley Golf Course. Our program will be a student panel to discuss Civic Engagement & Civility.

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## Meeting of 9-11-2023

**Rotary Club of Olympia**

**The Wheel**

**Date:** 9/11/2023 **Today's Program:** Olympia Rotary Club Water Projects

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

**Pledge of Allegiance led by:** Skip Steffen

**Four Way Test led by:** Holly Mason

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Tracey Overfelt - Olympia Capital Centennial Club

**Guest of Rotarians:**

Curt Andino - Friendly Water

Cyndi Zechmann was joined by Aaron

**Announcements:**

**September 11 - 22 year anniversary** - President Debra shared a few words of remembrance and reflection, especially on Rotary's work with Peacemaking around the world.

**Olympia Capital Centennial Club** - Tracey invited all club members to join his club at their upcoming fundraiser to support the club's international projects/initiatives.

**Upcoming Candidate Forums** - The club will host candidates running for local office. Cards will be available on tables to submit questions, or you can email Corey Gauny.

**October 9 Meeting** - ASHOO Civic Center in Tumwater will be the site of our meeting, and potentially the future site of meetings.

**Christina Daniels** - newly selected to join the club leadership team as a director.

**Book Club** - Tuesday, Sept 19 at Mercato, starting about 5:30pm-ish.

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

**President Debra** - had a wonderful time at the central Oregon judicial summit meeting with other judges.

**Cyndi Zechmann** - introduced her family friend, Aaron, and shared about the work he is doing to better the community in the Elma area.

**Heather Antanaitis** - shared about the various uses of the funds raised from the sale of Girl Scout cookies.

**Corey Gauny** - celebrating a birthday, and gave words of remembrance to the 343 firefighters who died in service to their community on 9/11/01 in New York City.

**Oscar Soule** - shared a story about his most recent trip to the mid-Atlantic, Midwest, and northeastern parts of the US.

**Sarah Clinton** - reminded the club that the SoCal Justice committee is hosting an event with other Thurston County clubs tonight, Monday, Sept 11 @ 5pm at Equal Latin in downtown Olympia.

**Tom McLean** - his puppy turned a year old this last weekend.

**Felix D'Allessandro** - the national French Bulldog show is coming up this weekend at the Olympia Hotel

**Program:** Olympia Rotary Club Water Projects - Barbara Barney/Bob Wubbena

**President Debra** introduced **Barbara Barney** and Bob Wubbena to share more information about the international water projects that the club supports.

Funds raised from Cool Jazz, Clean Water support the purchase of musical instruments as well as international water projects. The local clubs have a Rotary Water Committee made up of club members from throughout Thurston County.

Barbara shared the impact of a recent water project in Mexico. Rotary clubs in Thurston County partnered with a local club to fund the supplies for and building of water filters. Club members traveled to the village in Mexico to deliver the filters and to teach members of the community how to use and maintain the filters. In total 230 filters were built and delivered.

Bob Wubbena gave an update on the Malawi water project. Bob shared that over the years, our club and clubs within our community have influenced/participated in over \$2 million dollars' worth of water projects.

Barbara, who is also the chair of the district grants committee, shared the impact that district grants have on expanding local water projects. Additionally, Barbara shared the multiplying effect that district grants and Rotary foundation grants have on expanding each of the projects.

Corey Gauney, who is the chair of Cool Jazz, Clean Water, shared that to date the event committee has secured \$18,000 in sponsorship for the evening event and several bands/groups have signed up to participate in the day event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Corey.

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

**Mr. Snappy:** Dennis Cooper won a \$50 gift certificate to any Ramblin' Restaurant donated by a club member.

**Meeting Adjourned** 1:23 pm by President Debra.

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