

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: Oct 9, 2023

By Dan Lehuta

If you would like to join the meeting via ZOOM, click on this link: [Meeting by Zoom](#)

Join us at our next meeting on Monday, Oct. 9th, at TBD

Candidate Forum:

County Commissioner Pos. 4; Vivian Eason and Wayne Fournier
County Commissioner Pos. 5; Emily Clouse and Terry Ballard

Meeting of 10-2-2023 Candidate Forum

Rotary Club of Olympia
The Wheel

Date: 10/02/2023 **Today's Program:** Candidate Forum: Olympia School District Positions 1 & 2

Meeting Called to order: President-Elect Corrina Phillips @ 12:29 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Cyndi Zechmann

Four Way Test led by: Lauri Maricle Bridges

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guest of Rotarians:

Mo Considine - former member
Nora Prindle - Puget Sound Estuarium
Paris McClusky - Puget Sound Estuarium
Dr. Marilyn Burko - Brian Windrope guest
Daniel - Rotary Exchange Student
Rose Gunderson - Cyndi Zechmann guest

Announcements:

NEW MEETING VENUE - October 9 - Ashho (pronounced aa-show) Cultural Community Center - 5757 Littlerock Road, Tumwater WA 98512. Lunch will be \$25/person and paid at the door. **Please RSVP to Corrina Philips no later than Thursday, October 5** via email: corrinaphillips62@gmail.com

Rotary District Community Grant - Paul Knox - shared that the Puget Sound Estuarium is the winner of the matching grant money from Rotary International. The Olympia Club and the Tumwater Club joined to submit the grant. Paris, the executive director and Nora, the development manager, shared details about how the grant will be used. The major focus of the improvements will be on accessibility. Annually the Estuarium has about 6,000 visitors.

Auction - Steve Bean - auctioned off locally made olive oil, candy and a 90-minute massage certificate to a local spa.

Program: Candidate Forum: Olympia School District Positions 1 & 2

Past President Bill Lahmann who served as the Superintendent of the Olympia School District introduced Maria Flores and Frank Durocher. Maria currently serves on the Olympia School Board and is running for re-election to Position 1. Frank is currently a candidate for Position 2. Taulana Reed who is a candidate for Position 1. Jess Tourtellotte-Palumbo is a candidate for Position 2. Neither Taulana nor Jess attended due to work conflicts. **Past President Bill** thanked all candidates for their willingness to run for the school board. Candidates were given three minutes for their opening statement.

As moderator, **Past President Bill** shared questions that club members submitted in advance. He also moderated a live question/answer session.

All Olympia School District Director candidates are at-large. If you live in the OSD, you will be able to vote for all Director positions up for election this year. Election Day is Tuesday, November 7.

For more information about the candidates who were invited/participated today, please visit:

Position 1:

Maria Flores: <https://www.floresforolympia.com/>

Taulana Reed: <https://www.talaunaforthepople.com/>

Position 2:

Frank Durocher: <https://www.frank4osd.com/>

Jess Tourtellotte-Palumbo: <https://www.jesstourtellottepalumbo.com/>

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

Mr. Snappy: A club member won a \$50 gift certificate to any Ramblin' Restaurant donated by The Rants Group.

Meeting Adjourned 1:27 pm by President-Elect Corrina.

Meeting of 9-25-23 Civic Engagement & Civility

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The Wheel

Date: 9/25/2023

Today's Program: Civic Engagement & Civility - YMCA Youth & Government

Meeting Called to order: President Debra @ 12:33 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Laurie Tebo

Four Way Test led by: Brian Windrope

Visiting Rotarians:

John Davis - Olympia Capital Centennial Club

Guest of Rotarians:

Several guests joined Cecelia Lovelace today

Announcements:

Hawks Prairie Club Chowder Challenge Fundraiser - October 14 - \$25/person - Lacey Community Center. John Davis invited our club members to join this event.

Carl Rader Award - Steve Bean called for nominations for this award. Please submit nominations no later than October 4, 2023.

Paul Harris Fellow - Christina Daniels presented **Dan Lahuta** with his Paul Harris +4 award. The Paul Harris Fellowship recognizes individuals who have given at least \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

Classification Talk - Bruce Wells - born in Buffalo, NY, when he was 9 years old his family moved to Canada due his father's job. He not only learned hockey, he was also a French exchange student. In school, he focused on chemistry/physics. He became a high school chemistry/physics teacher. Upon moving to the PNW, he took a position where he developed systems for industrial boiler systems.

Happy Bucks hosted by **Lynn Heinold**

Past President Sarah- gave a big thanks to Chris/Gavin as well as Laurie Tebo, Sarah is now serving on the BHR Board of Directors.

Corey Gauny - Seattle Krakens' first pre-season opening match is tonight. In addition, if you want to get involved in Cool Jazz, Clean Water please contact Corey.

Colleen Gillespie - just returned from a weeklong cruise to Alaska and gave an early happy birthday to Denny Peterson.

Warren Carlson - celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary and shared a story about one of his high school teachers.

Cindy Hough - this is Ralph Munro's one year anniversary of being in the hospital or rehab, he would love to host guests. He is on the second floor of Panorama. Cindy can get you his phone number. She also shared that SPSCC's year over year enrollment is up 25%, much higher than the state average.

Chris Swanson - admitted that he is a former Rotarian and is happy to donate to happy bucks.

Program: Civic Engagement & Civility - YMCA Youth & Government

Past President Sarah introduced **Chris Swanson**, a program director with South Sound YMCA. Chris spoke about the YMCA Youth & Government Program. YMCA Youth & Government fosters the development of citizen responsibility by developing problem solving and communication skills, providing positive adult mentors, and giving young people opportunities to practice new skills in hands-on programs.

Gavin Cruz, a junior at Olympia High School and local delegate for the YMCA Youth & Government joined the meeting via Zoom. Gavin shared his thoughts and reflections about his time in the program, working with local elected officials and as a Page for the Washington State Senate. Gavin was motivated to join the program after he lost a student government election.

Gavin was able to take several questions from club members about civility, communication, and the ways in which he is using the tools he has learned participating in Youth & Government.

Chris also read some responses from the current YMCA Youth & Government Governor.

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

Mr. Snappy: A club member won a \$25 gift certificate to Cinemark Theaters donated by Skip Stefan.

Meeting Adjourned 1:29 pm by President.
