

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: Oct. 31, 2022

By Dan Lehuta



Next Monday is Halloween. Our program is a HALLOWEEN SURPRISE! Be prepared to win the costume contest.

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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Meeting of 10-24-2022 Police Chief Rich Allen

By Robert Heck on Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Today's program-speaker was Olympia Policy Department's – Rich Allen, Chief of Police **Rotary Club of Olympia The Wheel**

Date: 10/24/2022

Today's Program: Olympia Police Department – Rich Allen, Chief of Police

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

Invocation by: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Neil DeBoer

Song: N/A

Four Way Test led by: Lynne Heinold

Visiting Rotarians:

Cecelia Loveless – Guest of Colleen Gillespie
Bruce Wells – Guest of Warren Carlson

Guest of Rotarians:

Bret Boyer – Lacey Rotary

Announcements:

Golden Bear Award: Jen Boelts and Bret Anderson recognized Jayla Caldwell, a student at Olympia High School. She is the first Golden Bear award of the 2022-2023 school year.

Salvation Army/Rotary Club of Olympia Bell Ringing: Our club will ring the Salvation Army bell on December 17. Please consider volunteering for a shift.

Political Ads: Please do not place political ads on the tables at Rotary. When candidates are invited to be part of the program, they will be able to bring their own informational material.

Venue Survey: Keep your eyes out for a survey to give feedback about the current meeting venue.

Halloween Party: Monday, October 31st @ Club Meeting – stay tuned for more details...plan on a costume contest! Colleen Gillespie will share more information – contact her with questions.

Ralph Munroe: Cindy Hough shared that Ralph is doing well at Panorama and is recovering with good speed.

Happy Bucks hosted by **Lynn Heinold**

Bret Anderson: Announced the start of Diwali, a five-day festival

Barbara Barney: Travelled to Mexico to see the good international work done by her former Rotary club. She encouraged all club members to participate in Cool Jazz, Clean Water to continue to raise money for international water projects.

Colleen Gillespie: Enjoyed the 14-day cruise to the Holy Land, found it very informative and a wonderful trip. She even purchased a t-shirt from Olympia, Greece.

Lynn Heinold: Celebrating a birthday, soon.

Program: Olympia Policy Department – Rich Allen, Chief of Police

Past President Al Cohen, introduced Rich Allen. Rich has been with the Olympia Policy Department for many years. He was recently appointed to serve as the permanent Chief of Policy after serving as the Interim Chief of Policy. Chief Allen has worked in law enforcement for 31 years, beginning when he was 15 and started volunteering as an Olympia Police Explorer. A native of Olympia, he is a proud graduate of Olympia High School. He is also a graduate of the FBI national academy.

Chief Allen gave a presentation about the Olympia Police Department, the different divisions, the structure, changes for the 2023 year and long-range goals for the department. The two departments are Outreach & Administration and Operations. In Outreach & Administration the following are included: Outreach Services (Critical Response Unit/Familiar Faces), Support Services (records and evidence), Community Policing (walking patrol, neighborhood policing unit, special operations), Business Systems & Planning. Within the Operations department are: Field Operations (Patrol/911 response), Investigation Services (Detectives, recruitment/training), Corrections. OPD has a Professional Standards Lieutenant who reports directly to the Chief. The department has 125 employees, 78 are certified officers. OPD handles about 60,000 calls per year. Annual budget (when fully funded) is about \$25 million. One week from today, all OPD officers will be wearing body cameras. The department is committed to transparency.

The City of Olympia has a municipal jail that functions as a short-term holding facility. Built in 1966 it has 28 beds and 14 employees. The average daily population is 18 days. The average length of stay is 5 days. A short-term facility does not have an outdoor recreation area. If someone is ordered to serve longer than 30 days in the Olympia jail, they will be sent to a larger local jail with recreation facilities. Top five crimes: assault, assault domestic violence, theft, criminal trespass, DUI. The jail offers contracted on-site medical/mental health services, family visitation, AA/NA meetings, religious services, Narcan distribution program (dug cessation).

The department also has a Police Auditor. This is a contract position through the City of Olympia. The focus areas: Independent Review and Audit of: use of force, complaints, internal investigations; Review and Recommend Revisions: policies, procedures, training. All auditor findings are presented to the full Olympia Council twice each year.

For more information subscribe to the weekly newsletter (olympiawa.gov/subscribe) and visit the OPD website to view the crime map, which is updated weekly.

Chief Allen took questions from club members.

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

Mr. Snappy: Colleen Gillespie won a Gift Certificate donated by Laurie Maricle.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25 pm by President Sarah

Cool Jazz is back - November 19, 2022

By Dan Lehuta on Monday, September 26, 2022



The Rotary Clubs of Thurston County is bringing back Cool Jazz - Clean Water. Save the date of November 19, 2022. During the day, enjoy the music as local school bands perform on the Washington Center stage and receive feedback from a panel of professional musicians.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – FREE!

Later that evening, listen as professional jazz musicians take the stage while you enjoy the local Wine, Microbrew and Spirits Tasting Event.

To download a PowerPoint presentation of this event, click [HERE](#). Once downloaded, open the file and start the slideshow.
