

Rotary



Club of Olympia

Next Club Meeting Date: Nov. 21, 2022

By Dan Lehuta



Our speaker for the meeting of November 21st will be Dick Nichols. Every fall for over 50 years, Dick was the Friday night guest in homes throughout the South Sound. People turned on their radios listening to Nichols talk as he gave his account of that night's hometown football game. His talk is not about sports but about a personal, contextual big picture reflection of changing and contentious conditions impacting and challenging America and is entitled "Change Is Not Coming: It's Here".

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 11-14-2022 Damon Huard

By Robert Heck on Monday, November 14, 2022



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The Wheel

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Meeting Called to order: President Sarah @ 12:25 pm

Invocation by: N/A

Pledge of Allegiance led by:

Song: N/A

Four Way Test led by: Bill Latta

Visiting Rotarians:

None.

Guest of Rotarians:

Steve Bean: Tabor Lee (son in law)

Chuck Fowler - Carla Fowler (wife)

Announcements:

Veteran Recognition: Corey Gauny gave the club an overview of the various days throughout the year that US Veterans are honored and recognized.

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

Cool Jazz, Clean Water: Tickets are \$50 and t-shirts are \$25. This is the 20th year of the event. If you would like to volunteer at the event, please sign-up.

Holiday Party: December 5 is the joint holiday meeting/party with the Kiwanis Club.

Wine Auction: Steve Bean auctioned off a signed bottle of red wine from Damon's winery in Woodinville. The name of the winery is "Passing Time".

Meeting Space: The club will send out a survey today for feedback about the meeting space.

Next Week's Program: Dick Nichols will speak on the state of our community and society

Happy Bucks hosted by **Lynn Heinold**

Colleen Gillespie: Celebrated her birthday yesterday.

Program: Damon Huard - Director of Community & External Relations - UW Athletics

Al Cohen, chair of the program committee, introduced Damon. As a football quarterback, Damon played for the university and was part of the 1991 National Championship team. By the time Damon left UW, he was the Huskies all-time passing leader with 5,692 yards. Perhaps one of his most memorable games was against the Miami Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl. The under-dog Huskies beat Miami by 18 points and halted a 9-year and 58 games home winning streak for the Hurricanes.

From the Dawgs to the NFL, Damon played for the Cincinnati Bengals, Miami Dolphins, New England Patriots, Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. Damon has the distinction of owning two Super Bowl Championship rings. For you wine drinkers, you should know

that Damon along with fellow teammate Dan Marino have a winemaking venture in Woodinville appropriately called "Passing Time".

Damon shared updates from Division I Athletics.

Name, Image and Likeness is a program that is here to stay and the University of Washington will continue to support student athletes through this program. Damon shared stories about how student athletes have received rent/housing assistance that allows them to move closer to campus. The UW's perspective is that Name, Image and Likeness is here to stay and a good thing for students.

Damon talked about the changes to transfers, both for players and how it affects eligibility and how coach transfers could play out in the future. It is UW's belief that the changes are here to stay.

PAC-12 Changes: USC and UCLA moving to the Big 10 was a huge surprise and has affected the UW and the league. Damon shared that UW is in a great position and will be able to successfully navigate conference realignment.

Following his update, Damon took questions from club members.

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

Mr. Snappy: Again, Dan Lehuta won a \$25 gift certificate to Browser's Books donated by club past president Bob Wubbena.

Meeting Adjourned 1:17 pm by President Sarah.
