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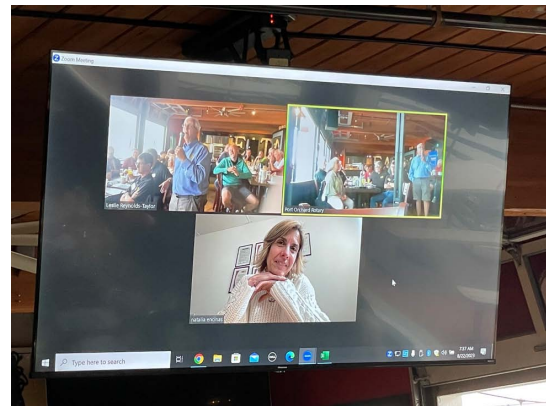
Port Orchard Rotary Celebrates Over 30 Years of Exchange Students

By Wayne S. Wright on Saturday, August 26, 2023



It's a big deal to turn 50! It's an even bigger deal to celebrate the accomplishments of a strong and robust Rotary Club. On August 22, 2023, the Port Orchard Rotary Club celebrated our commitment to Rotary's Youth Exchange Program by including our 1993-1994 Inbound Youth Exchange student, Natalia Encinas in our ZOOM meeting from Buenos Aires, Argentina! Many members of the Club remember Natalia as an outgoing, gregarious student with a desire to do all she could to maximize her total experience during her stay with us! We have fond memories of our time with her. During our conversation she mentioned that Port Orchard is "her home away from home" and that "my life was forever changed by my time with the Rotary Club in Port Orchard". Tears were shed in the room and on zoom! Natalia is now 47 years old and is the Legal Manager of the Port of Buenos Aires! She is married and has an 8 year-old daughter. As much as she says we changed her life, there is no doubt that she changed ours as well. And thirty years later it was evident that she had a most positive impact!

A secondary benefit of highlighting a past inbound is the timing, one week before our new inbound arrives! This meeting was not only a celebratory moment, but it also afforded the opportunity to remind our members of the important role they play in engaging with our new inbound. Clubs often get tired of the constant requests, pleas, haranguing, whatever from the YEO. Scheduling a zoom call with a past inbound allows the club to be reminded of their role without involving the YEO. The goal therefore of this effort was twofold; set the stage for member expectations moving forward and celebrating 30 years of friendship. We won on both counts!!!



The Youth Exchange program is an original "Bring Hope to The World" program. When a student from another country – often one less developed than ours – the exchange of cultural awareness, living experiences, family connections, and exploration forge bonds that time cannot break. Those bonds, combined with an increased awareness of the world we share with fellow humans, improve life in so many ways and maintains our common desire to keep service above self. This year we welcome Nadin from Hungary. She

arrives in August and we are very excited to meet her.

Port Orchard Rotary 50th Year Project – Givens Park Playcourts

By Wayne S. Wright on Sunday, August 27, 2023



It's a big deal to turn 50! As Port Orchard Rotary Club celebrates their 50th anniversary, Rotarians are once again redoubling their efforts to make their local community a better place to live.

Their chosen 50th anniversary project is a collaboration with the City of Port Orchard to revitalize a run-down park and play court facility in the heart of downtown.

The project is part of the community gathering space that includes the Givens Community Center, South Kitsap Western Little League fields, South Kitsap Peewee Association, Picnicking spaces, green space, and public restrooms. Several Port Orchard Rotarians remember playing on these courts as kids--oh so many years ago!--and this project will revitalize this essential facility for youth and adult recreation. Rotarians will refurbish the existing dilapidated basketball and tennis play courts, addressing the rough and uneven asphalt, surface cracks, rusty fencing, aged lighting, and overgrown surrounding landscaping.

The unusable Court surfaces will be ground down to make a strong base for newly installed court surfaces which will be strong and weather resistant.

The basketball court will be repainted to include striping for a Futsal court, the first in



Birthdays

- Ron Hutchinson
August 28th
- John Charles Morrissey
September 10th
- Wayne S. Wright
September 13th
- Brian Lyman
September 15th
- Gary T. Chrey
September 19th
- Robin Jay Lawyer
September 19th
- David Greenberg
September 23rd



Kitsap County. (Futsal is also known as speed soccer and is played in a smaller arena set to the size of a standard basketball court). The tennis courts will be refurbished and striped to include both tennis and pickleball striping. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the nation, and it was invented in Kitsap County. As you can imagine, there's a huge demand for Racquet sport courts in the South Kitsap area. All new security fencing and lighting will be added for safety as well as a section of public seating along the perimeter of the facility.

A grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office was awarded to the City of Port Orchard for approximately half the needed funds to build the project as planned.

The Port Orchard Rotary Club has pledged \$50,000 in match funds and is championing the fundraising effort to achieve full \$150,000 funding. Through a grassroots campaign of community engagement, project awareness, and grant writing, Rotarians hope to see this project built within their 50th year of service. To lend support, please visit the Rotary Club's [giving site](#) developed specifically for the project. For additional information about the project and plans, please visit the City's project-specific [website](#).



Port Orchard City of: Givens Park Sport Court Remodel (#22-1588)
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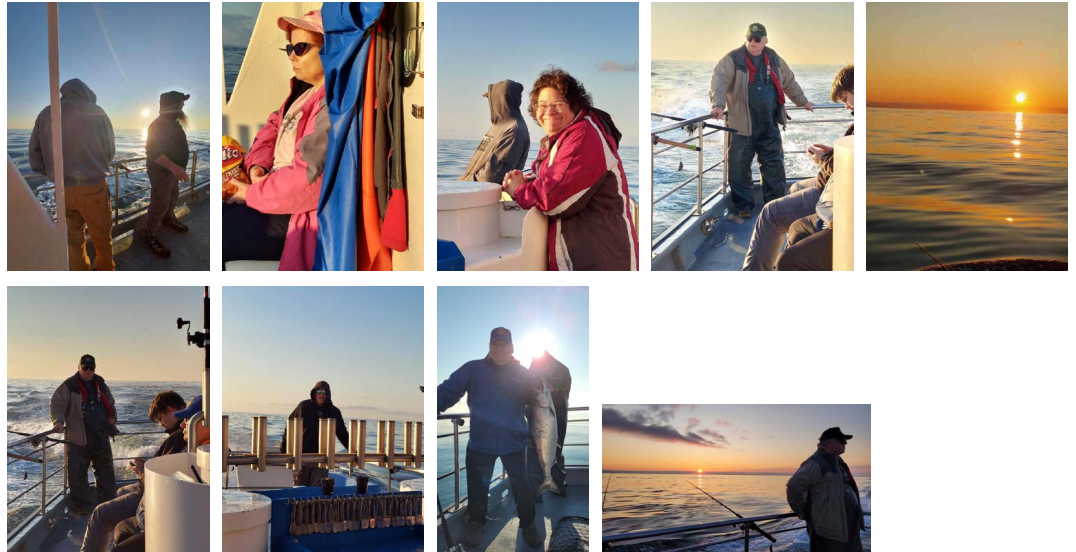


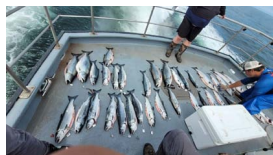
Rotary Fishing trip

By David Weikel on Tuesday, August 1, 2023

We recently had an awesome Rotary fishing trip to Westport, Washington! Weather was clear all day from sunrise, and caught lots of fish! A fun time was had by all.

Here's some photos from the trip. a HUGE Thank you to David Weatherill for arranging this fun adventure!





8-27 Newsletter/events calendar

By Leslie Reynolds-Taylor on Sunday, August 27, 2023

Good morning,

If you want to donate to District 5000, which is Maui. Hawaii Rotary 5000 set up an account that all 100% donations goes to victims of this horrible situation. They need the basics, then they need to rebuild. <http://rotaryd5000.org/> is the link to send your donations. Thank you. This is what we do.

The other thing we could do is buy Christmas or gifts from Maui businesses. I downloaded them if you'd like them.

August 23rd- 1100. Location TBD Auction meeting. This task force is assembled to confirm the details of the annual PO Rotary Crab Feed held on 3/8/2024. Every club member has a role to play in our annual fundraiser. Please bring your calendar and creative energy as we launch our program of work.

August 29th Tuesday meeting, 7 am at Whiskey Gulch. Our speaker will be Anton Preisinger, Founding Executive Director Board Chairperson Northwest Hospitality. If you would like to zoom in please join with meeting ID 3602656691.

August 29th 530 Sinclair's 22. Minister of Fun event.

If you have an idea what our group could do together, please let me know. It would be fun to hear your ideas.

September 5th Board meeting at Whiskey Gulch 6 pm.

September 6 10am-Auction meeting both in person and TBA on location. Please support our club and attend these meetings. This is our only fundraiser, and we need all hands on deck.g

September 6th 2 pm Golf Tournament Village Greens. I will have a sign-up sheet available this next Tuesday.

September 9th -Jody has his annual End-of-Summer party. He will have live music with Ignite and all his usual fun. Also, please drive your classic vehicles. It's pot luck, so please sign up for your favorite dish and drink. Jody, again, will have a sign-up sheet this week.

September 15th - auction item Setting up sprinkler system. Please help.

September 23rd-We have a brand-new opportunity for our group. For many years, we have been wanting to help our Veterans in some way. Yes, our Rotary group gave money to support "Stand Down". To be clear how this works.. it's an intervention for our county's homeless Veterans providing them with basic needs like a hot meal, medical, dental attention, haircuts, legal, VA, pet food for their pet's housing advise, job advice. We will meet to set up event, feed our Veterans and take down afterward.

Sept 23, 2023

10 AM - 2 PMSheridan Park Community Center680 Lebo Blvd, Bremerton

From Jacqui

Walk to End Alzheimer's Opportunities!

Port Orchard Walk - September 30 - meet at Hi Tides at 11 a.m., walk down the waterfront to Kitsap Bank and either backtrack to Hi Tides - or walk through town.... maybe stop at The Dock for lunch!! Open to your choices!

Silverdale Walk - The OFFICIAL walk - October 7. A great presentation at the Silverdale waterfront park pavilion, with presentations and acknowledgments. I have attended the official walk presentation previously - and it is very meaningful! The registration process begins at 10, the presentation at 11 and the walk soon thereafter.

You can participate in one or - if you choose - both walks! A great opportunity to support this incredible cause.

I will be sending out the website link shortly - however - if you Google "Walk to End Alzheimer's and enter our team name - Port Orchard Rotary Walkers - you will be directed to the correct site. Simply sign in, add your donation - and you're set!

Note: You don't have to walk to donate. AND - don't forget to ask others for their support. We've won the prize previously as top donation performer - let's beat the record!

October 7th- Skookum Club has asked if we can help them with parking support during their Oysterfest Event October 7th, Saturday. They have shifts at 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30. I would say two people per shift, but you don't have to cover the whole day. Any help is appreciated. We also want you to have some fun. If anyone is bringing an RV or travel trailer, let me know and we can get spots reserved at no cost. All volunteers get free admission, a volunteer t-shirt and a lanyard, so no worries there. Here is the event website: OysterFest

October 11th, Progressive Dinner 530 pm This is always a super fun event. Details will come soon.

November 4th- Doors open at 730 pm, show starts at 8 pm McCormick Woods Port Orchard Rotary's first annual Comedy Night to raise funds for club. Ask friends, relatives and let's raise some funds and have a great fun night as well. Thank you, Janis. For all those that want to help Janus, please let her know.

March 9th, 2024 PO Rotary Crab ?? Feed and Auction. I hope all will plan to be there.

Do you have anything you want me to put in newsletter? Please write what you want to say and send to me.

Enjoy your weekend.
Leslie

Leslie Reynolds-Taylor
2019-20 Rotary Past President
Port Orchard Cares Chair
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