



Ballard Rotagram

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Events



Every Monday
Ballard Food Bank
4:30-6:00 pm

Transition Meeting at the home of Chris & Kathleen Davis
Sunday
June 23, 2019

- Board of Directors**
- Chris Davis**
President
 - Billy Rodgers**
President-Elect
 - Daniel Foe**
President-Nominee
 - James Raptis**
Immediate Past President and Club Service Chair
 - Marilee Fuller**
Secretary
 - Chloe Miller**
Treasurer
 - John Mitchell**
Community Service Chair
 - Kathleen Linscott**
Membership Chair and Webmaster
 - Pete Scott**
Rotary Foundation Chair
 - Joseph Greif**
Public Relations Chair
 - Eva Dunn**
Vocational Services Chair
 - Kathleen Davis**
Program Chair,
International Chair and Grants Officer
 - Bev Washburn**
Family of Rotary and

Upcoming Programs

5/21/2019: Kobi Yamada: Children's book author and president of Compendium, a company of amazing people doing amazing things. Also: May Students of the Month

Special Deal! Kobi Yamada's award-winning books will be available to purchase--\$15 for one, \$40 for three (this is a great discount from regular purchase price, but it's for **cash only**).

5/28/2019: Rotarian Derick Pasternak: Evaluating International Hospitals

6/4/2019: Board Meeting CANCELLED

6/11/2019: Cathy Gibson: District Governor Nominee Question and Answer

Memories of Al Hovland



Carlye Teel, spoke about the passing away of **Alan Hovland**, as a true friend of Rotary. Al was a Ballard Rotary Past President and helped out in many many ways, from being a regular volunteer for Rotary at the Ballard Food Bank, to an integral volunteer at the Ballard Senior Center. The last words he gave to Carlye as she left him the last time she saw him were: ♦Give my Love to everyone at Rotary♦. WE WILL MISS YOU AL!

Other Rotarians who knew Al gave insights of their knowing him, including:

Peter Wick; who knew AL from the beginning days of their joining Ballard Rotary, said he knew Al as; ♦One of the most comfortable person to talk with and be around, he did a lot for the club♦.

Bev Washburn; spoke of how dependable and involved with the Ballard Food Bank Al was; ♦You could always depend on Al to be there to help out♦

Ed Robinson; ♦Al never said no when asked to help with a Rotary Project♦

Erik Gulmann; ♦Al was always friendly, we spent time together at the Food Bank, where he enjoyed telling stories of his days with the Parks Department, I will miss his friendship♦.

Chris Davis; ♦Al was the fastest friend I ever made♦

Club Business/Announcements

Attendance Secretary

Ballard Rotary

Foundation Directors

James Raptis: President

Pete Scott: Secretary

Darwin Rieck: Treasurer

Chris Davis: Member

President Chris Davis called the meeting to order at Noon.

We were led through the 4 Way Test by James Raptis

Susan Haris read us a poem as the thought of the day, which addressed the core qualities of strangers helping others and in the end finding out that we have a lot more in common with each other than differences.

Our Rotary guest today was a past club president from Honduras, who has relocated to Seattle and is considering joining our club.

Terry Collins came as a visitor ♦ thankfully for the last time before he comes back full time. We all take a sigh of relief knowing he is back!
WELCOME BACK TERRY!

On June 23rd the Transition Party will be hosted at the home, of the excited to be a Past President. Chris Davis, in honor of the honorable and amazing incoming president Billy Rodgers.

Ed Robinson read a letter sent to him by the Special Olympics organization, thanking the club for the 450 lunches prepared for them by the Club this year. THANK YOU, ED, FOR ALL YOUR AND KATIE ♦S EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS A SUCCESS AGAIN!

President Chris reminded the Club of the need for blood donors, and to mention that you are a member of Rotary when you do give blood. Give him a call with any questions.

Final words of Wisdom from President Chris

Kathleen Davis has been in Kenya the past ten days and sends this closing thought, from words of wisdom she has heard there.

Treat the Earth not as if it was given to you by your parents, rather as if it is lent to you by your children.

Club Members Get to Know Each Other Better

Today's speaker had to cancel at the last minute. So, the quick thinking, and almost-past-president Chris and the brilliant, soon-to-be-new-president Billy came up with a ♦Club Member Get to Know Each Other Better ♦ solution. The mic was passed around, and the members present had a chance to speak about what was going on in their lives currently.

Billy Rodgers started off by telling of his move from Boys & Girls Club to his new role as director of Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). PCA is a non-profit organization providing training to coaches, parents, and administrators of schools and sports organizations.

Chris Davis updated us on his full-time retirement which includes, along with this full-time Rotary President responsibilities, his more than full time volunteer teaching job for First Responders, and his consideration of becoming its director. After working 30 years as an ER doctor Chris give us the impression that this is his way of winding down his workload.

Chloe Miller--we all wonder what Chloe does after tax season is all over on April 15th. She finally was able to set the record straight and pointed out that as a mother and full time CPA, working at Fisherman ♦s Terminal with the local fishing industry she had only a little time each November to rest. We probably won ♦t joke as much anymore. Oh yes, she has also been doing all the Club Accounting and Treasurer work for the past several years.

Britt Olson--the Club also assumed that being a pastor she only worked on Sunday. She also was able to fill the Club in on her workload as Pastor of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church which includes providing free breakfasts to the neighborhood. Supporting and helping between 300-400 people daily coming to their facilities, along with neighborhood gardens and other community building activities. It is now hard to think how she has time for Rotary, though we are glad she does!

David Rice--outside of being a financial advisor, father, and active Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church member, he is an excellent and talented singer with the SeaChordsmen. And now that he has become a Rotarian any empty corners in his life can be filled up to overflowing with new ways of making connections that build community as is his passion. Along with his wife Joan, who accompanies him on many of his Rotary volunteer activities David is definitely a friend of Rotary.

Carlye Teel--as director of the Ballard NW Senior Center (and also past president who signed the papers to let this scribe into the Club) she manages an organization of nonstop activities from Senior Activities, Spanish, Chinese and other minority group activities on a daily basis, along with providing space for Rotary activities as we need them.

Daniel Foe--an attorney with Mullavey, Prout, Grenley & **Foe**, LLP Dainel, focuses on litigation, construction, insurance, maritime, employment, and general business and corporate matters. Litigation. He also handles a wide variety of litigation matters in state and federal courts, and arbitration. In the Club Dan is always one to help out in international service projects, and on the Board gives a levelheaded clarity to issues that confront us.

Lori Foehn--as we all know her as the Windemere go-to person in finding and selling our homes. We can now know her in her new job with the Washington DOT office, with full benefits! Now I am sure Lori will have even more time to overflow her time with Rotary activities which we all look forward to because of the fun we have when we are working with her.

Val Gaifoulline--a real estate agent and property manager, also fills his time with snowboarding, camping, hiking, golf and fishing. Val's help with Rotary activities is very much appreciated. Val is quiet but one is amazed when you talk to him and the things he is doing and has done.

James Raptis--is an architect who specializes in multi-family projects. We know he is good because our favorite, 50+ year perfect attendance Rotarian, Oly Wise, has hired him to do a project.

Nathen Engman--is the bank manager for Columbia Bank in Ballard, in his spare time he works with his wife who runs a winery. He is planning a summer trip to Croatia.

Susan Haris--is originally 100% from New York, but she is now 75% from Seattle and 25% New York. She spends her time volunteering at the Nordic Museum, and is editor of their journal and a book of Ballard Scandinavians histories. Susan also tutors at Broadview Thompson K-8 School

Bev Washburn says ♦ What you see is what you get ♦ ♦ We know we get GREATNESS and KINDNESS and LOVE and everything else that is good from her.

Ed Robinson--unemployed at the moment but is looking for the right job he says. Thankfully Ed is in Rotary and is able to work at the Food Bank, provide lunches for the Special Olympics, opening his home to Rotary events, along with the many other things he does, to give him something to do.

Report from District 5030/5080 Conference in Spokane

Attending from Ballard were President Chris & First Lady Kathleen Davis, President-elect Billy Rodgers, Committee Chairs James Raptis and Kathleen Linscott, plus Secretary Marilee Fuller.

A highlight of the conference was seeing RI President Barry Rassin and Bill Gates in dialog with King 5 anchor (and Seattle 4 Past-President) Mark Wright.



Ballard Rotary's achievements were on display in an exhibit created by Membership Chair and Webmaster Kathleen Linscott. Ballard Rotary's new flag was ready to bring home for outdoor display at meetings and events.

