

Rotary Club of Renton



Monday, February 19, 2024

Speaker Feb 22nd, 2024 Rod Kirkwood - Bellevue Sunrise Appliance Program



Rod Kirkwood (left) with a grateful Renton Resident who received a new appliance.

"Rod Kirkwood has been a member of Bellevue Sunrise Rotary Club for ten years. Before he retired, Rod was an HVAC contractor in the Puget Sound region for 45 years, and for 35 of those years, he ran his own business. His company MERIT MECHANICAL was intimately involved with the design and construction of some of the Pacific Northwest's most notable buildings (e.g. 2 million sf Amazon Distribution Center in Dupont, WA). Today, Rod is the Community Service Chair for Bellevue Sunrise Rotary, and through its Neighborhood Appliance Replacement Program, he administers the replacement of up to 50 appliances a year, averaging about one replacement per week. Rod personally interviews all appliance replacement candidates and selects each recipient award based on a number of criteria that represent the level of need. When Rod was younger, he read a book on achieving success; the author proclaimed that the two highest forms of personal success are 1) owning a business and 2) giving back to the community. Rod feels that giving back to the community is his primary mission in life now, and the Neighborhood Appliance Replacement Program allows him ample opportunities to perform his mission."



Club Meeting Place & Time

Renton
Meets at Fairwood Golf & Country Club
17070 140th Ave SE
Renton, WA 98058
Time: Thursday at 12:00 PM

Events

February 21st
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Speaker: TBD
Subject: Open to all members

February 22nd
Feb 22nd Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Rod Kirkwood - Appliance Program Partnership

February 29th
International Committee Meeting

Speaker: All members welcome to attend

February 29th
February 29th Club Meeting

Speaker: Joshua Shulkind - Renton Downtown Partnership

March 7th
March 7th Club Meeting

Speaker: Jennifer Nilson - Author "Unwanted Journey"

March 14th
March 14th Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Vasudha Sharma - Voice of Youth

Club Officers



Al Ralston
President
President-Elect



Mary Fitzgerald
Secretary



Lora Ueland
Treasurer



John O. Hansen
Club Director

Weekly Agenda

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15

MEETING STARTS ~ 12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

SPEAKER

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST

ADJOURNMENT AT 1:30

1st Annual Renton Rotary Golf Scramble

The Renton Rotary Club Presents

TEE UP FOR COMMUNITY CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

APRIL 22, 2024 AT THE FAIRWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



Click here to go to the [Golf Scramble Website](#)



Josh Hudson
Club Director



Yuki Z Maeda
Club Director



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Club Service Chair



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Club Service Chair



Danielle Smith
Club Service Co-Chair



Mark P. St. Peter
Community Service Co-Chair



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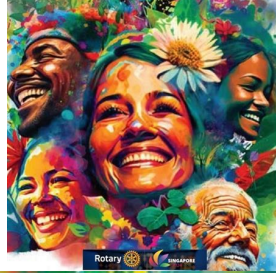
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2024 Rotary International Convention "Singapore



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At the convention, you'll:

- Participate in engaging breakout session discussions
- Attend motivating general sessions
- Network with fellow changemakers
- Mingle with old and new friends
- Browse exhibits and visit the House of Friendship
- Explore an exciting host city
- Enjoy live entertainment and enriching attractions

The convention is our largest event of the year, a chance for members to show the general public who we are and what we do. Join us at this year's Rotary International Convention and show the world who you are and all that you do.

Here is a link to the 2024 Singapore Convention: <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us>

Go to MyRotary and Register TODAY: <https://my.rotary.org/en/secure/application/231?deep-link=http%3A//events.rotaryintl.org/%3FEventId%3D2f1e207c-0139-4ace-b6ca-1aca1e1986fc>

All RI events take place at the Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre or National Stadium unless otherwise indicated. This information is subject to change, so check back often for the latest updates. Purchase tickets to Rotary-ticketed events when you register for the convention [online](#), by mail, or fax.

Visit the [Host Organization Committee website](#) to purchase tickets to their exciting events, tours, and activities. More information is coming soon.

Foundation Support – Make an Impact and Secure Recognition Thanks to District 5030!

We are promoting three amazing opportunities for all Rotarians within District 5030. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to make an impact in the world, their communities, and themselves by supporting our Rotary Foundation. The Foundation represents the tremendous power of our collective power to serve beyond ourselves to make an impact in the lives of others.

This is why I am asking anyone who has not had the opportunity to contribute to the Foundation to consider doing so this year. Take a leaf out of Arch Klumph's book, who was inspired to establish the Foundation, where you can donate \$26.50 to the Foundation. *The same amount that Arch Klumph seeded the foundation with when it was started.* You can take pleasure in knowing that you are making a difference with your **seed** donation to the Foundation. This will allow you to be counted as a person of action who wants to make a difference for your community and beyond.



The other initiative we are kicking off is to help us establish more Paul Harris Fellows within the district. Our Foundation team will be offering to support any member who is in the early stage of their journey to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, by asking you to make up to \$500 (this represents the difference between what you have already contributed and what is left to complete the \$500 amount) as a donation to the Foundation. In return, we will match the difference between your donation and the \$1,000 level with Foundation points to enable you to become a **Paul Harris Fellow**. Please get in touch with our Foundation Chair, [Jesse Tam](#), to let him know about your interest in this initiative and we will work with you on the next steps. We look forward to celebrating with everyone who makes this commitment at the end of the Rotary year, where we will honor your acquired recognition.

We are also kicking off a new recognition level for those members of district 5030 which we are calling the **Rotary Awaken Society**, where every Rotarian who is willing to donate \$5,000 each year to the Foundation will become a member. We will have a special event to celebrate these individuals and it will include an exclusive recognition pin to help us celebrate your support for our Foundation. Again, please follow up with [Jesse Tam](#) to learn more about this district initiative.

The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and the alleviation of poverty. The biggest initiative has been Polio Eradication. We hope you are inspired to make a donation this Rotary year to keep our Rotary magic delivering continuously.
