

Rotary

Club of Renton



Monday, March 11, 2024

Speaker March 14th, 2024 Vasudha Sharma - Voice of Planet



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

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

March 14th
**March 14th Weekly
Club Meeting**
Speaker: Vasudha
Sharma - Voice of Youth

Club Officers



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Elect



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Chair



Vasudha is originally from New Delhi, India. She moved to the United States 15 years ago. Professionally, she graduated from the Rocky Mountain University of Health with a doctorate in physical therapy in 2012. She has vast experience in healthy living for aging populations by promoting fall prevention and chronic disease management.

Additionally, she has been involved in Washington's community-based grassroots organizations for inclusion and equity. In recognition of her efforts and commitment to serve my community, she was appointed as a member of the mayor's inclusion task force for the city of Renton. She is an avid writer as well. Her articles have been published in many local and international publications. She has been an activist against domestic violence and human rights and founded the nonprofit organization called Voice of Planet with a **mission to enable communities to live a more fulfilling life.**

Weekly Agenda

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15
Corned beef and cabbage, pecan pie

MEETING STARTS ~ 12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

SPEAKER

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST

ADJOURNMENT AT 1:30

March 2024 Teachers of the Month



Marilyn Edlund
International Service Chair



Jesus Lopez-Guisa
International Service Co-Chair



Tricia Garcia
Vocational Service Co-Chair



Lori Church-Pursley
iPast President

Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month

March 2024 – As part of their commitment to education, and to celebrate teachers in the Renton School District, each month members of Rotary Club of Renton selects a few teachers as Teacher of the Month.

March Teachers of the Month are:

Angelina Jimenez

Art Teacher at Dimmitt Middle School

Angelina attended Woodbury University in Burbank, CA where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in Fashion Design. She then continued at the American College of Education in Indianapolis to receive a Masters in Educational Leadership. Before her teaching career, she worked in Domestic Production to source fabrics and trim for a fashion company in California. She then began her teaching career overseas at international schools in Cambodia, Vietnam and India where she taught Kindergarten and first grade before moving back to the United States. This is Angelina's second year teaching in Renton.



Shea Judd-Hume

Special Education Teacher at Renton Academy

Shea attended Seattle University where he earned a Bachelor degree in History and then continued at the University of Puget Sound to receive a Masters in Teaching and a Special Education Endorsement from Seattle University. Before his teaching career he used to work for a public affairs company. Shea previously taught at Griffin Home in Renton which provides education to students in residential treatment. This is Shea's 14th year teaching with the Renton School District.



Courtney Wilson

Special Education Teacher at Honey Dew Elementary School

Courtney attended Western Washington University where she earned a Teaching Degree in Special Education K-12 with an Elementary Education Endorsement. Then she continued to earn a Master's in Teaching Mathematics through Western Governor's University. Outside of the school day, Courtney spends time with her two young children watching them learn and grow. This is her 11th year teaching in the Renton School District.



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](#)

Rotarians! Please support this fundraiser by helping at the event. See Aaron for details.

Volunteer Opportunity - Lithium Battery Recycling Campaign

The call has gone out to District 5030 Clubs to help staff collection sites for the Lithium Battery Recycling Campaign. If you are able to help, the location for us is the **Tukwila Goodwill**. Event day is **April 20th** and you can help out at either the **9:30 to 12:30** or **12:30 to 3:30 shift**.

There will be a half-hour volunteer virtual training on April 17 at 5:30pm.

If you are interested in being involved with this very dynamic campaign, please contact Dave Spicer, with University District Club at dspicer@davespicerlaw.com

CAPER 2024 September 21st, 2024

The CAPER 2024 date has been set . We are still looking for an auctioneer, so if you have any ideas, please let Mark St. Peter know asap.

Last year we raised \$159,000 at CAPER!! Let's beat that amount in 2024. Save the date, invite your friends, gather your donations. Auction go-live will be here before you know it!

Community Auction Promoting the Endeavors of Rotary (CAPER) 2024

Saturday September 21, 2024

Renton Pavilion Events Center

Add Renton Rotary to your Social!

Find us Online

www.rentonrotary.org



@rentonrc on Instagram



Find us on Facebook

Invite friends in your network to LIKE us and follow.

District & Club Database



Members have a wealth of information available to them via our website. You can look up member contact info, find details about upcoming events, learn about District activities, training opportunities and more. If you aren't familiar with DACdb (District and Club database) contact Secretary Mary Fitzgerald or Treasurer Lora Ueland to get the details or if you need a refresher.

The DACdb login is on our website at the top right.



Rotary District 5030 Embarks on Ambitious Lithium Battery Recycling Campaign

The District 5030 Environmental Sustainability Committee is launching a very ambitious Rotary campaign to recycle lithium ion batteries throughout our District. These are batteries that come in cell phones, laptops, tablets, power drills, e-bikes, electric vehicles and anything that is rechargeable. Lithium-ion batteries are a phenomenal technology that can propel us into a clean energy and transportation future. All lithium-ion batteries are made up of varying amounts of critical minerals like cobalt, nickel, copper and lithium. What is incredible is these minerals can be recycled almost infinitely.

Yet, today, only 17 percent of e-waste and less than 5 percent of lithium-ion battery containing devices get recycled. The overwhelming majority of these devices end up in landfills. Recycling creates a tremendous opportunity to "renew" old products and build new, sustainable product while offsetting our need to terrestrially mine. Old devices can become new ones without any tradeoffs to performance or battery life. And lithium-ion battery demand is projected to increase by 500% in the coming years.

Last year District 5030 launched the first lithium battery recycling campaign in the world. Since 2022, Rotary clubs in the United States have been collaborating with Redwood Materials, the first U.S.-based battery recycling plant to host collection drives, yielding tens of thousands of pounds of cell phones, laptops, power drills and other rechargeable electronics.

On Earth Day, April 22, 2023, the Rotary District 5030 Environmental Sustainability Committee (D5030 ESC), Chaired by Erv DeSmet, led the planning of the first Rotary District-wide Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event and the FIRST in the State of Washington. The planning committee included Erv DeSmet (D5030), Seema Balwani and Cathy Gibson (Seattle 4), Sonja Koch (Redwood Materials), and Maria Norena (Bellevue Rotary).

To extend the geographic reach of the event, in addition to the Bellevue Downtown Park, the planning committee worked with other Rotary Clubs in District 5030 to hold a satellite Lithium-Ion Battery recycling site in the Lake Forest Park Towne Center. This was accomplished by engaging participation from two additional clubs: Lake Forest Park Rotary Club environmental committee led by Linda Holman and the Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound led by Kimberly Paterson and Janiece



Hoggatt.

This year's campaign This year RD 5030 ESC has already established a Rotary Task Force to build on last year's success and intends to broaden the geographical reach and create a major media blitz to engage the general public. The hope is to expand involvement to as many Rotary Clubs as possible in District 5030. **The recycling drop off date will be Saturday, April 20, 2024.** District Governor Kaj has endorsed this major undertaking, "this initiative is an excellent example for making your impact felt in supporting our environment with a sustainable approach anyone can engage with. Too often we sense the challenges are beyond our grasp, but with battery recycling we can secure real victories to protect the environment around us. We look forward to anyone joining our Rotary team to make a difference through action." We will again be collaborating with Redwood Materials. There will hopefully be drop off sites in Bellevue, Lake Forest Park, U Village and south Seattle. We will know in the next month where all the sites will be located.

Our hope is to enlist Rotarians from every club in our District to get the word out, reach out to their networks and build huge momentum for this event on April 20. This will also be an opportunity to showcase Rotary and feature Rotary prominently at all sites. We are planning strategies to recruit mainstream media "print, TV and radio" along with social media to get visibility for this event and also Rotary. And hopefully get the media out to the pickup sites.

Our Task Force includes the following: Maria Claudia Norena (Bellevue Rotary), Erv DeSmet (Woodinville), Janiece Hoggatt (Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound), Cathy Gibson (Seattle 4), Linda Holman (Lake Forest Park), Sally Porter Smith (University District), Sonja Koch (Redwood Materials), Nikki Bashaw and Audrey Griffiths (Seattle University Rotaract Club "we are grateful to have Rotaractors involved!!") and Dave Spicer, Chair (University District).

If you are interested in being involved with this very dynamic campaign, please contact Dave Spicer at dspicer@davespicerlaw.com

Dave Spicer and Maria Norena, District 5030 Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Operation Warm - Coats for Kids

Monday, July 10, 2023



5 MILLION
CHILDREN SERVED
AND COUNTING!

GIVE A GIFT THAT MAKES AN IMPACT.

Renton Rotary is a proud participant of Operation Warm - Coats for Kids. Since 1988 Operation Warm has served over 5 million children. You can help us put warm coats on children in need right here in the Renton community.

All donations will stay here in Renton. Thank you for helping us support children and families in our midst. We couldn't do it without YOU!

You can donate on our website at www.rentonrotary.org or at a Club meeting.

Awaken to the Extraordinary Opportunity of Rotary

By Kaj Pedersen on Sunday, July 9, 2023

A message from our District Governor, Kaj Pedersen, calling on us to have a leadership framework around Rotary's values, where our mindset meets the moment "all calibrated around what to do and how to do it through our clubs."

Welcome you into the new Rotary Year and thank you in advance for your service as a Rotarian. I am looking forward to working with you all as we collaborate to Awaken to the Extraordinary Opportunity of Rotary across the clubs and our communities in 5030. Our district team will build on the accomplishments of last Rotary year, under Kae Peterson's leadership, to support our clubs' by accelerating their growth, expanding their reach, and serving their communities.

In support of this we will be leveraging our [new 3-year strategic action plan](#) presented at PETS last February. This will provide the framework that will support our combined partnership in building success across 5030 as we find ways to work together. This year's focus will be on building core capabilities supporting brand expansion, community engagement, membership growth, embracing our vocational legacy, and transforming our district through innovation. This will be



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accomplished by getting back to basics in supporting our clubs, so we can adapt our approaches, embrace different perspectives, and innovate through service within our communities.

To help with the communications of the strategy, we will be bringing our [district conference](#) forward to October to engage our members on the strategic plan and its benefits to the clubs across our district. We were just in Victoria recently, where



we visited the Empress and the Victoria Conference Center facilities. To say we were impressed with what we saw would be an understatement, especially after seeing the outcomes of the transformative remodel that the Empress Hotel has undergone. We believe the contemporary new look of the Empress Hotel succinctly defines the vision we want to see for 5030 over the next three years, where Rotary will be engaged, contemporary for the changing community around us, and define what the true value of service is for those seeking to make a difference within their community.

Finally, as we embark on this journey of innovation and change, we must acknowledge that mistakes will happen. When this happens, my only ask is that we learn from them before we fix them cheerfully. Change is a part of any thriving organizations DNA, but it comes with its challenges as well â€” we grow stronger by embracing these challenges and overcome them. We want to make our Rotary district and its clubs the de facto choice for those who want to make a difference in their communities through

service. In making this happen, letâ€™s make sure we are the service organization that people want to belong to in 5030, so we can grow, innovate, and truly impact our communities through our actions.

Together, we can *Awaken to the Extraordinary Opportunity of Rotary*, especially within our communities where people are looking for meaning in their lives.

Kaj Pedersen - DG-5030 (2023-24)

Foundation Support â€” 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 Klumphâ€™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.