

Rotary Club of Renton



Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Rotary Community Service Grant Awards

April 4th, 2024 Club Bulletin

This year, Renton Rotary awarded \$52,500 in grants to local non-profits. At this week's meeting, we will hear from several grateful award winners and learn more about their service in our community.
Our guests this week are:

Karen Fulmer, Rainier Youth Choir
Jarod Drosdowski, Birthday Dreams
Allison Bureau, IDEA Project
Katya Wojcik, Project Be Free
Colleen Turner, Harvest Against Hunger
Cathleen Powell, South County Cats



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

April 4th

April 4th Club Meeting

Speaker: Grant Recipients Thank You

April 11th

April 11th Club Meeting

April 18th

April 18th Club Meeting

Speaker: Community Service Grant Thank Yous

April 22nd

Golf Scramble at Fairwood Golf & Country Club

April 25th

April 25th Club Meeting

Speaker: Rachel Wong - Renton Rowing Center

Club Officers



Al Ralston
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Mary Fitzgerald
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Club Director



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Club Director



Yuki Z. Maeda
Club Director



William Gaw
Club Service Chair

Weekly Agenda

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15

Cheeseburgers and house made potato chips with cookies for dessert.

MEETING STARTS ~ 12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

SPEAKER

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST

ADJOURNMENT AT 1:30

April Youth of the Month



Rosie Rourke
Club Service Chair



Danielle Smith
Club Service Co-Chair



Mark P. St. Peter
Community Service Co-Chair



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 Youth of the Month

April 2024 – Rotary Club of Renton has selected their Youth of the Month.

Rotary members recognize several Renton School District high school students each month as Youth of the Month. The award is given to students who possess leadership abilities, community service, commitment to their fellow students, and maintain good grades and attendance.

April Rotary Youth of the Month are:



Sarah Derrick is a Senior at Hazen High School. She enjoys math and science classes at Hazen. She has participated in the Hazen Robotics Team and has taken karate classes outside of school. She volunteers for the City of Renton in numerous park projects and with the Renton Farmers Market and she works part-time as a math tutor at Mathnasium. After graduation, Sarah plans to attend a four-year college to major in mechanical engineering and her dream is to have a career in mechanical engineering to build for other and challenge her skillset.



Brooklyn Jones is a Senior at Lindbergh High School. She is involved in Sewing and Knitting club and also participates in Running Start. During the summer months, Brooklyn volunteers with Wise Camps as a camp counselor and she currently works at a pastry shop called Nothing Bundt Cakes as a froster. After graduation, she plans to go to a college or university to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology and then to pursue a medical degree. She hopes to become a psychiatrist and to serve a community where there is a shortage of mental health professionals.



Sherley Martinez is a Senior at Renton High School. As a running start student, she enjoys biology and chemistry classes. Sherley has been involved with Filipino Student Union, Key Club, Asian Student Union, and ASB. She works part-time at Menchies Frozen Yogurt where she works as a shift leader. After high school and obtaining her AA degree from Highline College, she has committed to attend the University of Washington to major in Public Health with plans to continue her education with the School of Dentistry at the University of Washington with plans to pursue a career as a dentist.



Megan Wormwood is a student at Talley High School. She enjoys History, Yearbook, Independent Living and Leadership classes at Talley. Her volunteer time is spent serving on yearbook by staying for events to take pictures. Outside of the school day, she works part-time at Ross as a cashier. Her plans after high school include attending a college to earn an associate degree in business.

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](#)

CAPER 2024 is October 19th

The CAPER 2024 date has been set and planning is underway.

Community Auction Promoting the Endeavors of Rotary (CAPER) 2024

Saturday October 19th, 2024

Renton Pavilion Events Center

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!

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

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 "urban mine" 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 Balwami 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.