

# Rotary Club of Renton



Tuesday, October 29, 2024

## October 31, 2024 Program

### Two Initiatives about Preventing Nuclear War

"The likelihood of a nuclear catastrophe is greater today than during the Cold War" -- 19th U.S. Secretary of Defense William Perry

"We've condemned another generation to live on a planet that is one grave act of hubris or human error away from destruction without demanding any action from our leaders. That must change." – the New York Times

Why is the probability of a nuclear war growing, and what can we as responsible members of the public do on a local level to help prevent nuclear weapons from ever being used again?

Joanne Dufour will be discussing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a landmark treaty banning the possession, use, or threat of use of nuclear weapons that 93 countries have signed, as well as a Core Resolution to Rotary International about the treaty. Harry Katz will be speaking about the Back from the Brink campaign, which is building a national, grassroots, community-based movement calling on our government to take serious steps to reduce the threat of nuclear war and pursue a world free of nuclear weapons. The campaign has been endorsed by over 80 cities, towns, counties and state legislative bodies, and hundreds of organizations and local and state elected officials around the country.

#### Bios:

**Joanne Dufour** is a retired instructor of Social Studies and English Language Learning, and with ongoing interest in the United Nations and International Law. In recent years, she authored a blog on Disarming Our Planet for the Unitarian Universalist Office at the UN, which sponsored her participation in the Tenth Review Conference of the Non Proliferation Treaty at the UN in August 2021. She has been a co-instructor in a course on Nuclear Weapons Nowadays under the auspices of the Olympia Coalition Against Nuclear Weapons with a special interest in the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. She attended the United Nations Second Meeting of the States Parties of the TPNW last November. She is also a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross on International Humanitarian Law and a member of Rotary District 5000 as well as Secretary for the Satellite Rotary World group focusing on the Treaty. She will be sharing information on the Treaty and a Core Resolution to Rotary International for the information of your members with a short powerpoint.

**Harry Katz** is a local organizer with Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility and Back from the Brink. He has been involved in bringing people together to work for a safer and more just world for the past 9 years. He started taking action to prevent nuclear war this year after learning more about the long-term probability of a nuclear war.



### 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

October 31st

#### Renton Weekly Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Two Initiatives about Preventing Nuclear War - Joanne Dufour & Harry Katz

November 20th

#### Monthly Board meeting

### Club Officers



Al Ralston  
President



Rosie Rourke  
President-Elect



Jesse Tam  
President-Elect



Mary Fitzgerald  
Secretary



Lora Ueland  
Treasurer

## Weekly Agenda

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15

Spaghetti & meatballs with garlic toast and brownies for dessert

MEETING STARTS ~ 12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST

ADJOURNMENT AT 1:30

Répondez s'il vous plaît

Have you seen the RSVP placards on the tables? In order to ensure the chef has prepared enough lunches, we need to provide an estimate on the number of people attending. Each week if you have RSVP'd, pick up the placard to place at your table. This way, Serena and others know to serve you the prepared entrée. If you didn't RSVP, please still come, and if there aren't enough prepared lunches, the soup and salad option is still fantastic!

If you prefer the soup & salad, vegetarian or vegan option, please let Mary know, so she can let the chef know about this as well.

There are several ways to RSVP:

- Reply to Mary's weekly email she sends with a yes or no.
- Email Mary at [RentonRotarySecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RentonRotarySecretary@gmail.com)
- Go to [www.rentonrotary.org](http://www.rentonrotary.org) and click on the calendar date top right. Then scroll down and click on RSVP.

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## Share the Magic of Rotary



With your friends, neighbors and professional network!

You can tell them how we.....  
Join with millions of other Rotarians to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, profession and community leaders.

Engage with and support the community. In the last 12 months, we have raised funds through the Rubber Ducky Race at Renton River Days and our annual CAPER auction and:  
Awarded **\$24,000 in college scholarships** to Renton School District seniors

Put **\$12,000 worth of warm coats** on children

Contributed over **\$3,000 to eradicate polio**

Invested over **\$13,000 in 3rd graders education** and ongoing learning

Contributed over **\$15,000 to international humanitarian projects**

Provided a **\$250 cash gift to over 24 educators** in the Renton School District to support their classroom

Awarded nearly **\$53,000 in non-profit grants**

**Supplied appliances for senior citizens** to help them be able to stay in their homes

and much more!

Our dues are only \$50 a month! Come check us out at a weekly meeting and have lunch with us on Thursdays at 12:00 pm at the beautiful Fairwood Golf & Country Club. All are welcome, you don't have to be a business owner, just someone who cares about Renton and cares about serving.

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