



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, February 17, 2021



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Meeting Location

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2NNZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09>

When: Every Friday

Business: 12:00-12:20 pm

Program: 12:20-12:50 pm

Wrap-up: 12:50-1:00 pm

Future Programs

February 26

Tracy Reilly-Kelly: Civics 102— implicit bias, social media, fake news impacts

March 5

Steve Swenson: Challenges of climbing in Pakistan & eradicating polio

March 12

Jeff Burkey: Using Rainfall Projections in Stormwater Management

Program for February 19

David Montgomery & Anne Bikle

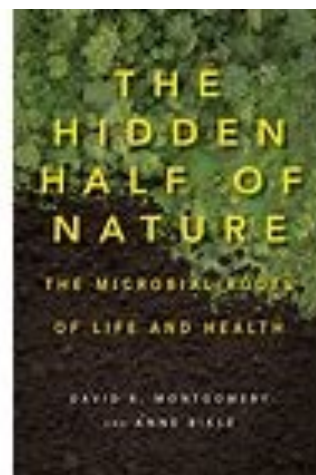
Using the Hidden Half of Nature to Grow a Revolution



David and Anne are a husband and wife and a pair of writers. They call their website "Dig2Grow" because that's what happens when you write, talk, and act on things that matter to the well-being of people and our one-and-only planet.

They've written an environmental trilogy. First there was *Dirt*—

about the plight of soil and what we've done to it since the dawn of agriculture. Then came *The Hidden Half of Nature*, a revealing exploration of how microbial life underpins the health of soil and even our own bodies. Now we have *Growing a Revolution*, a way to transform farming practices so that agriculture can help cure what ails the land.



Links

Club Photos

[Club Facebook Page](#)

[Club Website](#)

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[District 5030 Website](#)

Club Bulletin Deadline

Monday at 2:00 pm

Send ads & photos
in .jpg

Send material to:
paulalaschober@gmail.com

BE A HERO. TAKE ACTION!

You don't have to be Superman or Wonder Woman to do great things. Every day, ordinary people and fellow Rotarians make a difference.

Join your fellow University District Rotarians on March 26 @ 11:45 AM to raise funds to support our vital work in the community and the world.

Buy your ticket at

[Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com)



Ezra Teshome,
Honoree



Dr. Vin Gupta,
UW Institute for Health
Metrics & Evaluation,
Honoree & Speaker



Penny LeGate,
Emcee



BE A HERO. *TAKE ACTION!*

One out of every ten persons on our planet lacks access to clean water. Since 2002, University District Rotary has helped bring clean water and sanitation to many thousands of people in nine countries.

Be a hero! Join our fundraiser on Friday, March 26, at 11:45 am. Buy a ticket today at

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"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." (Loren Eiseley)

Water covers 70% of our planet. But fresh water—the stuff we drink, bathe in, irrigate our farm fields with—is rare. According to the World Wildlife Fund, only 3% of the world's water is fresh water, and two-thirds of that is tucked away in frozen glaciers or otherwise unavailable. As a result, some 1.1 billion people worldwide lack access to water, and a total of 2.7 billion find water scarce for at least one month of the year.

Inadequate sanitation is also a problem for 2.4 billion people—they are exposed to diseases, such as cholera and typhoid fever, and other water-borne illnesses. Two million people, mostly children, die each year from diarrheal diseases alone. That includes 144 million people who are dependent on surface water, much of it polluted by fecal contamination. Lack of access to clean water locks families, communities and countries into lasting disease and poverty.

University District Rotary is committed to addressing the pressing global need for fresh water. In the last 12 years, our club has allocated \$85,000+ for 19 water projects in 9 countries. Not only that, but because most of those projects were part of larger Rotary grants—several of them Global Grants—our participation was leveraged to more than \$1 million. And that's just in the last dozen years—we've been doing water projects for much longer.

Let's 'unpack' those figures with some examples. This week we'll feature water projects in Africa.

Wells for Ethiopia

Since 2002, **Ezra Teshome**, **Dave Weaver** and **Dave Spicer** have collaborated on water projects in **Ethiopia**, where 33 million out of a population of about 105 million persons lack access to a safe water source and 89 million lack access to improved sanitation. Many mothers and their daughters walk great distances each day to fetch water—sometimes as far as 10 miles or more roundtrip. There's no time for school, no time to train for the future. Survival is paramount.

Over time, the "Two Daves and Ezra" have developed borehole or spring-fed gravity flow wells to provide water to 25 Ethiopian villages. Four years ago, they received funding from our club to go back to rehabilitate 8 of those villages where water systems had failed. During the last five months, Dave S. and Ezra have been working on yet another major critical project for the village of Shechana Roma and its 3,000 men, women and children. After extensive collaboration with the Addis Ababa West Rotary Club, our club submitted a Global Grant request on February 3. It involves a \$76,000 budget for drilling the borehole well, providing solar power to pump it, as well as *(continued, p. 3)*



"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water." (continued)



two water storage tanks (10,000 liters each) and separate sanitation facilities for girls, boys and adults at the village school.

In the nearly twenty years the Daves and Ezra have been working on Ethiopian projects, they estimate somewhere between 125,000 to 150,000 people have benefited from these projects, as well as close to one million livestock like goats and oxen.

Our UDRC has generously committed \$10,000 to this newest Ethiopian water project and helped fund all prior water projects. It is estimated that the overall cost of these projects has been in the range of \$450,000. One project involved an RI Matching Grant (not Global Grant back then) several years ago for 24

villages in Ethiopia with a total budget of \$305,000.

Examples of water projects in other African countries

Dave Spicer has been involved in another 3 water projects in the countries of **Kenya, Rwanda and Nigeria**. **Omara Abe** has headed projects in his native **Uganda**, working with Rotarians from Gulu to drill bore hole wells for refugees displaced by internal insurgencies between 2001 and 2010 in Northern Uganda, a region with broken or nonexistent water supplies.

Altogether, about 50% of club funding for water projects in recent years has gone to African countries.



*Next week we'll feature water projects in Latin America and Asia. You can be a hero in our quest to take water to the world. Your contribution at our March 26 fundraiser will make a big difference! **BE A HERO. TAKE ACTION!***

From Club-to-Club to Global Grants, funding avenues address the need.

The world of grants can be daunting to an aspiring applicant. Many University District members can help guide you...just look for their names elsewhere in this article!

A basic primer:

All projects must have a **primary Rotary club sponsor** (i.e., University District Rotary), and a **host-country Rotary club** (e.g., the Rotary Club of Patan in Nepal).

In **Club-to-Club Projects**, one or more clubs donate directly to a host country club. An example of this kind of grant: In **Malawi**, **Adrian John** sponsored a project in 2019 for a clean-water borehole and pump in Masanjala Village, where we've also supported an elementary school. Cost for the well: \$5,100. The funds came from our Rotary club and the Limbe Rotary Club of Malawi.

In **district grants**—in our case, District 5030—the district matches funds contributed by individual clubs.

Global grants support large **international** activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in **Rotary's** areas of focus. By working together, we respond to real community needs, and clubs and districts strengthen their **global** partnerships. Here's an example of a Global Grant: In **East Pokot, Kenya**, **Paula Laschober** sponsored our club's \$2,250 contribution to a \$108,609 Global Grant led by the Port Orchard Rotary Club in 2014. It had many other contributing Rotary Clubs. The project provided potable water for human and livestock consumption via three riverbank rainwater harvesting systems and improvements to one existing borehole. East Pokot is an area of extreme poverty that has been experiencing long-term drought. About 5,000 people will benefit from the project. The Kenyan partner is the Uashin Gishu Rotary Club.



Check out the auction items when you register for our March 26 fundraiser!

Just click on [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com) and look for the Online Auction button on the upper right corner!

Check out some exquisite jewelry made by our emcee Penny LeGate from beads and stones from Ethiopia. Golf at Glendale Country Club is back, and there's a plethora of new



Lisa Fox Jazz Trio

tantalizing opportunities awaiting you. New items are being added each few days! **Bidding will open at 12 noon on March 25.** Be sure to check in often to build your shopping list!

We can use more auction items. If you have something you'd like to donate, please fill out the procurement form at the end of this bulletin and send it to President-Elect and Fundraising Event Chair Raymond Connell (Raymond@connelllawoffice.com).



Fundraising Website and Donation Notes

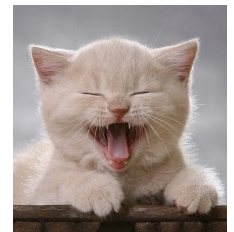
All club members are encouraged to sign up for our March 26 event and donate through our on-line fundraiser website— [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com) — but if you choose to donate by check, please make it out to “University Rotary Service Fund” and send it to: University District Rotary Club, P.O. Box 31125, Seattle, WA 98103.

If you buy a Group Ticket (\$320 for 10) through the website, please enter the names and email addresses of all your guests at the time you purchase the ticket. If you aren't ready to do it at that time, please send the list to Lisa Edwards (lisasimoneedwards@outlook.com). Your guests will get auction instructions via their email address.

More instructions for participating in our March 26 event will be provided in future bulletins, as well as via demonstrations at Friday meetings.

Join Us for February's Rotary Social! (by Marella Alejandrino)

The Membership committee is planning on hosting a monthly virtual social where we can get together outside of our Friday meeting for a bit of fun and socializing. The first event was a Bingo night that was held on January 26. Several club members joined in and a few guests as well!



This month's social will be on **Tuesday, February 23rd** over Zoom starting at 6:30 pm and will run about an hour. We encourage you to join in as we will be discussing many of the aspects of Rotary and will have a panel of experienced Rotarians to answer any questions you may have about our club or Rotary in general. To receive the link, contact Marella Alejandrino at m.alejandrino@windermere.com by **Feb. 19.**

Please Donate to The Rotary Foundation

Your contribution will help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Donate at:

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Invitation to Commemorate RI Peace Month *(by Jeff Werthan, Peacebuilder Committee Chair)*

February is Rotary International Month of Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. In reality, since our club is a Peacebuilder Club and our district is a Global Peacebuilder District, every day focuses on peace.

As District Governor Cathy Gibson says in the February District Bulletin, "This means we invest in peace education, promote local peace projects, support organizations that advance peace and advocate for human rights."

At our club's February 26th Club Meeting, we would like to do something that many of you have done previously for Rotary. Let all of us know what peace means to you. What comes to mind when you hear the word "peace"? Keep it brief! Tell us at the meeting on the 26th. Thank you.



February is Also Black History Month

(from Jeff Werthan, Peacebuilder Committee Chair)

Here are some educational options right in our backyard:

- * Northwest African American Museum (NAAM) - naamnw.org
- * Seattle King County NAACP - seattlekingcountynaacp.org
- * Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) - mohai.org
- * UW Civil Rights Project - depts.washington.edu/civilr



Friday U District Rotary Club Meetings on Zoom

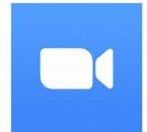
Time: 11:30 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada), every week on Friday.

Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 875 2848 2798 Password: 5KDft0
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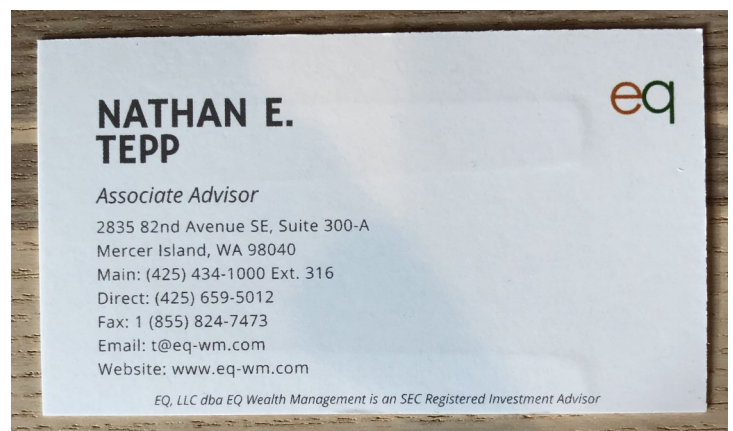
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For Our Newer Members:

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business card to
Paulalaschober
@gmail.com by
Monday, 2:00 pm.





Upcoming Club Activities

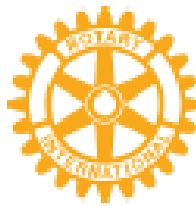
- NOW** Register today for our March 26 fundraiser: [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com).
- Feb 17** 5:30-6:30 pm. Rotary Means Business monthly Zoom meeting. Our own Rick Jones will bring attention to the power of identifying little financial links within companies that can lead to great savings. Register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).
- Feb 19** 6:30 pm. Hearts and Wine 2021. [Learn more about the event and register here](#). Fundraiser for Harvest Against Hunger, a program of Rotary District 5030. Per Exec Director David Bobanick: Hearts & Wine 2021 will be unlike any other as we shift to bring you a memorable online event. This winter's event will include many of the elements you love from our in-person event—engaged and entertaining speakers, fellowship and opportunities to do good things for our community. It will also include options for participating and opportunities to learn about how hunger is impacting our community after many months of pandemic, as well as how some creative people and Harvest Against Hunger are adapting to deal with these changes.
- Feb 23** 6:30 pm. Monthly club social. A panel of experienced Rotarians will answer questions about our club and Rotary in general. To receive the link, contact Marella Alejandrino at m.alejandrino@windermere.com by **Feb. 19**.
- Mar 8 Apr 12, May 10, June 14:** 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmtOTkhDaXhldz09>
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 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc8GsuAQzL>
- Mar 16 Apr 20:** 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282853195?pwd=VEplQTJISVc0MGZnTHVVMnduZ29VQT09>
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 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbthpaOrZz>
- Mar 25** 12:00 noon. Bidding opens for Club Fundraiser Auction. Click on [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com) and look for the Online Auction button on the upper right corner.
- Mar 26** 11:45 am. **Club Fundraiser**. Register and donate at [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com).

Virtual Boiling Pot Available for Club Members *(by Kirk Laughlin, Club Treasurer)*

U. District Rotary members - A reminder that a way to support our club during this difficult time - especially if you are enjoying the camaraderie of the weekly online meetings - is with a small token of your financial appreciation. The virtual "Boiling Pot" link is: <http://bit.ly/UDRCboil>.

You can choose an amount of \$5.00 to \$25.00 (there is a \$5.00 minimum since this is a credit card transaction). And you can do so during the meeting or anytime! Thank you for your support.





University District Rotary Club
Online Benefit Program and Auction Procurement Form
Friday, March 26, 2021

Donated Item Information

Item Name _____

Item Description: _____

Expiration Date (if applicable) _____ Restrictions _____

Donor Stated Value \$ _____

☐ Raffle Item ☐ Live Auction Item

Donor Information (as it should appear in event program)

Company

Name _____

Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

Donor

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Donor Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Pick-up Instructions / Pick-up Date & Time _____ / _____

Thank you for your donation to support the work of the
University District Rotary Club

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