



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, February 24, 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

March 5

Steve Swenson:
Challenges of climbing in
Pakistan & eradicating
polio

March 12

Jeff Burkey: Using Rainfall
Projections in Stormwater
Management

March 19

TBD

March 26

Club Fundraiser

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

Program for February 26

Tracy Reilly-Kelly

Civics Education-Lessons to Learn



Living in a representative democracy offers challenges and opportunities. This year more than ever Americans can benefit from the old-fashioned concept of the civic "Common Good", written into our Constitution. Explore two "hot topics" brought to you by our Founders: Legislative Redistricting 2021, post Census, and what common good actions are most resourceful to address systemic racism. Learn about what the League of Women Voters is doing to

encourage citizen public testimony on redistricting.

Presenter: Tracy Reilly Kelly retired as Program Manager at Clark College Continuing Education. Tracy received her B.A. in Human Services from the Evergreen State College and an M.S.T. in Health Education at PSU. Tracy taught Health, and Women's Studies at Clark College for 12 years and at PSU for 4 years. In 2008, Tracy was honored as a Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Clark County and Clark College. Currently she teaches classes on History and Civics at Clark College Continuing Education. Tracy is an active member of the Clark County League of Women Voters and a presenter in their Speak Up School.

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)

More than 2 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water. Three billion people lack adequate facilities for handwashing. More than 4 billion people lack safe sanitation services.

University District Rotary is committed to addressing the pressing global need for safe water. In the last 12 years, our club has allocated \$85,000+ for 19 water projects in 9 countries. Last week we featured water projects in Africa. Today we'll give examples of water projects in Latin America.

Examples of water projects in Latin America



The 600 villagers of **Tlaltempa, Mexico**, had already built 8 km of an 8.5 km water duct to take water to their village, raising most of their approximately \$60,000 share of this \$131,000 project through their own initiatives. They also constructed the duct themselves through difficult terrain. Drought and upstream fertilizer use contaminated their traditional water sources. They needed help to finish the final portion of the duct to distribute the water to their homes and avoid losing promised government matching funds. The Mexican partner is the Plateros-Centro Historico Rotary Club. We contributed \$9,000. The project succeeded. **Susan Sola** was the sponsor.

While leading a group study exchange group to **Peru** in 2008, **Kay Rodriguez** became aware of a Rotary project in Lima to teach residents of impoverished settlements along the highly polluted Rimac River to build and use inexpensive biosand filters to produce safe water. Our club donated \$5,000 for 40 biosand water filters to benefit an estimated 200+ persons. Our contribution was part of a pilot project leading to a matching grant of \$625,000 funding 5,000 biosand filters to the benefit of thousands.



In El Salvador, UDRC helped fund pumps to supply 7 villages with water, using \$3,363 from our funds for a project that cost \$10,502. **Dave Spicer** and **Rosemary Aragon** were the sponsors.

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

A unique water project began in 2014 in an impoverished neighborhood in **Mexico City**, where Susan Sola worked with Rotarians from the Mexico City Plateros Rotary Club to harvest rainwater from the roof of a large building, then purify and sell it. Our club spent \$11,500, coordinating with local and Mexican Rotary Clubs for an overall project cost of \$20,000.

Water Projects in Other Countries

Clean water in safe facilities for hygiene and sanitation reduces disease and death and enables girls to continue attending school during their monthly periods. In **Nepal**, our club has contributed \$4,500 toward matching grants totaling \$119,500. Susan Sola is the champion. We've done the same in **Ethiopia** and **Guatemala**, with sponsorship by Susan and **Sala Sweet**. We have also worked on a water project in **Nicaragua** in 2008 sponsored by Dave Spicer.

Over the years, our club has sponsored water projects in many other countries, such as **Vietnam**, where we supported the improvement of the water filtering system for the Go Vap Orphanage. We also funded a filtering system for the Peace Village, a rehabilitation and care center for children victimized by Agent Orange. Finally, we funded a water filtration station for a village in central Viet Nam, Dong Son Commune, which was heavily bombed with Agent Orange during the war. The sponsor? **Son Michael Pham**.

*These are just examples of our club's far-reaching water projects. 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!***



Incoming President Ray Connell sponsors project to revitalize well at the Boys Town in Hanna Town, Jamaica

The project will serve more than 3,000 impoverished youth who use the facility for sports and education.

The well was decommissioned seven years ago as the facility fell into disrepair, forcing management to purchase water at an unsustainable price.

Ray, a Jamaican living in Seattle, was vacationing on the island and visited the facility, a stone's throw from where he was born on Oxford Street, Hanna Town. Upon his return to Seattle, he set about raising funds for the project. University District Rotary granted \$5,000 toward a Global Grant for the \$123,500 project for a solar-powered



replacement well. Partner Rotary Clubs are Kingston, Downtown Kingston and St. Andrew in Jamaica. The co-sponsors are **Ray Connell** and **Ezra Teshome**. Ray has also raised private contributions of about \$22,500 from friends, many of whom are members of the Friends of Jamaica of Seattle, a non-profit organization of which Connell is the president.

Incoming UDRC President Ray Connell, right, celebrates the partnership between our club and the Rotary Club of St. Andrew, Jamaica, with Audley Deidrick, its president.



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



Weekend at Mt. Baker Townhouse Condo

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 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!



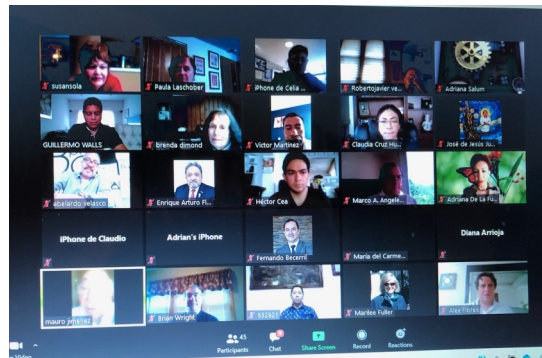
We can use more auction items. If you have something you'd like to donate, please fill out the procurement form at the end of this bulletin and send it to President-Elect and Fundraising Event Chair Raymond Connell (Raymond@connelllawoffice.com).

Fundraising Website and March 26 Event Notes

You have probably already visited [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com) to check out the fabulous auction items and to buy tickets for yourself and guests for our March 26 "Heroes" event. The names and email addresses of your guests should be added, so they will be able to view auction items, bid on them, and get a link to join the meeting at 11:45 am on event day. Adding cell phone numbers for you and your guests will allow text messaging for a fun auction experience.



Bidding will open at noon on March 25. For bidding, the Auctria app on your smartphone is a great way to do it—go to your app store to download it and link to UDRC2021.



Now, you might be wondering how things will work on the day of the event. You will join the program via Zoom webinar. For bidding on auction items and donating to our Service Fund, the webinar will have a link to the auction site (or you can use the mobile Auctria app).

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.

February is 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





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.

Dave Weaver Receives Outstanding Service Award



Last Friday, Dave Weaver was surprised with a Service Above Self award from the club for his many years of Rotary service. Ezra Teshome showed a slide presentation of the projects Dave has been involved in, Dale Hicklin recognized his significant achievements, and Lisa Latchford sang "What a Wonderful World" in his honor.

Attendees at the meeting included Rotarians and friends who had accompanied Dave on projects—from Gig Harbor, Hawaii, San Diego, Canada and Uganda. Many praised his accomplishments. Penny LeGate also gave Dave a moving tribute.

Dave's service highlighted during the ceremony included water projects, home building, wheelchair provision, a library and polio vaccination efforts in Ethiopia, as well as school building projects in Guatemala. Speakers noted that Dave's favorite role in projects that took him abroad was chief of staff and fixer of any problems the Rotary group might encounter.

Dave's service also extended to the home front, as he has been a PETS (in-coming presidents) trainer and chief of staff to Ezra when Ezra served as District Governor. Dave has been a member of our club since 1987 and was club president for the year 2000-2001. He is currently a Director on the Service Fund Board.

Responding to those who honored him, in his characteristically humble way Dave gave credit to his fellow Rotarians for his success in service to others. He noted that he joined Rotary to do international projects and because of his grandfather, whom he greatly admired and who was also a Rotarian.





TALLY – 26 surveys received

SURVEY SUMMARY: Thoughts on Climate Change

| | <u>Average Score</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. Climate change is a serious problem. | 4.5 |
| 2. Climate change is primarily caused by humans. | 4.0 |
| 3. I often talk about climate change with with my friends and family | 3.6 |
| 4. I am interested in learning more about climate change. | 4.2 |
| 5. I am ready to take some kind of action to slow the increase of climate change. | 4.2 |
| 6. More than 95% of scientists think that climate change is a serious problem? | 3.9 |

Our club's Environmental Sustainability Committee recently sent members an anonymous survey asking for their thoughts on climate change and the environment. The responses received are summarized on this page.

The goal of the survey was to guide future programs and projects.

For the scored items, where answers ranged from a low of 1 and a high of 5, 1 = "Strongly disagree" and 5 = "Strongly agree."

Here are the responses that most often came from club members:

1. Are there future actions that you can take to protect the environment?

- use opportunities to recycle and compost
- reduce use of plastics
- write elected representatives and support environmental organizations

2. Are there steps you are taking now to support the environments?

- recycling and composting
- using resources carefully

3. Would you be willing to participate in a "hands-on" Rotary protect to support our local environment?

- a substantial majority of the answers were "yes" with one suggestion for planting trees and another for helping with salmon habitat restoration

4. Have you noticed evidence of climate change where you live? Here are the most repeated answers:

- no, not locally
- more smoke in the air from fires

5. What local, state or federal policies do you think would help to limit climate change?

- subsidize electric cars and other non fossil fuel energy sources
- increased education on climate change

6. Is there an aspect of climate change that you would like to see dealt with soon? If yes, what is that?

- reduce our dependence on fossil fuels
- make stabilizing climate change our country's #1 priority





Upcoming Club Activities

NOW Register today for our March 26 fundraiser: [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com).

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=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmt0Tkhdz09>

Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn

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Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 926552

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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Dial by your location: See city numbers above . Meeting ID: 832 8285 3195 Passcode: 544570

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).

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.

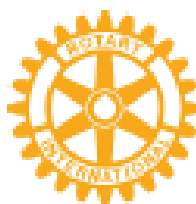


Here are three books related to our Peacebuilder initiative that you may find helpful. Making sense of all the changes, challenges and divisions in our country today, and relating those challenges to our culture and society as they exist right now, is a task for every Rotarian. These books are directed toward what Laura Cunkle has referred to as "Healing the We".

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion by Jonathan Haidt. His book helps us understand political conflict and irrational behavior, and the moral process leading to rationalization and justification. Haidt is a Research Social Psychologist at New York University Stern School of Business. His research centers on biological and social processes in the developing of morality.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson. This book "invites us to discover the inner workings of an American hierarchy that goes far beyond the confines of race, class or gender." Wilkerson is also the author of *The Warmth of Other Suns*. She has garnered both a Pulitzer Prize and a National Humanities Medal for her work.

The Injustice of Justice by Donald Grady II, PhD, presents an alternative method of policing. Dr. Grady's ideas are based on his international consulting experience working with governments and the United Nations developing post-conflict integrated police services. He is a former Chief of Police of Santa Fe, NM.



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 \$ _____

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Raffle Item

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Live Auction Item

Donor Information (as it should appear in event program)

Company

Name _____

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Phone _____

Donor

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Donor Email _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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

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