



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, March 17, 2021



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Meeting Location

Join Zoom Meeting:

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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 26

Club Fundraiser

April 2

Shannon Huffman Polson:
The Grit Factor

April 9

Environmental
Sustainability Committee,
Dave Spicer, Jeff Johnson

April 16

Leilani Jackson-Lee: The
Story of Point Ruston

Program for March 19

Raymond Connell and Ezra Teshome

Boys Town Global Grant



Ray Connell and Ezra Teshome will discuss a Rotary global grant project to revitalize a well at the Boys Town in Hanna Town, Kingston, 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 for our club 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.



Links

Club Photos

Club Facebook Page

Club Website

DACdb

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



SHE'S A HERO. And SHE *TAKES ACTION!*
Penny LeGate to emcee our March 26 fundraiser



Penny LeGate, a great friend and honorary member of our Rotary club, will lend her considerable energy and talent to emcee our fundraiser on March 26.

A five-time Paul Harris Fellow, Penny has traveled with our University District Rotary to Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Uganda and Vietnam. The principal of LeGate Productions and a veteran reporter, anchor and documentary producer, Penny plays a major role in sharing the story of Rotary's polio eradication and education efforts.

Penny began her Rotary trips in 2002, accompanying a delegation led by Ezra Teshome and Dave Weaver. She accompanied groups in Ethiopia almost every year thereafter.

"My job is to follow the immunization teams into the countryside to interview both those receiving—and giving—the immunizations," she said in a blog interview with *I Want Her Job*. "I craft these stories and produce videos for Rotary. It's rewarding to know I can give others a kick in the pants and excite and inspire them. Members get the chance to see the faces of the people doing the immunization work and can hear from them and see how dedicated they are through these presentations. It then inspires them to re-up on their contribution to the fight for another year."

Last August, the entire continent of Africa was declared polio-free. How fitting that Penny should be our emcee as we celebrate Ezra Teshome and this achievement!



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



Tea in the Garden

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 Ray Connell (Raymond@connelllawoffice.com).

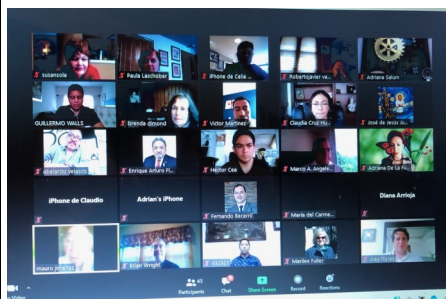


A Week at the Marriott Kapalua



A Romantic Teeth Cleaning for 2

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.

Status of reservations and auction items for event as of March 11, 2021: 133 registered, 30 auction items.



Partners for Work Volunteer Interviewers Needed *(by Lisa Latchford)*

Through **mock interviews** Rotarians can offer an exceptional experience for students with disabilities. As business representatives, we can provide an actual interview exercise where students can share their resume, experiences and skills. The PFW Mock Interviews give students the opportunity to practice interviewing and get immediate feedback from Rotarians after the interview. Students come away with increased confidence during interviews, an important component in their job search.

**Come join our Partners for Work Project
Mock Interviews with Students with Disabilities
Friday, April 2, 2021, 10:00 am-12:00 noon, on Zoom**

Please email Lisa Latchford (lisaf98102@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate in this event .



Partners for Work (PFW) is one of our club's treasured projects and it is a Rotary District 5030 project that creates employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities by linking Rotarian business leadership and job candidates to find meaningful paid work. Since 2003 Partners for Work has helped create more than 130 jobs in District 5030! The University District Rotary Club has helped create jobs, had Mock Interviews and hired Greeters for the last 11 years through this program.

In our District, people with disabilities can be found working within a variety of occupations and industries. Employees from Partners for Work are office assistants, warehouse/manufacturing stocking associates, membership/service assistants, and utility/janitorial assistants. This project focuses on creating new opportunities for people who have traditionally been left out of the job market by having Rotarians become more aware of individual skills and abilities that exist within their own communities.

The project's target population is people who are over 18 years of age who have developmental disabilities and want to work. These individuals have valuable skills to offer the workplace, yet their employment rate is very low (30%) and many cannot meet the established job requirements set by business' human resource departments. Rotarians are often the top people in their companies and play a key networking and leadership role in helping open the door towards paid work.

Your Gifts/Donations to The Rotary Foundation at Work - Rotary Peace Centers

The Rotary Peace Centers program develops professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

TO LEARN MORE:

[https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships?](https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships?utm_source=linkedin&utm_medium=orgsoc&utm_profile=rotary+international&utm_campaign=)

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Want to find out if you are qualified? Take the Eligibility Quiz: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bxsthkafvzV5aRv?Q_JFE=qdg

UDRC Social-Bingo Night March 25

Please join Marella Alejandrino for the March Social on Thursday, March 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. We will do a BINGO night again with Bingo treat bags delivered to you on Wednesday, March 24.

Please RSVP to Marella at m.alejandrino@windermere.com by Monday, March 22, if you would like a BINGO treat bag. You can RSVP after that date and a BINGO card will be emailed to you. Please feel free to contact Marella with any questions.





Invitation to Join Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group *(by Jeff Werthan)*

Every Saturday morning, a group of Rotarians from several different clubs meets virtually to listen to a speaker and ask questions pertaining to various social justice issues. Our group has created a safe space, that allows everyone to speak his/her mind in a non-threatening environment. "Non-threatening" does not always mean comfortable and does often mean challenging. It's an opportunity to listen, learn, comment and play the devils advocate.



Our group is based upon a similar group in Portland, OR, that Sala Sweet has been attending every Saturday. Sala brought Portland to my attention, and I started attending as well. Their large group (usually 35-50 attendees) has been meeting for awhile and they have branched out to work with many Portland area based organizations. They have also broken down their Saturday group into several smaller groups that are able to concentrate on different aspects of social justice.

With Sala in the lead, we started a similar group here in Seattle. Since our first meeting last November 7th, our speakers have included a combination of educators, state representatives and other elected officials, community spokespersons/organizations, corporate spokespersons, and police and police reform advocates. This Saturday our speaker will be Seattle School Superintendent, Denise Juneau, followed by interim Seattle Police Chief, Adrian Diaz, on the 27th and Bellevue Police Chief, Steve Mylett, on April 3rd.

For a lively way to start your Saturday, visit us from 9:00-10:00. If you would like the link, please let me know (jmwdog@gmail.com or 425-802-1028). I can also include you on the Portland link if you would like. Thank you.

Invitation to Join Duwamish River Cleanup to Celebrate Earth Day *(by Dave Spicer)*

Our Board just unanimously approved a fun Service Day for our Rotarians.

On Saturday, April 17, from 10-1 pm. Rotarians are invited to gather and do important clean up and restorative work at the Duwamish River. This will help mark Earth Day that started back in April, 1970. This is the brainstorm of Linda Harris and Linda, Jeff Werthan, Bill Herkes and Dave Spicer all scouted this opportunity out last week. The activity is sponsored by our Environmental Sustainability Committee.

This event will be in collaboration with the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition and we will be working with them to remove invasive species and plant new trees and shrubbery along the banks of the Duwamish River. This is the location of a Superfund site that is being restored to the point that salmon, Great Blue Herons and other native species are just beginning to return and we can play a role to continue improving the habitat.



All you need to bring are good boots, leather gloves, masks and a water bottle. There will be porta potties on site. Tools will be provided along with the shrubbery and tree saplings we will be planting. We need a few Rotarians who are comfortable being in kayaks as well so we can do some cleanup on the river.

Lunch will be provided at 1 pm.

We are hoping for 15-20 of our Club Rotarians. If you are interested, please contact Dave Spicer (dspicer@davespicerlaw.com or 206-229-7568) for more details as well as the parking location for the gathering. We ask volunteers to arrive by 9:45 am sharp.

Rotarian from India Congratulates Our Club on Anniversary of Chartering

Dear President Brenda Dimond,

This is Suren Poruri, Past President from RI District 3150, from India. Your Rotary Club of University District of Seattle was chartered on 15-Mar-1939, which is today. I would like to extend my warm wishes to you and to all your club members on this joyous moment. Thanks to our Rotary club founder Rtn Paul Harris, we are able to make a difference in the communities where we live. Looking forward to working with your club on service projects.

Thanks and regards, Suren Poruri, Secunderabad West



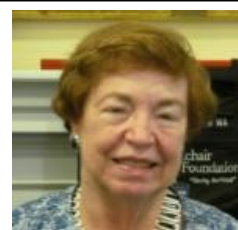
Upcoming Club Activities

- NOW** Register today for our March 26 fundraiser: [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com).
- Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.
- 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. You will need your access code to bid.
- Mar 25** 6:30-7:30 pm. Club Bingo social. Contact Marella Alejandrino to sign up: m.alejandrino@windermere.com.
- Mar 26** 11:45 am. **Club Fundraiser**. Register, bid and donate at [Spring 2021 Fundraiser \(auctria.com\)](https://auctria.com).
- Apr 2** 10:00 am. Partners for Work Mock Interviews on Zoom. Hosted by Lisa Latchford and Judy Lovelace. If you can volunteer, please contact Lisa at lisaf98102@yahoo.com.
- Apr 12 May 10, June 14:** 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
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 Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 926552
 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kc8GsuAQzL>
- Apr 17** 10:00-1:00 pm. Celebrate Earth Day 2021 (April 22) by participating in Duwamish River Cleanup. Contact Dave Spicer: dspicer@davespicerlaw.com or 206-229-7568 for details and parking location.
- Apr 20** 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282853195?pwd=VEplQTJISVc0MGZnTHVVMmduZ29VQT09>
 Meeting ID: 832 8285 3195 Passcode: wU4wsT

Service Fund Board Nominees Announced

Ed Sider, Service Fund President, has announced nominees for the Service Fund Board. Changes will be effective July 1, 2021. Nominees for positions which will be vacated as of June 30, 2021 are:

Bill Herkes as Treasurer—to replace Paula Laschober
 Beverly Fogle as director—to replace VP Jerry Coe
 Bill and Bev will serve for three-year terms, July 2021 through June 2024.



Bev Fogle



Bill Herkes

Also as of July 1, 2021, Ray Connell, currently a member of the Service Fund Board as President-Elect, will be automatically replaced by 2021-22 Club President-Elect Jeff Werthan. Since Jeff is currently a Director, the Board's first order of business in July will be to elect a club member to the vacant Director seat.

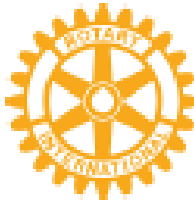
Continuing Board members are: Ed Sider-President, Jane Wiegenstein, Lael Ross and Neale Weaver (through June 2023); Dave Weaver and Richard Cuthbert (through June 2022).

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 \$ _____

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Raffle Item

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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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