



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, April 7, 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

April 16

Leilani Jackson-Lee: The Story of Point Ruston

April 23

Julie Fox: Earth Day 2021, "Restore Our Earth" and Wildfire Control

April 30

Alex Karlin: Outlook for the Current Supreme Court Session

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 April 9

Dave Spicer and Jeff Johnson *Climate Crisis and Rotary*

The program will focus on the science behind the climate crisis, the major challenges presented, the positive changes that are happening, and Rotary's important role.



Dave Spicer has been active in Rotary since 1986. He is Past President of UDRC (2019-20) and Lake City Rotary (1992-93) and currently active on 9 Club and/or District Committees including Assistant Governor and Chair of our Environmental Sustainability Committee. He has been very active in water projects going back to 1998 and has worked with Ezra Teshome and Dave Weaver on 34 water projects in Ethiopia plus another 8 projects in Rwanda, Kenya, Nigeria, El Salvador and Nicaragua. He has written two successful RI Matching Grants and one Global Grant (for current project in Ethiopia) and has presented at several Rotary Clubs about water projects along with Ezra. Over 150,000 people have been the beneficiaries of these projects and Dave has traveled to five of the six countries to oversee the work.

Dave is a former trial attorney now focusing on Estate Planning (41st year of law practice). Happily married to Marti with two adult kids, namely Chris (married to Emily/ two grandkids) and Casey. With any luck, at 68, he hopes to compete in his 6th Triathlon this summer and do a major backpacking trip in the Olympics. Plus hopes to see his kids!



Jeff Johnson runs a scientific consultancy that works with research organizations to address pressing issues that require scientists with different training to work together. He holds a PhD in Applied Science from the University of California, Davis, and has contributed to research in various fields including fusion energy, laser-driven particle accelerators, the earth's atmospheric and hydrologic processes, and bioinformatics.

Jeff is new to Rotary (and to the business world!), and is excited to be working with the wonderful folks on the new Environmental Sustainability Committee as we find our direction. He enjoys learning new things, talking to people with different perspectives, and listening to and playing music with friends. When he and his wife Christina aren't spending time with their two cats Leo and Ursula, they like to explore beautiful Washington state, where they moved from California in 2014.



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, April 3, our speaker will be Bellevue Police Chief, Steve Mylett. On April 10, we'll hear from the Seattle Police Officers Guild President, and on April 17 we'll host a representative of the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.

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.

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

On **Saturday, April 17**, from 10 am-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 scouted this opportunity out a couple weeks ago. 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. Children aged 10 or older are welcome to participate.

Free parking will be available at T107, 4500 West Marginal Way. We ask volunteers to arrive by 9:45 am sharp. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Rotarian Birthdays in April *(from Judy Lovelace)*

April 16—Leslie Grace	April 26—Dan Dow
April 17—Raymond Connell	April 29—Nancy Dalton
April 20—Kimberly Berry	April 30—Jane Wiegenstein
April 21—Peter Damm	April 30—Joe Whitford





ISC Report: Chilean Rotary Club Implements School Language Lab

The North Concepcion Rotary Club of central Chile has recently completed an education project partially funded through our International Service Committee in the 2019-2020 year. The project implementation was delayed because of the COVID quarantine in Chile. Schools are still not open, but the Chilean Rotarians were able to work with local provider Soft-Net and the staff of the Fundo Chanco elementary school to get the furniture, equipment and software installed for a new, fully functional English language lab. The lab



includes work stations for 20 students and the teacher. The Fundo Chanco school is a public, rural school with 115 students in K-8 grades.

English is part of the basic required Chilean grade school curriculum. Per the standards of the Ministry of Education, English must be taught 2 hours/week for kindergarten through 4th grade, and 3 hours/week for 5th through 8th grade. The language lab will be used at least 2-3 hours/week during class time by all students, including those in kindergarten. However, it will also be available at other times so students can work individually to improve their speaking and comprehension abilities.

According to Chilean Ministry of Education calculations, 83% of the students in the Fundo Chanco area are considered to come from “vulnerable” situations—which means poverty and unstable homes. They do not have the possibility of attending better equipped schools or taking private classes after school to supplement classroom English lessons, and they receive little help from home with their studies. With good training in English and more opportunities to practice afforded by the lab, they will be able to more easily access higher education opportunities, scholarships and higher paying jobs in the future.

This \$21,000 language lab project was funded by \$5,750 from our club, \$2,000 from Seattle 4, \$1,000 from the Mill Creek club, a District 5030 matching grant of \$8,750, \$1,000 from District 4355 (Chile), and \$2,500 from the North Concepcion Rotary Club—the local host club who proposed it, after consulting with the Fundo Chanco principal and teachers about what they considered their highest priority. UDRC sponsors were Rosemary Aragon and Paula Laschober.

Our club has extensive experience working with the North Concepcion Rotary Club. In 2012, we collaborated to set up a language lab for the Concepcion girls’ high school, Liceo de Niñas, to replace one that had been destroyed in an earthquake. In 2013 we collaborated on a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to provide a computer lab, including Braille printer, for COALIVI, a school for the blind in Concepción. In 2014 we collaborated on a District matching grant to provide specialized wheelchairs and psychomotor learning equipment to COALIVI, which also serves children who are both blind and physically disabled.





April 25-June 17, 2021

Do it your way

5K, 10K or 54 miles

Register at

<https://allinforautism.org>

#doityourway

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UDRC: Contact Lisa Latchford (lisaf98102@gmail.com) if you would like to join her in this activity.

Rotarians Provide Partners for Work Mock Interviews



The morning of Friday, April 2, Rotarians provided three students with disabilities the opportunity to try out and improve their job interview skills. This Partners for Work activity takes place every year, led by Lisa Latchford. This year, of course, it occurred through Zoom.

The three young people, who are transitioning into the world of work, are Josephine Nguyen (bottom right in above screen shot), Hale Beyerelein (second row, second from right, with glasses), and Jacob Houghton (third row, right). Josephine would like to find a customer service job. Hale has experience in general labor. Jacob has been an office assistant and food service worker. Rotarians who know of potential jobs for these youth should contact Lisa.

The U District Rotarians who acted as interviewers were: Rick Jones, Basant Singh, Jeff Johnson, Omara Abe, Jennifer Younger, Judy Lovelace, Julius Debro, Brenda Dimond and, of course, Lisa Latchford.



Upcoming Club Activities

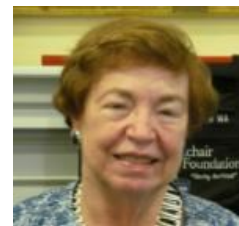
- Now** Volunteers needed to evaluate Peace Center candidate identified by our club. Please contact Bev Fogle at bevfogle@gmail.com or 503-702-5603 if you can help.
- Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.
- Apr 12 May 10, June 14:** 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
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 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.
- Apr 17** 9:00-3:00. District 5030 "Race Matters to Rotary" Forum. The speaker is Valarie Wafer, Rotary International Director. Register at: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- Apr 20** 12:00-1:00. DEI Task Force meeting. Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83282853195?pwd=VEplQTJISVc0MGZnTHVVMnduZ29VQT09>
 Meeting ID: 832 8285 3195 Passcode: wU4wsT
- Jun 12-16** Virtual 2021 Rotary International Convention. Information: https://convention.rotary.org/en/?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=orgsoc&utm_profile=johnhewko&utm_campaign=
- Oct 1-3** Rotary District 5030 in-person conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Info/registration: [District 5030 Conference](#)

New Service Fund Board Members Elected

At last Friday's regular meeting (April 2) two new Service Fund Board members were elected to serve three-year terms from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024.

The new Board members are:

Bill Herkes - Treasurer
 Beverly Fogle - Director



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.