

# **University District Rotary Club Bulletin**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

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## **Meeting Location**

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/87528482798? pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2N NZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09

When: Fridays, log in 11:50

Business: 12:00-12:20 pm Program: 12:20-12:50 pm Wrap-up: 12:50-1:00 pm

## **Future Programs**

#### May 21

Linda Fukuda: Scholarship Luncheon

#### May 28

Brenda Dimond: Strategic Plan Update

#### June 4

Don Blakeney, Executive Director, U-District Partnership

June 11 Rick Steves: Travel in the Near Future

## 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



## **Program for May 14**

## **Tony lves** The Northern Triangle: Going Forward



Since 1998, the Northern Triangle defined as Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador has seen many changes. However, the Northern Triangle remains entrenched in a relationship with the U.S. where things seem to get worse. This presentation will introduce the University District Rotary Club to Tony's unique understanding of Honduras in particular and serve to present a different point of view not normally presented in the news.

Tony's earlier career was in money management

working in senior positions for the City of Sacramento Treasurer's Office, the California Public Employees Retirement System (CALPERS), and the mutual fund Jurika & Voyles.

After 9/11, he joined U.S. Peace Corps. He was sent to Honduras along the North Coast of the country as a business volunteer because of his Wall Street experience. He worked with indigenous communities in the region, women and microcredit organizations, and conservation projects within a marine protected area. Rather than return to CALPERS, he remained and began a non-profit organization dedicated to education, economic development, and conservation of natural resources.

He returned to the U.S. in 2010 and shortly thereafter began management of a publicly traded petroleum company with assets in Colombia and Argentina.

He returned to his home state of Washington, but he is still very much involved in projects in Honduras and credits the U.S. Peace Corps with changing his life.

Currently, he is working with the U.S. Census as a field manager for King County's most undercounted populations and community based organizations that serve the population.

Tony serves as the as a board member for the Key Peninsula Senior Center and Food Bank and also serves as treasurer for Amigos de Honduras. He is a strategic advisor for the international coffee cooperative COMSA, and is a member of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church.

## Asian/Pacific Heritage Month (by Son Michael Pham and co-authors)

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

On the occasion of the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, our club's Asian/Pacific members would like to salute the following pioneers related to our heritage.

#### **Basant Singh: Fiji**

**Prerna Lal:** A United States citizen, born and raised in Fiji Islands with roots in the San Francisco Bay Area. Founder of DreamActivist, an online advocacy network led by undocumented youth. Through the use of social media, she has been credited for organizing an online network to stop the deportations of undocumented youth, well known as pivotal figures and leaders of the DREAM Act movement. A clinical law professor, Lal is a frequent writer on immigration, racial justice, sexual orientation, and how these forces intersect. She is a graduate of The George Washington University Law School, and works as an immigration attorney.

#### Son Michael Pham: Viet Nam

Jacqueline Nguyen: As a 10-year-old, she moved with her family from Vietnam to the United States. She is the first Vietnamese-American to serve as federal judge and the first Asian-American female federal appellate judge. She serves as a United States Circuit Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In 2016, it was widely thought she would be a potential Supreme Court Justice nominee.

#### Thai Nguyen: Viet Nam

Eric (Thich Vi) Ly: Entrepreneur and investor. Co-founder of LinkedIn, a social networking site designed specifically for the business community. He currently serves as CEO and founder of a blockchain-based trust protocol Hub.



#### Linda Fukuda: Japan

Yuji Ichioka: Historian born June 23, 1936. He started the Asian American Political Alliance in 1968, where he coined the term "Asian American." Up to that point people of Asian ancestry were referred to as Oriental or Asiatic. He taught the first Asian American Studies course at UCLA.

#### **Kimberly Berry: Japan**

Patsy Mink: Third-generation Japanese American, born and raised in Maui, who worked to fight against segregation



policies while enrolled at the University of Nebraska. She was refused the right to take the Hawaiian bar exam due to the loss of her residency upon marriage to her husband, John Mink. She challenged the sexist statute and eventually won the right to take the test. Nonetheless, no firm would hire her because she was married and a mother. She later opened her own firm in 1953. She gained national attention in 1960, as she spoke in favor of the civil rights platform at the Democratic National Convention. She was the first Japanese American woman to serve in the territorial House and became the first woman to serve in the territorial Senate. She was also the first woman of color and Asian American woman elected to Congress (1964) and the first Asian American woman

to run for president in the Democratic Party.







## Asian/Pacific Heritage Month (continued)

#### Ling Chinn: China

**Hiram Fong**: A child of Cantonese immigrants, he became the first Asian-American elected to the U.S. Senate. He became a member of the Territorial House of Representatives the same year he started his law office. In 1948, he became Speaker of the House and during this time was one of the key leaders in fighting for Hawaii's statehood. He served as one of Hawaii's first U.S. Senators.

### Sam Cha: South Korea

**Colonel Young-Oak Kim** (1919–December 29, 2005): Was a United States Army officer during World War II and the Korean War and a civic leader and humanitarian. He was a member of the U.S. 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and a combat leader in Italy and France during World War II. He was awarded 19 medals, including the Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, two Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Medal of Military Valor, a Légion d'honneur, a Croix de guerre, and (posthumously) the Korean Taeguk Cordon of the Order of Military Merit. After his military career, Kim dedicated his life to public service and was an active founder and leader of several non-profit organizations for underserved communities throughout

Southern California. He died of cancer at the age of 86. In May 2016, members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus held a press conference, organized by the Council of Korean Americans, to call on President Barack Obama to posthumously award Kim the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Great documentaries—the Asian Americans film series on PBS:

https://www.kcts9.org/show/asian-americans/episodes?utm\_source=KCTS%209%20Passport% 20Picks&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=KCTS+9+Passport+Picks+-+20210503

## Reading Recommendations from Peacebuilder Committee (by Jeff Werthan)

Given the increase in discrimination and harassment aimed at Asian-Americans across the country these past few months, it's important to remember that education is a powerful way to fight racism. Conversations with children and grandchildren, starting at a young age, go a long way toward building empathy and acceptance. Here are some books going from youngest to oldest that will help children and teens understand this anti-Asian hate and provide historical context:

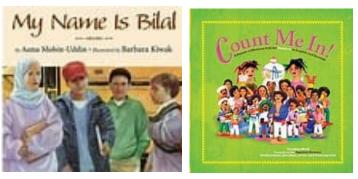
- 1. My Footprints Bao Phi
- 2. My Name Is Bilal Asma Mobin-Uddin
- 3. Inside Out & Back Again Thanhha Lai
- 4. Count Me In Varsha Bajaj
- 5. Fred Korematsu Speaks Up Laura Atkins & Stan Yogi
- 6. They Called Us Enemy George Takei
- 7. From A Whisper To A Rallying Cry Paula Yoo



We want to continue to encourage all of you to frequent minority owned businesses, many of which have been hit especially hard during Covid. We have featured Cedars Restaurant, JuneBaby and Ba Bar, as well as Peaceful Training. Give them your business, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.Take a picture of yourself at the business and send it to me (your picture might even make the Bulletin). Frequenting these businesses will make you feel good. It is the intention of the DEI Task Force to continue presenting minority owned businesses periodically during the Rotary year. Thank you.

## Follow-Up on Supreme Court Talk by Alex Karlin on April 30 (provided by Gary Corbett)

Talk given by Alex Karlin on May 3, 2021, in honor of Law Day: https://youtu.be/kafTFeJNkok







## EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year): Please Donate to The Rotary Foundation Now

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Donations to the Foundation come back to us in the form of matching grants to large District and Global Grant projects, such as our club's \$76,000 clean water project for Hossana, Ethiopia, and the \$123,500 Jamaica Boys Town water project this year.

For club members who haven't already donated to the Foundation this Rotary year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021), there are three ways to donate:

- 1. Create an account at my.rotary.org where you can manage your donations. (Contact Dale, Ezra or Son Michael for help if needed.)
- 2. Ask one of them to mail or email you a paper form for one-time or recurring donations.
- 3. Send a check made out to The Rotary Foundation to Son Michael Pham, P.O. Box 24, Bellevue, WA 98009.

For more information and help with donations:

- Son Michael Pham, email: <u>sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com</u>, mobile: 206-484-4830
- Ezra Teshome, email: <u>eztesh@gmail.com</u>, mobile: 206-391-0326
- Dale Smith, email: <u>dsmith@nsrc.org</u>, mobile: 541-521-7565



Ethiopian bore hole well

### Peace Fellowships (by Bev Fogle)



For the past twenty years Rotary International has maintained Rotary Peace Centers at five universities around the world. Highly motivated young people study and work for about two years to earn a Master's degree in Peacemaking. There is also a shorter (three-month) program. Worldwide selections are highly competitive.

Graduates form an organized group of accomplished and dedicated peacemakers worldwide. With the education and support of Rotary, they are making a significant difference in many areas.

applicant for this program. Monique studied social work at UW, and has worked with diverse populations of youth in the YouthCare life skills program and at Community Care. She's looking forward to 'going global'.

If you attend the virtual Rotary Conference this year, you will probably have an opportunity to meet and learn from some of these outstanding leaders.

### May Club Social (by Marella Alejandrino)

Please join Marella Alejandrino for our May Club Social on Tuesday, May 25th from 6:30 to 7:30pm on Zoom. We will do a BINGO night with Bingo treat bags delivered to you on Sunday, May 23rd.

Please RSVP to Marella at <u>m.alejandrino@windermere.com</u> by Friday, May 21st if you would like a BINGO treat bag. You can RSVP after that date and a BINGO card will be emailed to you.





## Muslim Holiday This Week (by Jeff Werthan)

Eid al-Fitr - Also known as The Festival of Breaking The Fast, is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to -sunset fasting of Ramadan. Muslims do not fast on this day. Traditionally, Eid Al-Fitr begins at sunset on the night of the first sighting of the crescent moon. Interestingly, under certain circumstances, such as poor weather or the moon rising too early to be seen in the afternoon light, the holiday will be postponed and celebrated the next day. This year it begins the evening of Wednesday, May 12, and ends the evening of Thursday, May 13. The holiday is celebrated



somewhat differently between Sunnis and Shias and even different countries celebrate in different ways.

## 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. "Nonthreatening" 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 7, 2020, 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, May 15th, our speaker will be Lisa Broderick of Oregon based Police2Peace. Working with current and former police chiefs and others in the policing field, Lisa's organization works with many departments to provide alternatives to the ways that public safety is delivered. Lisa helps communities reimagine how they would like policing to be.

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.

## Race Matters to Rotary—Bystander Training Available (by Jeff Werthan)

Race does matter to Rotarians and that's why we stand against all forms of racial prejudice and hate. Beyond our shared outrage, we can be prepared to take action. If you are interested in something that you can do, please look into Bystander Training - several of us have already signed up. https://www.advancingjustice-chicago.org/what-we-do/bystander-intervention-trainings/

## 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: <u>http://bit.ly/UDRCboil</u>.

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.





# 13th Golf Classic



# Harbour Pointe Golf Course Monday, May 17th, 2021

DG Cathy Gibson invites you to join your fellow Rotarians for our 13th Golf Classic at beautiful Harbour Pointe on Monday, May 17th

An day of fun and fellowship, with all proceeds benefitting our 4 District Projects!

## Harbour Pointe Golf Course

Monday, May 17th, 2021

\$165 per person (Registration Deadline - May 3rd)

> Harbour Pointe Golf Course Mukilteo, WA

- Everyone Welcome!
- Friends & Family!
- Scramble Format
- Arrive 1 hr. before Tee Time
- Tee Times All Day
- Practice Facility \* Food
- Raffles & Prizes!

Sign up individually or as a foursome. (Discount for foursomes)



13th Golf Classic

For more information and registration, visit:

#### www.rotary5030golf.org

All proceeds benefit our 4 District Projects!

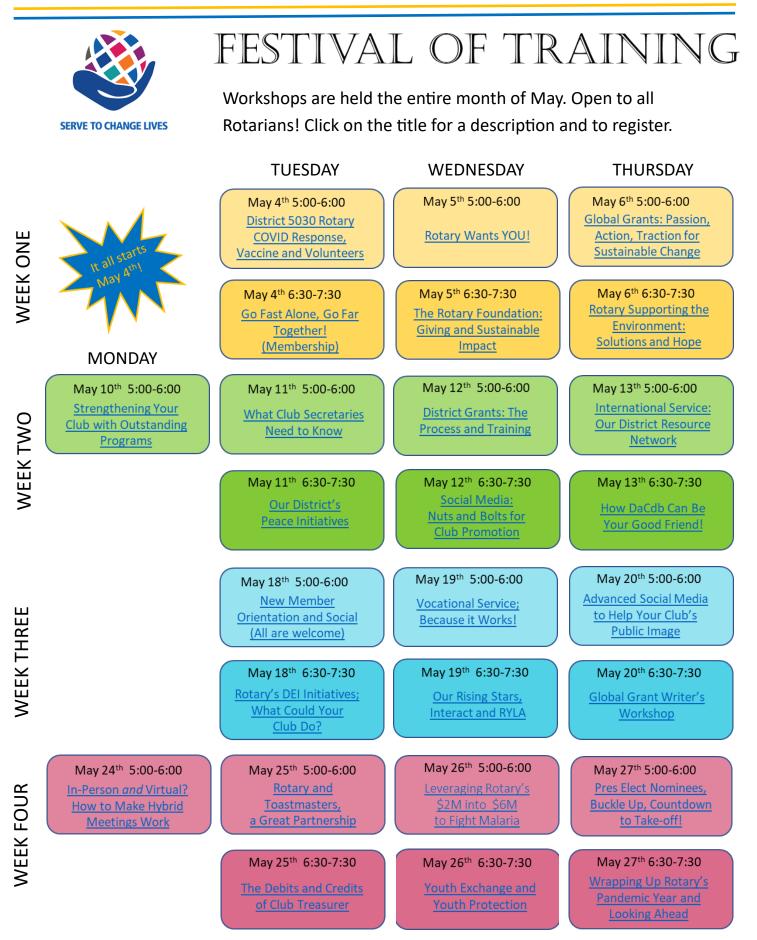
Harvest Against Hunger

Music 4 Life

Music Mends Minds

Partners for Work

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5030



#### **Upcoming Club Activities**

**Sat.** 9:00-10:00 am. Rotarian Ad Hoc Social Justice Group. For link, contact Jeff Werthen: jmwdog@gmail.com.

May 4-27 District 5030 Festival of Training. See courses and links in this bulletin.

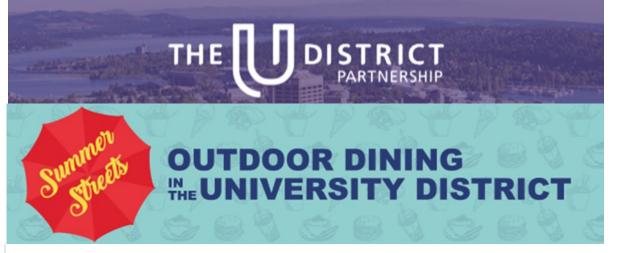
May 17 District Golf Classic. Register at: Rotary District 5030 Golf Classic - May 17, 2021 (perfectgolfevent.com)

May 21 Contact Marella Alejandrino (m.alejandrino@windermere.com) for BINGO treat bag.

May 25 6:30-7:30 pm. BINGO Club Social via Zoom. RSVP to Marella Alejandrino (m.alejandrino@windermere.com) for the link. More info in this bulletin.

Jun 12-16 Virtual 2021 Rotary International Convention. Information: Taipei | Rotary Convention

Jun 14 12:00-1:00. Peacebuilder Committee meeting. Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82611326233?pwd=Rkd4M292dnA2R2pCMmt0TkhDaXhIdz09</u> Meeting ID: 826 1132 6233 Passcode: 9sd3fn



## UDP LAUNCHES "SUMMER STREETS" AND OUTDOOR DINING PLAZA ON NE 43RD STREET

Get outside, grab a bite, and make the U District your destination for outdoor dining and more this summer!

As part of the Summer Streets: U District program, yesterday, UDP staff and volunteers set up a new outdoor dining area for visitors to the U District. This summer activation invites all to enjoy great eats and drinks on the newly renovated NE 43rd Street!

Special thanks to the University of Washington Physical Plant team for painting the picnic tables and to Sweet Alchemy, Samir's Mediterranean, Kai's Bistro, Flower's Bar & Grill, Cedars of Lebanon, Mark Thai Food Box, and Ugly Mug Cafe for their joint effort in making this community activation possible.

Additional activations are coming this summer to realize more outdoor dining in the U District, including a partnership with Together On the Ave. Learn more and see a map of all outdoor dining in the neighborhood here: <u>udistrictseattle.com/summerstreets</u>