



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, May 15, 2024



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Lisa Edwards, President

Meeting Location

Seattle Yacht Club
1807 E. Hamlin St.
Seattle, WA 98112

To join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235453974>

When: Fridays

Business: 12:00-12:30 pm

Lunch: 12:30-1:00 pm

Program: 1:00-1:30 pm

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

Future Programs

May 24

No meeting: Memorial
Day weekend

May 31

Scholarship Awardees

June 7

Mahnaz Eshetu:
Refugee Women's
Alliance

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 17

Monique Valenzuela, Executive Director Ventures



Monique Valenzuela is the Executive Director of Ventures, a Seattle-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting underserved entrepreneurs through innovative programs and partnerships. Under her leadership, Ventures has been recognized for its impactful work, including being the only Washington state organization to receive a \$2.9 million grant from the Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce. Monique has represented Latino Asset Builders during two visits to the White House, highlighting her commitment to advancing economic opportunities for women and minorities as a Latina Executive.

Prior to her role with Ventures, Monique served as the Executive Director/CEO of the Youth Marine Foundation (YMF), where she led maritime and marine science programs for youth at their waterfront campus. Her dedication to removing barriers for underserved youth in maritime pathways has been a hallmark of her career. As a former co-owner of an award-winning Tacoma restaurant and a Hospitality Management instructor at Clover Park Technical College, she has consistently demonstrated innovative leadership and a deep commitment to community service.

Her extensive experience also includes serving on the Tacoma Public Utility Board, managing a \$2 billion biennial budget, and co-founding the Washington Tourism Alliance. Her work in these roles has significantly contributed to the development of sustainable tourism and public utility solutions in Washington state. Monique's service as the Honorary Vice Commander of the Western Air Defense Sector at JBLM further showcases her advocacy for military families in the Puget Sound area.

Service Fund Meeting Notes *(by Paula Laschober, SF President)*

The Service Fund Board held its monthly meeting on May 6. Two grant applications were approved: a refrigerator for the YMCA Meal Program (CSC, \$1,713) and additional funding for a school sanitation project in Ethiopia (ISC, \$1,000). The Board also discussed filling out forms to be eligible for company matching grant programs.



May 3rd - NO MEETING / Opening Day of Boating Season

May 4th - FOODIES EVENT- Kentucky Derby Party, 3-7 PM

May 10th - CLUB ASSEMBLY

May Rotarian of the Month

Mother's Day Celebration

May 17th - Monica Valenzuela, ED Ventures

Classification Talk - Ellenore Angelidis

May Rotarian Birthdays

May 18-19 - University District Street Fair

May 24th - NO MEETING / Memorial Day Weekend

May 31st - UDRC SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Community Service Committee Invites New Applications by October 15 *(by Carol Butler)*

Community Service grants for Rotary year 2024-2025 are due October 15th. Anyone having questions or requesting assistance should contact Carol at peabody087@gmail.com by September 30th.

Applications can be found on DACdb. Click on My Club, then the Club Files icon. The Public site will come up. On that site look for "CSC Application for funding 2024-2025." Click on it, then click on Open File and Enable Editing. At that point, you will be able to add the required information to the form. Send it by October 15 to Carol at the gmail address shown above.



International Service Committee Invites New Applications by June 30 *(by Sheila Hosner)*

All club members are invited to submitted an application for an ISC project for the 2024-25 Rotary year. This year's deadline is June 30. Those who would like coaching or mentoring for the applications should send them in by May 31. All applications must be typed and sent by email to ISC Chair Sheila Hosner at breadpudding@aol.com.

Applications can be found on DACdb. Click on My Club, then the Club Files icon. The Public site will come up. On that site look for "International Service Project UDRC Members Grant Application 2024-2025." Click on it, then click on Open File and Enable Editing. At that point, you will be able to add the required information to the form.



Linda Harris, who has led our club's participation in several projects with the Ekanga-Mbandaka Rotary Club of Congo, is looking for a club member with an interest in Africa to partner with her in preparing a Global Grant application to The Rotary Foundation, for a new project on Obstetric Emergency Training in the Democratic Republic of Congo. If you would like to help, please contact Linda at sealharris2@yahoo.com.

Live Auction Item - Yard Work

On Thursday, June 13th, Doug Frick, Hugh Brannon and I will be doing yard clean up at the home of the person who purchased this live auction item at our fundraiser. We haven't determined the hours yet, but I'm guessing that the four hour stint will be between 10am and 2pm. We need one additional person to join us in this endeavor. If you are interested, please send me an email. Thank you. jmwdog@gmail.com.



Guatemalan dinner scores again! *(by Kay Rodriguez Sider)*

Nine adventurous people gathered around Rosemary and Luis Aragon's dining table May 5 to enjoy Guatemalan food prepared by Rosemary, with additions by Kay Rodriguez and Angie Jimenez. The group, which included Paula Laschober, consisted mostly of her friends. The dinner was purchased by one of them, Cher Ravagni, at the 2023 fundraiser auction. Also in attendance were Kathy Dugaw, Leslye Coe, Howard and Joan Fox, and our own Brenda Dimond and husband Richard.

Brenda topped off the evening by rolling up the sleeves of her lovely brocade jacket and washing all the dishes. But perhaps the star of the evening was Angie's delicious and hard-to-make flan. Suffice it to say, a good time was had by all.

Here are some of the delicacies enjoyed that evening.



Palmitos salad



Hilachas (shredded beef)



Flan



Baked plantain chips



Diced beets



Volunteers Needed for U District Y May 19 *(by Rick Jones)*

Sunday May 19, 1130am-2pm, UDistrict Y. 4 volunteers required!

We'll make and give out 50 lunches to hungry folks in the UDistrict. Meet at the Y at 1130. Make and bag sandwiches, fruit, and snacks for 50 individual lunches and then pass them out from the Y's front door area. This is the Sunday before the Fundraiser. Many of the frequent volunteers for this service will be doing pre-fundraiser committee work on Sunday. If you haven't joined us in a while, now is a great time to step up. Join us! Go to this address to register as a Y volunteer. <https://seattleyymca.volunteermatters.org/register>. You will have to quickly establish a free YMCA volunteer account, but our relationship with the Y is a long-term one, and the next time you volunteer registration will be automatic.



Invitation to Rotary Dinner Wednesday, June 5 *(by Dave Spicer)*

Dear fellow Rotarians:

You are all invited to a special Rotary Dinner set for Wednesday, June 5, from 6-8:30 pm. This event is being hosted by Dave and Marti Spicer at the Clubhouse of their Chambery Condominium in North Seattle. We have limited capacity of 40 people so the first 40 to sign up will be joining us.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to assure your place. President Lisa has graciously agreed to cover the costs of the food and beverages through her Discretionary Budget so no need to bring anything.

This will be a wonderful evening to get to know each other better and celebrate Rotary. New Rotarians (3 years or less in membership) are encouraged to sign up.

See you soon.

President Lisa and Dave

RSVP:

dspicer@davespicerlaw.com

We're Having A UDRC Members Only Party

WE WANT YOU THERE!

Party

Dave & Marti Spicer's Clubhouse

Food and drinks provided
Space is limited to 40 members

Wednesday, June 5th
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Chambery Condos
13730-15th Ave NE
Seattle, WA 98125



ROTARY MISSION The 33rd HumaniTour Viet Nam October 17-28, 2024



A combination of 'humanitarianism' and 'tourism', the Rotary HumaniTour offers a unique opportunity to go on a vacation and change lives. Started in 2001, the HumaniTour is a project of Kids Without Borders (KWB).

About ...

- The 33rd mission: 10 nights in Viet Nam with stops in Hanoi, Hai Phong, Ha Long, Danang/Hoi An and Saigon.
- Opportunities: experience the beauty of the country and people of VN, and connect with Viet Nam Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. Visit ongoing Rotary supported projects.

- Kids Without Borders: an all-volunteer international non-governmental organization based in Sammamish, WA. Over the last 20+ years, KWB has partnered with Rotarians & Rotary clubs in projects in Viet Nam.

Limited space. For information and trip reservation: Son Michael Pham, Rotary Club of the University District Seattle (206) 484-4830
sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com



Just a few days until the annual U District Street Fair! *(by Rick Jones)*

For the 3rd year our club will partner with the U District Partnership to staff the event's Welcome Booth. The work is fun and easy. We welcome folks to the event, provide simple wayfinding, answer questions, eat ice-cream and do simple visitor surveys.

There are 4 shifts per day, 2 hours each. We need 2 Rotarians per shift, so a total of 16 volunteer shifts for the weekend. The sign-up link is below. It's the same as last year. Simple! Feel free to volunteer more than 1 shift. For first-timers the Welcome Booth is adjacent to the U District light rail station on University Way AKA "The Ave". There are chairs to rest your bum and a fun, celebratory atmosphere. I'll be there both afternoons. Will you join me?

The Street Fair is the largest annual event in the U District. It is a celebration that draws 50,000+ visitors from across the region. Street performers, food, live stage, arts and more!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAFAB22A5FBCF8-49325546-2024>

Don't be shy! Call me with questions, concerns etc. 206.284.1888.

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SPOKANE BECKONS

SEPTEMBER 11-14 2024

WHERE BIG WEST MEETS BIG IDEAS

Register: [Zones 26 & 27 Rotary Institute](#) | zoneinstitute.org

**Zone Institute—
All Rotarians Invited**

UDRC Rotarians Support Seattle Playgarden *(by Rick Jones)*

On April 30th Rotarians from the UDRC joined together to support the Seattle Children's Playgarden at their annual Play+Grow+Learn Luncheon at the Four Seasons Hotel. Attending from UDRC were Kathy Warnaca, Judy Foss, Terry Cicero, Brian Turnbull, Rick Jones (table captain), Vicki Robbins, Linda Harris, and Carol Butler. It was a fun event, raising over \$140,000!

The Playgarden's mission is to provide children of all abilities a safe, accessible and adventurous place to play. It is a non-profit that provides summer camp, preschool and free play days at their one acre site in south-central Seattle, to children with and without disabilities. Last year, UDRC donated \$10,000 to the Playgarden for rehabilitation of its adaptive farm.





Upcoming Club Activities and Deadlines

- May 18-19** U District Street Fair. Needed: 16 Rotarians for 2-hour shifts, 1-2 info booths. Contact Rick Jones at 206.284.1888 or threepointoh@comcast.net.
- May 19** 11:30-2:00. University Family YMCA Community Meal Program. Volunteer signup required. Contact Rick Jones at threepointoh@comcast.net. Four Rotarians needed to prepare 50 grab n go lunches.
- May 25-29** 2024 Rotary International Convention, Singapore. Info and registration: [Convention \(rotary.org\)](https://convention.rotary.org).
- May 31** ISC applications due for applicants who want coaching or mentoring for the application. Send them to ISC Chair Sheila Hosner at breadpudding@aol.com, with your request.
- June 3** 5:30 pm. Service Fund Board meeting. Contact: Paula Laschober at paulalaschober@gmail.com.
- June 5** 6:00-8:30. Social/dinner to get to know our newer members better. Hosted by Dave and Marti Spicer at the Clubhouse of their Chambery Condominium in North Seattle. Capacity limit: 40. Contact Dave: dspicer@davespicerlaw.com.
- June 10** 4:00 pm. Club Board meeting. Contact: Lisa Edwards at lisasimoneedwards@outlook.com.
- June 28** 12:00-1:30 pm. A celebration of the 23/24 Rotary year successes.
- June 30** ISC applications, for funding for international projects, are due in typed form to ISC Chair Sheila Hosner at breadpudding@aol.com.
- Sept 11-14** Rotary Zone Institute (Zones 26 and 27) in Spokane. More info and the link for registration can be found at: [Zones 26 & 27 Rotary Institute | \(zoneinstitute.org\)](https://zoneinstitute.org). All Rotarians are invited.
- Oct 15** CSC applications, for funding for local service projects, are due in typed form to CSC Chair Carol Butler at peabody087@gmail.com.
- Oct 17-28** Join 33rd Rotary HumaniTour to Viet Nam. Contact/reserve: Son Michael Pham at 206-484-4830 or sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com.

Request from Reese Reddemann

(UDRC Public Image Intern)

I need content for promotion of the club. At any event, please take vertical videos (while holding your phone upright).

I have found that iPhones work best but I can work with video from Android phones as well. Short videos of people talking, working together and smiling/laughing and actually doing something (for example: Ushering at the Husky Game, making sandwiches, assembling hygiene kits, and clearing invasive plants) will help me tremendously. Pictures are also great but 10-15 second short videos have more impact.

Please send them to me at reese.reddemann@gmail.com. Thank you!



Two Continents Come Together via Rotary

(by Brenda Dimond)

Dr. Mona Shah (left, shown with Prez Lisa Edwards), of the RC of Bombay Juhu Beach, visited our club last Friday.

Dr. Shah is a clinical psychologist and head of ANSHU adult and child development center in Mumbai, India.

The Foundation of the Rotary Club of the University District is called "University Rotary Service Fund." It is a charitable organization with a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The Service Fund's EIN, or tax ID, is 91-1123239.