

University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, May 5, 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

<u>May 14</u>

Tony Ives: Rotaract Youth Services/Lessons Learned from Honduras

<u>May 21</u>

Linda Fukuda: Scholarship Luncheon

<u>May 28</u>

Brenda Dimond: Strategic Plan Update

June 4

Don Blakeney, Exec. Dir., U-District Partnership

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



Dow Constantine is the King County Executive, a position he has held since 2009. Prior to then, Dow was in the Washington State Legislature and a member of the King County Council.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Dow also obtained a law degree from there, as well as a Masters in Urban Planning. Dow is a fourth generation Washingtonian and lives in West Seattle.

Dow serves on the boards of Sound Transit, the Puget Sound Regional Council and Mountains to Sound Greenway. Prior to

becoming King County Executive he was a longtime volunteer for his high school, and previously served on numerous volunteer boards including the West Seattle HelpLine, Allied Arts of Seattle, the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association, and the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Program for May 7

Dow Constantine

Status of King County-COVID, Social Justice, Homelessness...

Currently, Dow has many issues on his plate, as you would imagine would be the case for the King County Executive. By population, King County is the largest county in Washington State and the 13th largest county in America. Some of those issues include:

- * Dealing with the pandemic
- * Systemic Racism Inclusive Communities
- * Homelessness
- * Housing Affordability
- Transportation

Reading Recommendations from Peacebuilder Committee (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



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

At last Friday's club meeting, Dale Smith (of our Rotary Foundation Committee) made a presentation about what The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is and does, why we should donate to it every year, and statistics about our club's current year and past year donations. Dale noted that:

- 1. 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.
- 2. The Rotary Foundation is organized as a public charity operated exclusively for charitable purposes and has received four star ratings every year since 2007 from Charity Navigator.
- 3. Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

Dale reminded us that giving to TRF provides a pool of funds that are used to match club and District funds for projects that we care about. He provided current examples of projects receiving such matching funds that are supported by our club. Two are clean water in Hossana, Ethiopia, that will serve 3,000 residents; and solar power for lighting in a new rural school in Tanzania.

The Ethiopia project is a Global Grant sponsored by Dave Spicer and Ezra Teshome, in collaboration with the Addis Ababa-West Rotary Club. This is a \$76,000 project that will receive \$22,000 from District 5030 as matching funds for contributions from our club and others in the District, and an additional \$22,000 from TRF as a match for the District contribution. All of this \$44,000 actually comes from TRF, since the District receives annual funds from TRF based on donations from Rotarians in our District three years prior.



The Tanzania project is a \$22,000 District Grant, sponsored by

Ethiopian bore hole well

the Rotary Club of Seattle International District, to which our club is also a contributor. It received \$8,000 in District matching funds. Club sponsors are Joe Whitford and Dale Smith.

Dale pointed out that our club's Foundation giving has been lower this year than in the past two years. Our goal is \$18,000 and we're still \$4,419 short. He emphasized that any donation amount is welcome.

For club members who haven't already donated to the Foundation this Rotary year (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021), he noted 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 onetime 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: dsmith@nsrc.org, mobile: 541-521-7565



Students at the new Tanzanian school

Minority Owned Business Initiative (by Jeff Werthan)

This week our MOBI recognizes Ba Bar located in U Village at 2685 NE 46th St.

The story of how Ba Bar came to be is truly amazing. This Vietnamese family--mom, dad, and six children--determined to leave Saigon when the Communists took over in 1975. Not all eight of them took these steps simultaneously, but first they made their way by boat to Malaysia. Then they immigrated to Canada, where their first restaurant venture was in the cold north of Edmonton, Alberta. It was Edmonton's first Vietnamese restaurant. Eventually, one of the



children, Sophie, along with her husband, Sowady, wound up in Seattle. Sophie enrolled at the Seattle Culinary Academy and eventually a very unique and highly successful Vietnamese restaurant, Monsoon, was opened on Capitol Hill in 1999. Most of the family members relocated to Seattle from Edmonton to help out and Monsoon became recognized for its "re-imagined" Vietnamese cuisine and varied wine list.

In 2004, the family opened a sandwich place on Capitol Hill, and shortly thereafter, a second sandwich location opened in Fremont. In 2008, the family decided that they wanted to go in a different direction. They wanted a lively bar atmosphere focusing on noodles and cocktails. In 2011, son Eric and his wife opened Ba Bar on Capitol Hill. Ba Bar was so successful that a second location opened in South Lake Union in 2015, followed by location #3 in U Village in 2017.

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 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 8th, our speaker will be David Della from the International District Rotary club. David is a former Seattle City Councilman, who was on the council at the time Norm Rice was mayor in the 90s. David will be speaking about several issues of current interest, including the relationship between the City Council and the Mayor's office. It should be enlightening.

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.



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 10 and June 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

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

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

Oct 1-3 Rotary District 5030 in-person conference, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Info/registration: District 5030 Conference

Rotarians with May Birthdays

May 1 Kathy Warnaca May 2 Jennifer Younger

May 7 Joseph Scott

May 9 Susan Locke

May 12 Connie Sizemore May 17 Dale Hicklin May 20 Kirk Laughlin

May 10 Ed Sider



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/



April 25-June 17,2021 Do it your way 5K. 10K or 54 miles

Register at https://allinforautism.org #doityourway

> Brought to you by Bellevue Breakfast Rotary

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

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.