



University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, June 26, 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

July 5

No meeting: July 4
holiday weekend

July 12

Jane Stonecipher:
Washington Park
Arboretum

July 19

Gary Olson: Thornton
Creek Alliance

Links

[Club Photos](#)

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[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 June 28

Celebrating 2023-24 and Honoring Retiring Rotarians

******This Friday's meeting will start at 12:15******



Tom Andrew (by Carol Butler)

Tom Andrew joined the University District Rotary Club in 2005 when he moved here from California to become a Vice President for what was family-owned People's Bank. People's President was a member of Seattle 4 and had each of his four VPs join a different Seattle club as one part of their job requirements. (Continued on page 2)



Joel Napp (by Paula Laschober)

Joel Napp has been a Rotarian for about 60 years, and has been a member of our club for 18 years. His prior clubs include Carmichael, Hayward, Concord and West Sacramento, California. He was a member of these clubs because the bank he worked for, Crocker Bank (later acquired by Wells Fargo), moved him to the different locations. However, it's important to note that Joel did not join Rotary because it was his bank's policy. He joined because he knew other Rotarians as bank customers and liked the "status" of being one of them. His sponsor was the manager of a JC Penney store. The club met at that time in a dilapidated WWII Quonset hut. (Continued on page 3)



Rick Reimer (by Judy Lovelace)

Rick Reimer joined University Rotary in 2004. His classification is Residential Real Estate, as he worked for Windermere Real Estate in Kirkland. He was a member of the club board 2006-2008 and is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

In 2006, Rick became head of the Ronald McDonald House Community Service Committee, which he chaired until Covid. During those years, our University Rotary volunteers

cooked meals (about 4 times a year) for the families gathered at the Ronald McDonald House. Rick would always buy the food, which we would prepare from entrees to dessert. When the food was cooked, the families would come into the dining area to select what they would like to eat and meet the volunteers.

Now that Covid is over, Rick and his wife, Pat, want to catch up on traveling. And he hopes to see us soon.



Tom Andrew *(by Carol Butler, continued from page 1)*

Tom said that his involvement with Rotary as a newbie in Seattle was “kind of like heaven” as the environment at the UDRC was exactly what he was used to experiencing. That is, he was used to interacting with business owners and professionals. He found the weekly lunches to be an opportunity to learn more about Seattle as well as find options for volunteering. He believes that the UDRC continues that tradition today.

In 2010, Tom left People’s (but not UDRC) to begin a commercial lending consulting business. Until he retired a few years ago, he worked with family-owned businesses looking to sell or to expand significantly. His retirement occurred over an eighteen-month period when he was completing current projects but decided not to take on any new clients.

During his time in Rotary, Tom served on both the Service Fund Board and the Club Board in addition to other service projects and committees. He was and is particularly interested in helping young people having both tutoring experience with UDRC and from his years as a Big Brother in the past.

With only positive memories from being a Rotarian, Tom would be happy to be remembered as a Good Rotarian. He believes that the 4 Way Test is as an honorable way to live life as there is – that is, with no regrets. He also stated that he was singularly blessed by his choice of parents. In fact, he asked his father to be the Best Man at his wedding instead of another of his male friends. He said that his father was the best man that he knew.

Tom also feels that his being a parent has been most rewarding. He has two children (son & daughter) and three grandchildren (2 girls and 1 boy). His daughter and her family live outside of Chicago while his son’s family is in the Seattle area. Tom couldn’t be prouder of his son who shared the following about his father:

Rain or shine, he always showed up for Tom Jr.’s baseball and soccer games;

He generously donated his time to church and volunteer organizations;

He helped his son to understand the value of philanthropy.

As a result of his father’s example, Tom Jr now volunteers extensively for men’s groups, schools, and he coaches soccer and basketball as well.

Of course, just to prove that his father is human after all, his son also noted: during his childhood when coming home from church one week, his father took a wrong step and fell into their pool in his Sunday’s best suit. Despite that small misstep, Tom Andrew was and is known as dependable and honorable.

Tom will be honored as an Honorary Member of the UDRC on June 28th though his active membership will not end until November this year.

Thanks to Jane Wiegenstein, Service Fund Secretary *(by Paula Laschober, Service Fund President)*

A member since 2013, Jane Wiegenstein is leaving our club to pursue her other interests. Since she has served for 5 years as our Service Fund Board Secretary, I want to say a special thanks to her. Her detailed meeting minutes and summary of projects approved each year have been invaluable.

Jane’s other activities on behalf of our club have included coordinating our club’s participation in packing for Harvest Against Hunger for Food Lifeline in the north end. She says: “Neale Weaver got me into that!” She also ushered for Husky football games, chaired the Community Service Committee, was on the Fundraising Committee in 2018 and 2019, served breakfasts at the old ROOTS facility and dinners at Ronald McDonald House, and held the office of club Vice President during Basant Singh’s presidency (2018-19). Thank you, Jane.





Joel Napp *(by Paula Laschober, continued from page 1)*

Joel was President of the Carmichael Rotary Club in 1976-77. Prior to taking office, he joined Toastmasters so he'd feel comfortable talking to large groups. He said this was before the existence of PETS training, and incoming Presidents were left to their own devices. Later, he was co-treasurer of another California club; he says he took the money and the other member, a CPA, filed the tax return. During his tenure with UDRC, Joel was a member of the Program Committee for about 10 years. Of that experience, he says: "It was fun because you really found out what was happening in the club."

Some of Joel's fondest Rotary memories are from meeting makeups. He remembers several European cruises where he did makeups on ships. He also made up a meeting in Rome, a block from the US Embassy, where the speaker discussed the Internet. At a makeup in Bordeaux, France, Joel himself was tapped as speaker; he said he couldn't do it because he couldn't speak French, but the local German Consul General offered to translate for him, so Joel was able to tell the Bordeaux club about his California club. Joel also made up once in Tel Aviv.

At a makeup in London, Joel noted that they ended the meeting with excuses for why some members would not attend future meetings. A makeup meeting for his Hayward Club was done as a "fly in"; members had to arrive in an airplane and Joel remembers a very bumpy ride. He also attended meetings in the Caribbean as makeups. This situation occurred because his wife, Aline, was President of Inner Wheel, and that organization had meetings there, which he attended with her. Joel and Aline noted that Inner Wheel was an organization founded in London after WWII, for wives of Rotarians. It continues today as a service organization for women.

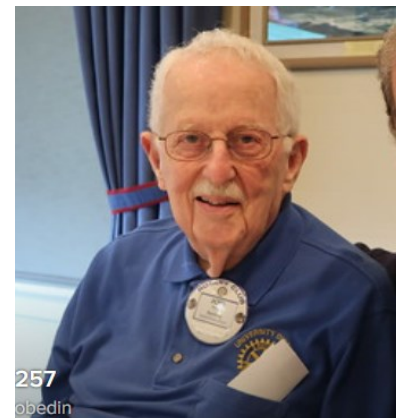
Joel notes several differences between Rotary when he first became a member and today. For one thing, there used to be a "senior-active" classification. Likewise, many clubs used to "fine" members for non-attendance at meetings. And, he says, you used to have to complete a makeup within one week, whereas now you get two. Of course, women could not be Rotarians when Joel joined. He remembers when his own club discussed whether they would admit women. The majority voted "yes," but some members said they would leave the club if that happened. Ultimately, no one left.

Rotary used to sponsor group study exchanges, and Joel and Aline hosted several beneficiaries of that program in their California home. They hosted an Australian girl who play basketball with the boys and whose mother told her she "was losing her Australian accent." They also hosted two Russian landscape architects, and a doctor and pharmacist from Chile.

Joel and Aline are Paul Harris Fellows and Joel holds the title of "Benefactor" of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)—which means he has included the TRF Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of his estate. They have attended three international conventions—at Chicago, San Francisco, and Portland—and many District conventions.

Joel says he wants to be remembered for his friendship, and what he'll miss most in Rotary is the fellowship. He also notes that one of his best memories of activities at our club was staffing our booth at the U District Street Fair.

Joel and Aline have two sons, Jeffrey and Kevin. Jeffrey, who was a speaker at one of our club meetings, is an oceanographer with NOAA, and Kevin is a helicopter paramedic. The Napps also have one granddaughter. Several family members will be joining Joel and Aline at our June 28 meeting.





June 2024 UDRC Meetings & Events



June 5th - Members Only Party @The Spicer's Clubhouse

**June 7th - Mahnaz Eshetu, Refugee Women's Alliance
Afua Kuoyate, The Importance of Juneteenth
Stephanie Feldt, Classification Talk**

**June 14th - Linda Thompson Black, UNCF
June Rotarian Birthdays
June Rotarian of the Month
Father's Day Celebration**

June 21st - NO MEETING / Juneteenth Recognition

June 24th - District 5030 Year End Celebration, Bellevue Hyatt

**June 28th - UDRC End of Year Celebration
Farewell to Retiring Members
New Member Induction**

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.



Rotarian Foodies Gather for Hawaiian-Themed Fellowship

"Foodie" Rotarians gathered last Saturday, June 22, at President-Elect Linda Fukuda's house to share fellowship and Hawaii-themed food. Pineapple in almost everything was a highlight, as were Linda the Bartender's exotic drinks. Next month's Foodie event theme is Nordic foods. All members and their guests are invited to these gatherings. Look for the announcement in a future bulletin.



Message from Kay Rodriguez Sider

I'm sad to have missed so many Rotary meetings this year and I'm particularly bummed to have to miss the last one on Friday. You know who would have been even more bummed? Ed!

Congratulations to Lisa and her team for what I can tell was a transformational year. I look forward to seeing you all as we move into our new Rotary calendar with Linda at the helm.

Warm wishes, Kay

Roster Updates Requested

Judy Lovelace is getting ready to update our Roster, and would like to know if any of our members have changes in addresses, work, phone numbers, etc., or would like a new photo.

Please email her at JudyLL555@aol.com.



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. 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.



UDRC Rotarians Make Lunches at U District Family Y *(by Rick Jones)*

This past Sunday the 16th was the 3rd Sunday in the month of June.

As such, it was UDRCs monthly date with the UDistrict Family Y to make 60 bagged lunches and distribute them to neighbors who came by the Y branch to gratefully accept them.

Working hard were Marilee Fuller, Carol Butler, Terry Cicero, Sally Porter, and Rick Jones.

Thanks to each of them for their enthusiastic support of community service, and the great camaraderie they bring to each event!



June 2024

University District Rotary Club

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

Jeff Werthan



Congratulations to Jeff Werthan, June 2024 Rotarian of the Month. Jeff was the 2022-2023 Club President and has continued his service to the club this year as past president, chair of the Program Committee, chair of the bylaws update committee, and member of the fundraiser procurement committee. He has actively participated in our community service projects including the warm coats drive. Jeff exemplifies service above self. Thank you, Jeff, for all that you do to support the University District Rotary Club.



Rotarians Gather June 5 at Spicers *(photos by Linda Fukuda)*

Club Members gathered for dinner at Dave and Marti Spicer's place on June 5, for the purposes of getting to know each other better and, especially, to get to know members who have been in our club for three years or less.



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!





UD Rotarians at District 5030 Celebration Event

Our club had two tables at the D5030 event celebrated Monday, June 24. The keynote speaker for the event and dinner was Doug Baldwin, former Seahawk, who talked about the importance of community service.

Highlights included a Rotarian of the Year award presented to our current club president, Lisa Edwards, for her work on the RISE (Rotarian leadership) program, and certificates presented to two of our club members—Kirk Laughlin and Stephanie Feldt—who just graduated from that program. Past and future District Governors in attendance were also asked to stand. From our club, these included Rosemary Aragon, Ezra Teshome, and Raymond Connell.



Kirk and Stephanie with their graduation certificates

*Lisa with her
Rotarian of
the Year
award*



District Gov Kaj Pedersen, our club Prez Lisa Edwards, incoming DG Rachele Bouchand, past DG Kae Peterson and (front) Rachele's daughter



Attendees Judy Lovelace, Marella Alejandrino, Paula Laschober and Sheila Hosner



Attendees Carma McKay and Dave Spicer



New Club Member Applicant

David Watkins is sponsored by Jeff Werthen.

David joined Aegis Living in August of 2020. He was the General Manager for Aegis Living of Ravenna (Community of the Year 2021) and moved to the Kirkland Waterfront location September of 2021 (Community of the Year 2022). David is now the General Manager for Aegis Living Laurelhurst that opened in May of 2024.

David has been the General Manager for several hotels in Seattle, including The Sound Hotel-A Tapestry Collection by Hilton, The Inn at the Market and the Hotel Max. David was the President of the Seattle Hotel Association, and served on several boards, including the Pike Place Market Foundation and the Washington Hospitality Association.

David was born and raised in the Fiji Islands and was introduced to his hospitality career almost at birth. David's family created the Orchid Island Cultural Center in a partnership with Raymond Burr. Mr. Burr was a fan of orchids, which brought him to Fiji. David left Fiji to go to school in Honolulu for a degree in Hospital Management. He met his wife, Sally, there and they have one daughter, Ivy, who is a nurse.

Asked about his interest in joining our club, he said: "I would like to get involved in supporting those in need in the Laurelhurst and University area." He was previously a Rotarian with Seattle 4 and Perimeter Atlanta. He lists his hobbies as traveling, cooking, boating, swimming and laying in the sun.

David lives in the Greenwood area of Seattle. His cell phone # is 206-786-5337 and his email address is david.watkins@aegisliving.com.



Dear fellow Rotarians,

With the end of this 2023-2024 Rotary year only 5 days away, our club needs your support. As of early June, we had 49 club members who had not made any contribution to The Rotary Foundation in this Rotary year (started on July 1, 2023). Some might overlook it or have been busy (a reminder has been in our club bulletin for many weeks). **Note that a contribution to TRF in the 2023-24 year is required in order for a member to be eligible to sponsor a community or international project funding request in 2024-25.**

Our current TRF Annual Fund (AF) goal is \$20,000 and as of early June we were at \$19,994 (last Rotary year we gave a total of \$31,407 to AF). At this point we need your participation, give as much as you are comfortable with as long as your donation arrives at TRF before the last day of June.

As previously shown in our bulletin:

Donate at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>. You can make a one-time donation or you can try Direct Giving to the Annual Fund of TRF. Direct Giving is when you allow the Foundation to debit your credit card (monthly, quarterly, or annually) at a set dollar amount. For example, at \$85/month, you'd become a Paul Harris Fellow by the end of one year! Just click on "Recurring Giving."

If you need your Rotary membership ID number, please contact Son Michael Pham at 206-484-4830 or sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com. Your ID number will make sure that your contribution is credited to your TRF account and to our club. If you are not sure that you have made your donation in this Rotary year, please contact Son Michael.

You can also bring your check to the Friday meeting and give it to Son Michael.
THANK YOU for your support to TRF and to our club.

Son Michael Pham, Chair, Club TRF





SPOKANE BECKONS

SEPTEMBER 11-14 2024

WHERE BIG WEST MEETS BIG IDEAS

Rotary
Zone 26 & 27



Register: [Zones 26 & 27 Rotary Institute](https://www.rotary.org/zone26and27) | [zoneinstitute.org](https://www.zoneinstitute.org)

**Zone Institute—
All Rotarians Invited**



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





Rotary



June 1, 2024

Greetings Club Presidents,

I am pleased to announce the opening of the application process for our next District 5030 Governor Designate, "DGD". The DGD will serve the district in 2027-2028!

Due to the Zone Institute being held in early September we are moving the application and selection process forward to August 14, 2024.

Attached are the documents that will be used in the application and selection process. If you know someone who is qualified to serve as the DGD please encourage them to complete the forms and respond to the application deadline of August 5, 2024.

PDG Kae Peterson will be leading this process along with the 5 most recent PDG's and two at large Rotarians. Interviews will be held in person on August 14, 2024. Due to the process being moved forward accommodations will be made for interviews via zoom by special request of the applicant.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or any of the District Governor team.

Thank you for your assistance in getting this message and the materials out to those Rotarians who may be interested in the position of DGD for 2027-2028.

Yours in Rotary,

Kaj Pedersen,
District Governor 2023-24

If you have any questions (or would like the application form and DG selection guidelines), please reach out to PDG Kae Peterson (kpetersondg2223@gmail.com).



Upcoming Club Activities and Deadlines

- June 28** 12:00-1:30 pm. A celebration of the 2023-2024 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.
- July 1** 5:30-7:00 pm. Service Fund Board meeting. Contact Paula Laschober, paulalaschober@gmail.com.
- July 9** 1:00-4:00 pm. Nine volunteers needed to pack dinners at Ronald McDonald House. Contact Son Michael Pham at sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com.
- July 15** 12 noon-2:00 pm. Volunteers needed for glass tile art project at The Seattle Playgarden, 1745 24th Ave. S. Contact Rick Jones at threepointoh@comcast.net or 206.284.1888.
- July 15** 4:00-5:30 pm. Club Board meeting. Contact Linda Fukuda, lindaeli@aol.com.
- July 27** 7:00 pm. Lisa Latchford and her musical group will perform at North City Bistro. Tickets can be purchased at [SATURDAY - July 27th - The Lisa Fox Group – North City Bistro and Wine Shop](#).
- Aug 10** 6:00 pm. Lisa Latchford and her musical group will perform at the San Juan Winery. Tickets can be purchased at [Lisa Latchford — San Juan Vineyard](#).
- 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.

Invitation to July 15 Event at The Seattle Playgarden *(by Rick Jones)*

Hello Rotarians!

Our club has been an excellent sponsoring partner to the Seattle Playgarden over the past few years (www.seattleplaygarden.org). Currently, the Playgarden is doing a little refurbishment work on the unique decorative glass tiles that surround their regulation-sized outdoor wheelchair basketball court. As part of that project, I am inviting YOU to join me for a fun art project **12-2pm on Monday, July 15th at the Playgarden**, located at 24th and Massachusetts S.



This will be a fun project, assembling unique 4"x4" glass tiles which will then be fired in a kiln and attached to the wall of the ball court by a team of T-Mobile volunteers on July 25. You will get to make tiles entirely to your taste and contribute them as a central theme in a permanent public art installation. The Playgarden's vibrant and boisterous summer camp program will be happening all around us, and following the art project we can take a little tour of the site, meet campers, and staff, and enjoy some excellent camaraderie.

Touch base with Rick Jones for details or to book a spot at the table! threepointoh@comcast.net or 206.284.1888.