



# University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, July 10, 2024



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Linda Fukuda, 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 19

Gary Olson: Thornton  
Creek Alliance

### July 26

Jeannett Charles: DADS

### Aug 2

Seafair: no meeting

### Aug 9

Elizabeth Manthei: WSU  
Community Health

## 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](mailto:paulalaschober@gmail.com)

## Program for July 12

### Jane Stonecipher, Executive Director, Arboretum Foundation *Washington Park Arboretum*

Jane joined the Arboretum Foundation in 2017. As Executive Director, she is responsible for oversight of the Foundation's activities, including its organizational strategy, external relations, and fundraising, as well as working with staff, volunteers, and the Board of Directors.

With degrees from Harvard Business School and University of Alabama, Jane began her career in the technology sector but subsequently followed her passions in the non-profit world with roles at Epiphany School and Woodland Park Zoo. A committed community volunteer, she is a Global Partnerships board member and sits on the Audit Advisory Committee for the University of Washington.

Jane also enjoys adventure travel, tennis, and college football. Jane sees the Arboretum as an amazing resource for the community, creating opportunities for children and adults to understand and appreciate the natural world.



## Dear Rotary Club of the University District Family:

I am honored to serve as your president for 2024 - 2025. It will be hard to follow a District Rotarian of the Year, Lisa Edwards, but I will do my best.

One of my goals for this year is to get as many of our members participating in whatever we have going on.

And to have Fun and be Productive in what our club is meant to do ... Serve !

Another goal of mine is not to get impeached so please advise me on anything you feel like I should know about.

I have embraced being the co-chair of our Scholarship committee, chair of our Fundraiser, president-elect, and the unofficial bartender for our "Foodies" events.

Now I embrace being our club president.

Thank you for the Honor ~

Linda Fukuda





URock Foodies

## **Go Team USA!!**

Come cheer on our favorite team as they kick butt in Paris!

Watch the events on the big screen! There'll be contests, drawings and more!

Following are sources for a few distinctly American dishes:

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/topics/american>

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipes/236/us-recipes/>

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/american-4162675>

<https://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/recipe-collections-favorites/american-recipes>

**When: July 27, 4:00 PM**

**Where: Lisa Edwards Stadium**

**(Consider carpooling from the Northgate light rail station)**

**Cuisine: American**

Please e-mail your reservation to Asha Iovin ([asha.iovin@gmail.com](mailto:asha.iovin@gmail.com)). \*\*Let her know how many of you there will be AND what you plan to bring.\*\*

**Good Eats**



## June 28 UDRC Meeting

The June 28 lunch meeting of our club was Lisa Edwards' last meeting as our club president and, under the direction of Past President Jeff Werthan, included several activities to mark the moment.



*Lisa receives parting gifts from Jeff Werthan and Dale Hicklin*



*Rotarians put together hygiene kits for people living in their cars, who get services through University Heights Center.*



*Son Michael Pham, Foundation chair, gave awards to Terry Cicero (our club's newest Paul Harris Fellow), Joel Napp (PH+7), Rick Reimer (Ronald McDonald House T-shirt - already at the highest PH level), and Tom Andrew (PH+4). (Continued next page)*



## June 28 UDRC Meeting (continued)



*Judy Lovelace, Rick Jones and Dave Spicer were honored for having recorded the most community service hours for the 2023-2024 year.*



*Lisa honors Club Treasurer Kirk Laughlin as "13th Month" Rotarian of the Month.*



*Lisa introduces the club's incoming Presidents (l to r): Kirk Laughlin (2026-27), Paula Williams (2025-26) and Linda Fukuda (2024-25).*



*Lisa officially hands the gavel over to our 2024-25 President, Linda Fukuda.*

## 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](mailto: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 the completed form to Carol at the gmail address shown above by October 15.



*David (center) with Rosemary Aragon, who introduced him to the club, and his sponsor, Jeff Werthan.*

## New Club Member Inducted June 28, 2024

My fellow Rotarians,

Today, we are inducting David Watkins into our club. His sponsor is Jeff Werthan.

He brings Rotary experience to our club, having previously been a Rotarian with Seattle 4 and Perimeter Atlanta.

David has a long career in the hotel and hospitality industry. He is the Opening General Manager at the Laurelhurst Aegis Living which opened last month. I appreciate the large W sign on the roof, David.

He has been with Aegis for 4 years. Prior to Laurelhurst, he was the GM at Kirkland Waterfront Aegis living (Community of the Year 2022) and

Ravenna Aegis Living (Community of the Year 2021).

*"What was it like to open the new Laurelhurst Aegis?", I asked.*

- Opening a lot of boxes.
- And when he was in front of 200 guests at one of their events and feeling so good – he declared he had "the best team".

Prior to joining Aegis, and during COVID, he co-founded a staffing platform, ZOONORMAL, a platform to help unemployed people in the hospitality business. He helped 200 people get back to work.

David was General Manager at The Sound Hotel-a Tapestry Collection by Hilton, located in the heart of Belltown steps from Amazon Worldwide Headquarters. He was also General Manager for over 9 years at the Inn at the Market, a boutique hotel tucked in the center of Pike Place market. He was able to get the IATM to be the best hotel in Seattle and 10th best hotel in the US in its category. He says he loved the Market: it was its own community. Prior to Inn at the Market, he was the GM of The Hotel Max.

I read some remarks where David noted: *"You know the true meaning of Servant Leadership- gratitude knowing you are a support in a person's journey, helping them create new personas to live out."*

- That prompted me to ask him for practical tips about keeping hotel guests happy. His answer:
- Simply welcome them with a good morning and good evening.
- Recognition of who they are and why they are staying with you.
- Address concerns in real time and fix them quickly.
- Lastly, thank them and invite them to return.

David has been a leader in his profession. He was President of the Seattle Hotel Association and Washington Hospitality Association and he served on the Pike Place Market Foundation.

David has a degree in [Hospitality Administration/Management](#) from [Kapi'olani Community College \(Honolulu HI\)](#) and a 3-year diploma in Hotel, Motel and Restaurant Management from the [Fiji School of Hotel and Catering](#). David and his wife, Sally, live in the Greenwood area. His daughter, Ivy, is a nurse.

Something unique about David which I hope you read in the bulletin: He grew up in a culture of hospitality in Fiji, where he spent childhood. His family created the Orchid Island Cultural Center. Orchid Island is a natural river formation near Suva, Fiji. Raymond Burr was a partner in this center.



## UDRC Score Card for Community Service Hours *(from Son Michael Pham)*

### Engagement Summary: **University District of Seattle**

OrgYear: 2023-24

The Engagement Dashboard is shown below. The engagements listed include your club, shared club projects and District sponsored projects. The summary below defaults to a District View can be changed to a Club View by selecting the Club View in the drop-down at the top right.

**850 hours**

Total Volunteer Hours 2023-24

**46 People**

Number of Club Volunteers 2023-24

**\$ 851**

Total Cash Contributions 2023-24

**\$ 4,375**

Total In-Kind Contributions 2023-24

**4 Users**

Active Users

**39 Users**

Max Users Per Project

#### Top Hours 2023-24

Service Project Name	Project Club	Hours
Husky Football Usher	University District of Seattle	257
Ronald McDonald House - Prepare Dinner	University District of Seattle	75
UDRC After Hours	University District of Seattle	71
Lithium Ion Battery Recycling	University District of Seattle	64
YMCA Meal Preparation	University District of Seattle	61
Warm Winter Coats	University District of Seattle	46
Scholarship Interviews	University District of Seattle	40
Hunger Strike	University District of Seattle	33
U District Street Fair	University District of Seattle	31
Turkey Distribution	University District of Seattle	29

**Top 10 Service Project Hours: 706**

#### Top Members 2023-24

Member Name	Project Club	Hours
Jones, Rick	University District of Seattle	71
Lovelace, Judith A.	University District of Seattle	70
Spicer, Dave	University District of Seattle	56
Hicklin, Dale E.	University District of Seattle	44
Pham, Son Michael	University District of Seattle	44
Butler, Carol A	University District of Seattle	40
Frick, Douglas	University District of Seattle	37
Fuller, Marilee	University District of Seattle	36
Smith, Sally Porter	University District of Seattle	36
Jimenez, Angelina	University District of Seattle	34

**Top 10 Service Project Hours: 465**

## Rotarians Invited - UDRC Scholarship Recipient to Become US Citizen

*(by Dale Hicklin)*

For anyone interested in attending the ceremony to welcome Abel Mengetstu as a new USA citizen it will be held July 11th, 11:00 am, at 12500 Tukwila International Blvd, in the Auditorium there. Attend if you wish!

*(Note-Abel is the Ethiopian man Dale and Ezra assisted as he came to the US some 5 years ago.)*



## Plan to support UDRC and Husky Football. For free! *(by Rick Jones)*



Every year UDRC members support Husky Football and our club by serving as ushers at home games. When the season ends, the Husky organization writes a check to the club for the hours invested by club members. This income is a significant part of our yearly fundraising, and flows directly through to our service projects and scholarship support.

Because of the conference change, this year's home game schedule is extra-busy on the front end with 4 games between August 31<sup>st</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a great way to spend a Saturday! Excellent people watching, helping guests where help is needed, prime viewing position and a VERY FUN group of UDRC folks!

**Dates for home game are 8/31, 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 11/2, 11/15. We need your help staffing them. Maybe you can plan on 2 of these dates? Stay tuned for sign-up details!**



## Oaxacan Dinner Enjoyed by Rotarians (by Susan Sola)

On June 28 a great group of D5030 Governors gathered at the home of Rosemary and Luis Aragon to enjoy one of the items from our Fundraiser: a typical Oaxaca dinner, hosted by Rosemary, Susan Solá, Wendy Riley and Marilee Fuller. There was lots of lively conversation and reminiscing about leadership experiences (both inspiring and funny), projects in our district and ideas for the future. The guests who purchased the dinner were Ezra & Yobi Teshome, PDG Kae Peterson, DG Kaj Pedersen & Claire, PDG Alan Merry and DGE Rachele Bouchand, her husband Blaise and very cute 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade daughter Charlotte.

Outside in the lovely evening, the group toasted with wine, tequila, Oaxaca mezcal, Mexican beer and *agua de jamaica* (hibiscus flower water) and enjoyed *molletes* (toasted french bread with beans, cheese and salsa), guacamole with chips, and jicama with lime and chile on the patio with a view of the 6<sup>th</sup> Fairway of the Sandpoint Country Club.

The main meal followed inside, with chicken *mole* enchiladas, Mexican rice, *frijoles de olla* (black beans with *epazote*), chayote squash, *esquites* (off-the-cob grilled Mexican street corn salad), and corn tortillas. For dessert we had guava *ate con queso* (fruit paste with cheese slices) and a delicious *pastel de tres leches* (three milk cake) with a candle to celebrate Marilee's birthday that same night to a playing of the *Las Mañanitas* birthday song. The mezcal tasters continued to sip the *espadín* and *tobalá* varieties in typical tiny *copas* and debate their favorites, smooth or smoky. A little goes a long way!

By purchasing this dinner at our fundraiser, our guests were able to have a nice reunion while enjoying some typical food from the N. Oaxaca region of Mexico where our club supports a project to help subsistence farmers to grow healthy, nutritious food under difficult conditions. Our Mexican Rotarian partners gave us the mezcal for the dinner.

¡Salud, Rotarios!



The 4 hosts—Susan, Wendy, Rosemary and Marilee—are at the head of the table.





## Rotarians with July Birthdays

(by Judy Lovelace)

Bayo Babatola	July 1
Son Michael Pham	July 3
Jeff Nemitz	July 6
Seth Barribeau	July 12
Alex Shimizu	July 14
John Caner	July 14
Sabah Al-Haddad	July 16
David Black	July 21
Joel Napp	July 29
Lisa Edwards	July 30



Gary has been a member of our club since 1997, and was club president 2005-2006. He continues to be an active club member, serving as chair of the Service Fund's Investment Committee.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary and his family.

*Right: Gary and Consuelo (with Julius Santa) at our club's December 23, 2024, Holiday Party.*

At our June 28 meeting, Judy Lovelace informed the club that **Gary Corbett's wife, Consuelo**, had passed away.



## 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.



**Rotary**  
Zone 26 & 27



# SPOKANE BECKONS

SEPTEMBER 11-14 2024

WHERE BIG WEST MEETS BIG IDEAS

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 33<sup>rd</sup> HumaniTour Viet Nam**  
**October 17-28, 2024**



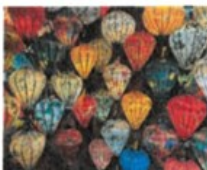
A combination of 'humanitarianism' and 'tourism', the Rotary HumaniTour offers a unique opportunity to go on a vacation and change lives. Started in 2001, the HumaniTour is a project of Kids Without Borders (KWB).

About ...

- The 33<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com)





## Invitation to Rotarians-West Africa Project Fair *(submitted by Rosemary Aragon)*

# Rotary



WEST AFRICA  
PROJECT FAIR

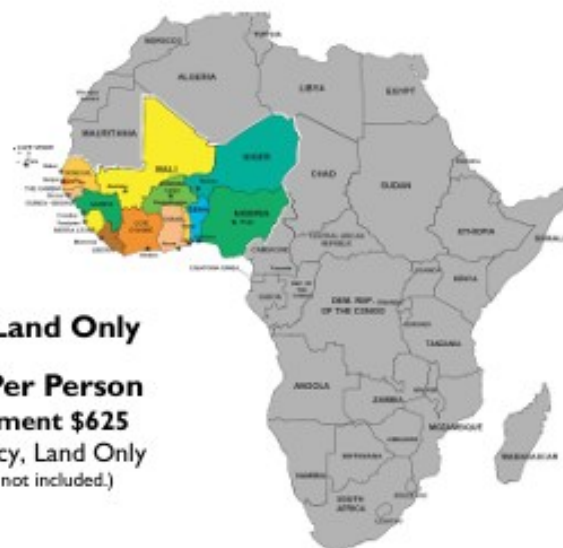
Districts 9101, 9103, 9104,  
9111, 9112, 9126, 9127,  
9141, 9142

**October 29 -  
November 5, 2024**

Includes Full Day  
Participation in  
Family Health  
Day Camp!

**8 Days • Land Only**

**\$1,789 Per Person**  
**Single Supplement \$625**  
**Double Occupancy, Land Only**  
(Round trip airfare not included.)



This week-long trip is a hands-on experience in working with the local Rotary clubs to participate in a full day at in Family Health Day activities, project visits, friendships and learning how to support the Rotary projects of West Africa.

**We spend** two days in the field connecting with the local communities, including: immunizations of the children of Ghana, and a second day of visits to Rotary club project sites.

**We attend** **The West Africa Project Fair**, which showcases Rotary projects from 15 West African nations. It will be a time to learn, experience and see how you and your club can be a part of "Doing Good" in Africa.



## Howard Tours

526 Grand Ave. Oakland CA 94610 USA  
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Fax: 510-834-1019  
Info@HowardTours.net  
www.HowardTours.net



*For more information and application form, see document sent with club bulletin.*



## Upcoming Club Activities and Deadlines

- July 11** 11:00 am. Rotarians invited to citizenship ceremony for Abel Mengetstu, 12500 Tukwila International Blvd.
- 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](mailto:threepointoh@comcast.net) or 206.284.1888.
- July 15** 4:00-5:30 pm. Club Board meeting. Contact Linda Fukuda, [lindaeli@aol.com](mailto: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 | \(zoneinstitute.org\)](#). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:reese.reddemann@gmail.com). Thank you!

### 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](http://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 15' at the Playgarden**, located at 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:threepointoh@comcast.net) or 206.284.1888.