



# University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, August 10, 2022



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## Meeting Location

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

To join via Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87528482798?pwd=MINva2dodXZJM2NlZjZsbWhjYzNiZz09)  
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When: Fridays

Lunch: 12:00-12:30 pm

Business: 12:30-1:00 pm

Program: 1:00-1:30 pm

## Future Programs

### Aug 19

Jergen Unutzer, UW  
Medicine: Update on  
brain research efforts

### Aug 26

Ellen Frick: Film on eco-  
toilets in Rwanda

### Sept 2

No meeting-Labor Day

## 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 August 12

### Jeff Werthan: Committee Engagement



This week our program will be the first of several during the year emphasizing our committee work. The overall goal is to summarize what we have accomplished; educate all of us as to what our committees do; and encourage each and every club member to choose a committee that interests them and then participate.

This week, the plan is to also summarize our recent club survey. As you will see, club members have indicated that they want to be active and involved. Committee involvement dovetails nicely with this goal.

See you Friday.



## Volunteer Rotarian Needed to Lead District Hunger Strike for UDRC

(by Jeff Werthan)

As most of you know, the Harvest Against Hunger (formerly Rotary First Harvest) concept started with our club in the 1980's. What you have below is a message from our Assistant District Governor, Tom Ranken, regarding a district event coming up in November. Tom is looking for a team leader from each club. The first UDRC member to step forward gets the job. Thank you in advance.

Here is Tom's message: *The District is planning a Hunger Strike on Monday, November 21. The plan is to create bowling teams from each club that will raise funds and awareness for [Harvest Against Hunger](#).*

*The Hunger Strike is looking to/for:*

- Bowling at five bowling alleys around the District
- Club Teams of 4-6 people
- Raise money for the Teams
- 50% goes to Harvest Against Hunger and 50% to the food bank of your choice

*In addition, if your Club has sponsors, your Club gets to keep the money.*

Check out the Job Description of the Hunger Strike Lead for a Rotary Club, sent with this bulletin.





## Invitation to Join New Committee to Provide Thanksgiving Dinner *(by Paula Williams)*

**NEW PROJECT:** Looking for Committee Members



MMM...yummy turkey with stuffing, cranberry sauce and other assorted goodies. Oh, and the dessert...

Thanksgiving is not only the holiday at which we give thanks, it's also the holiday at which we stuff ourselves silly. But many Seattle families won't have that opportunity—unless we don our Rotary aprons and make it work.

This project is to provide Thanksgiving dinner fixings for approximately 100 Seattle

area families in need. Our plan is to assemble boxes of holiday dinner fixings (turkeys, sides and dessert; there's no cooking on our part) for Seattle area families in need who have access to a kitchen.

We are currently looking for committee members who can help us make this happen. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Paula Williams at 805-660-3658 or at [pdawms@gmail.com](mailto:pdawms@gmail.com). Thanks much!



## First 2022-23 Meeting of International Service Committee August 16 *(by Sheila Hosner, Chair)*

The first 2022-2023 meeting of the International Service Committee will be held in person on Tuesday, August 16, at 6:00 pm, outdoors on Paula Laschober's deck (11533 4th Ave NE, Seattle, two blocks north of Northgate Mall). Sheila will bring a big salad and other attendees are invited to bring food and drink to go with it.

Any club members who are interested in joining the committee should do so on DACdb per the email received from Jeff Werthan on July 29, or send an email to Sheila ([breadpudding@aol.com](mailto:breadpudding@aol.com)).



*Water project in Ethiopia*

Examples of ISC projects funded in previous years are shown.



*New school desks in Congo*



*Planting fruit trees in Morocco*





## Invitation to Join UDRC Gourmet Cooking Club (by Paula Williams)

Do you go into the kitchen and throw down? Do your dinner guests put their plates up to their faces and lick them clean? Do you have to roll them out to their cars? Or do you just like to eat?



The inaugural event for University District Rotary Club's new **GOURMET COOKING CLUB** (actually we're just basic foodies, but we wanted to sound fancy) is scheduled for **Saturday evening, August 13, 2022. Location: Marilee Fuller's rooftop terrace, 3100 Fairview Ave. E. (on Lake Union), 6:30 pm.**

You don't have to be able to cook. You just have to like great food. The theme of this first event is: **Your Roots Are Showing.** Bring a dish you loved as a child or one representative of your culture. Make it, buy it—or just show up with a hearty appetite. You'll have the option of bringing an appetizer, salad, main, side or dessert. For our non-cooks, there's wine or clean-up duty. The idea is to just get together, have some fun, good food and get to know each other better.

**To make your reservations, email Paula Williams ([pdawms@gmail.com](mailto:pdawms@gmail.com)) and let her know what you're bringing.** And hurry before your category gets closed out!

***Bon Appetit!***

## Invitation to Attend/Volunteer at UHeights Summer Park Pop-Ups (by Maureen Ewing)

Hello Rotary Friends!

I want to invite you to our Summer Park Pop-ups, featuring and supporting Seattle musicians and artists. It's a free outdoor community event in our south plaza during Farmers Market (at 5031 University Way, Seattle). This is our first year bringing them back since the pandemic, so we are ready to celebrate.



Please join us for food, fun and sun, and if you are so inclined, we need help with the event if you'd like to volunteer.

The events are the third Saturday of each month from 10:30am to 1:30pm—August 20 and September 17. We'd love for you to come and join us!

We have additional volunteer opportunities at the events available too. Details at: <https://www.uheightscenter.org/volunteer>

## Volunteers Needed to Usher at Husky Football Games (and Raise \$ for our Service Fund)

It is about that time to begin thinking about ushering at Husky home games this year. Our club has been doing this for many years under the leadership of Dale Hicklin. We bring in a significant amount of revenue for our Service Fund from this activity, so long as we have volunteers. If you are interested, please let Dale ([dalebroker@comcast.net](mailto:dalebroker@comcast.net)) know. First game is Saturday, September 3, at 7:30pm.





## Neale Obedin recognized for Service Above Self *(by Kay Rodriguez)*



Neale Obedin, one of our favorite unsung heroes, was called to step out from behind her camera last week to receive the Service Above Self Award for her many contributions.

Neale has moved to Florida and will be living in a condo in Boynton Beach across the hall from her daughter Cheryl and family.

"We are so grateful for all you've done, and we are delighted that, though you'll be a coast away, you'll continue to be a member of our club," Ezra Teshome told her in presenting the award.



For some 20 years, Neale was our photographer extraordinaire, recording our activities each week. In fact, her Flickr account numbers more than 7,000 club photos! But that was only one way Neale supported University District Rotary. She was a dynamic chair of our Program Committee for the better part of a decade. And she and her late husband, Harry, are both Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

In 2005, Neale and Harry joined Son Michael Pham and other Rotarians from our club and district on a mission to Vietnam. They dedicated a new school in a rural remote village, gave out wheelchairs, and delivered aid to orphanages.



A native of Maryland, Neale taught in the Maryland and Virginia public schools before she and Harry moved to Seattle in the early 1970s. "I really loved it," she said of teaching. She became a real estate broker here in

1975, specializing in residential, single family and investment properties. For "45 years, through thick and through thin," she thoroughly enjoyed her career.



Neale joined Rotary in 1995 as a member of the Ballard Club before moving over to our club. Harry became a Rotarian in 1986 as a member of the International District Rotary Club. He was a strong supporter of women in Rotary, a movement championed by his club. He joined Neale as a University Rotarian in 2011. What a couple they were!

"I'll miss my Rotary family," she said. She encourages us to stay in touch via

[nobedin@sellingseattle.com](mailto:nobedin@sellingseattle.com).

"What I like most about our club is our diversity," Neale said. "We're the most diverse group I belong to." Many of us might echo her words.







# SAVE *the Date*

## Rotary District 5030 *Foundation Champions Gala*

Come help us honor our  
donors and learn more  
about the amazing work of  
the Rotary International  
Foundation.

Friday, October 7 5PM



Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac



### Special Guest

Jennifer Jones  
President  
Rotary International





## Invitation to Othello Park International Festival *(by Jeff Werthan)*

On Sunday, August 14th, the Othello neighborhood in SE Seattle will be hosting the Othello Park International Festival. Come support a major event in our Satellite Club's neighborhood - Othello is one of the world's most vibrant and multicultural neighborhoods. Hope to see you there.

Othello Park is located at 4351 S. Othello Street in Seattle, just off Martin Luther King Jr. Way South. It is a thoughtfully designed 7.5 acres of open space near the diverse neighborhoods of Othello, Hillman City, Beacon Hill and Rainier Beach.

### **OTHELLO PARK INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

Sunday, August 14, 2022, 12noon-6:00 pm

The Othello Park International Festival is returning this summer! This signature event supports Othello's identity as one of the world's most vibrant multicultural neighborhoods. We are excited to convene again in person on Sunday, August 14, from 12 noon to 6:00 pm.



In addition to its onstage array of colorful multicultural music, dance, costume and art, The Othello Park International Festival includes a variety of children's games and an art creation station staffed by local artists providing projects that festival attendees can create and take home. Booths featuring local businesses, community organizations, and multi-cultural food vendors will surround the Park's beautiful meadow where a dance floor invites attendees to join in the fun and learn from one another.

Even during the pandemic, Othello Park Alliance (OPA) continued offering community celebrations. 2020's Festival in a Box offered attendees a box of festival games and treats to use at home for a "safe" celebration. Our partnership in 2021 with Park Pictures entailed games, entertainment, and a family-friendly movie in Othello Park.

This year, we are returning to our full festival plan with health & safety accommodations in place to again celebrate our families and the many cultures of SE Seattle with art, music, games, food, entertainment, and so much more!

Sincerely,

Susan Davis, Othello Park Alliance  
[sbkDavis@gmail.com](mailto:sbkDavis@gmail.com) 206.399.1560



## Upcoming Club Activities and Deadlines

- Saturday** 9:00-10:00 am, Rotarian ad hoc Social Justice Group, all invited. Contact Jeff Werthen, jmdog@gmail.com.
- Aug 13** 6:30 pm. UDRC Gourmet Cooking Club. For reservations, email Paula Williams ([pdaywms@gmail.com](mailto:pdaywms@gmail.com)) and let her know what you're bringing. Location: Marilee Fuller's rooftop terrace, 3100 Fairview Ave. E., overlooking Lake Union.
- Aug 14** 12n-6:00 pm. Othello Park International Festival (in our satellite Rotary Club's neighborhood), 4351 S. Othello Street, Seattle. More information in this bulletin.
- Aug 16** 6:00 pm. International Service Committee meeting, potluck, Paula Laschober's deck (11533 4th Ave NE, Seattle). Contact Sheila Hosner, Chair, at [breadpudding@aol.com](mailto:breadpudding@aol.com).
- Aug 20** 10:30-1:30. Volunteers needed for UHeights Summer Park Pop-Up. [Get Involved | University Heights Center | Seattle \(uheightscenter.org\)](#)
- Aug 20-21** 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Install bleacher seat cushions at Husky Stadium to raise funds. See invitation below.
- Sep 3** Rotary volunteers needed to usher at Husky football games (raise money for our Service Fund). Game is at 7:30 pm but volunteers will need to arrive earlier. Contact Dale Hicklin, [dalebroker@comcast.net](mailto:dalebroker@comcast.net).
- Sep 15** Deadline for submittal of District 5030 matching grant applications. Info at [Main \(5030grants.com\)](http://Main.5030grants.com).
- Sep 17** 10:30-1:30. Volunteers needed for UHeights Summer Park Pop-Up. [Get Involved | University Heights Center | Seattle \(uheightscenter.org\)](#)
- Oct 7** 5:00 pm. District 5030, Foundation Champions Gala, Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac. Special Guest: Jennifer Jones, President, Rotary International. See "Save the Date" in this bulletin.

## INVITE club members, families and friends *(by Son Michael Pham)*

In addition to our long time service project working at football games (as Customer Service Team members) to raise funds for our club, we have another upcoming opportunity for you to be involved in.

- When: Saturday August 20 and Sunday August 21.
- Where: Alaska Airlines Husky Stadium.
- Why: to raise funds for our club. A chance to see inside of Husky Stadium – The Greatest Setting and get pumped up for football. And if you are a Cougar, a special invitation to you.
- Who: club members, family members and friends 14 and older; physical activities including walking, climbing stairs, bending/reaching, light lifting, ... outdoor activities.
- What: installing seat cushions to bleacher benches throughout the three levels of Husky Stadium for the soon to start football season.



**Saturday August 20, 2022: from 9am to 5pm**

**Sunday August 21, 2022: from 9am to 5pm**

Each volunteer can put in up 8 hours each day, 16 hours total and raise \$320.00 for our club (\$20.00 per hour). If we could get 10 volunteers/day @ 8 hours each day for two days = our club will receive \$3,200/day. Note: each volunteer will have to commit a minimum of 4 hours on any of the two days. RSVP is required by email to Son Michael Pham: [sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com](mailto:sonmichael.kwb@gmail.com)

Questions: please contact Dale Hicklin at [dalehicklin@gmail.com](mailto:dalehicklin@gmail.com) or Son Michael Pham.

