



# University District Rotary Club Bulletin

Wednesday, September 11, 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

### Sept. 20

Kim Herman: Peace Corps  
and Rotary

### Sept. 27

Michael McQuade & Loni  
Syltebo: Convention  
Center

### Oct. 4

Barry Erickson: Foster  
School

## 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 September 13

**Wen Chen**

### *Combatting Organ Trafficking*



Wen Chen was born in China at the end of the Great Cultural Revolution. Being the victims of this horrific atrocity that killed two million intellectuals and destroyed traditional Chinese culture, Wen's parents had mixed feelings about her education.

Despite their discouragement, Wen eventually won a national prize at a scientific competition when she was 16. Hence, she went to a top university for undergraduate study, and then came to the U.S. in 1994 for graduate school. Wen received a Ph.D. in Biology at the California Institute of Technology in 2000.

Because of her personal experience of being brainwashed in China, Wen decided to be a voice for the voiceless. Since 2012, she has given hundreds of presentations to community organizations about Chinese culture, history and society. Some of her topics include Chinese Medicine and Meditation, Traditional Chinese Attire, The Science of Teammaking, and The Renaissance of Chinese Culture.

Wen has been working for Caltech since 2000 as a biologist and information scientist. Her everyday work includes scientific outreach by speaking at conferences and seminars at universities.

In her personal life she is an active member of Amnesty International, focusing on human rights in China. Some of the human rights topics of her presentations include Human Rights Movement in China, China's Global Impact, North Korea and China, Coronavirus and China's Censorship, and Women and Girls in China.

Wen serves as a board member and community liaison for Caltech Women in Biology and Biological Engineering.



## Inviting Friends and Family to Participate

Do you know someone who might be interested in buying a raffle ticket for our Mexican Bracelet Raffle? If so, it is easy to share the link from either our University District Rotary webpage or our Facebook page . The Share button is on the bottom of the story or posting.

**University District Rotary Website** (<https://www.udrotary.org/>)

Only 100 tickets will be sold.

**A generous donation creates a special opportunity to own or give a unique bracelet**

**Enter for a Chance to Win**

One of a kind, 14-karat gold bracelet

University District  
**Rotary**

A gift from our Mexican Rotary partners, Jesús Hernández and Juana Aguilar  
Learn more:  
<https://auctria.events/UDRC2024Raffle>

Please visit <https://auctria.events/UDRC2024Raffle> to learn more and purchase your ticket.

Share

**Or share from our Facebook Page:**

(<https://www.facebook.com/UDistrictSeattleRotary>)

**Questions? Please ask Sally, [sallypor789@gmail.com](mailto:sallypor789@gmail.com)**





## Meet our Mexican Greenhouse and Cistern Rotary Partners on September 27, 2024

(by Susan Sola and Sally Porter Smith)

Please join us at our September 27<sup>th</sup> Friday luncheon meeting to celebrate our shared work with a group of our Mexican Rotary partners.

The donors of the bracelet will be with us. Juana Aguilar, owner of the jewelry workshop that provided the bracelet, and Jesús Hernández, greenhouse/cistern project leader, will be at the meeting on September 27. Both will help conduct the raffle and announce the winning raffle ticket.

Tickets will be on sale at the Friday Rotary meetings leading up to the the 27<sup>th</sup> and until Noon, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

You may also purchase tickets online at <https://auctria.events/UDRC2024Raffle>





## 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.

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! Sign up with Dale Hicklin or Son Michael Pham.

**Upcoming dates for home game are 9/21, 10/5, 11/2, 11/15. We need your help staffing them.**

## New Member Application Approved by Club Board

**Linda Thompson-Black** has applied to transfer to our club from Seattle 4. Her sponsor is Suzanne Griffin.

Linda is currently the UNCF Pacific Northwest Area Development Director and a distinguished and longstanding educational leader, as well as advisor to the Mayor of Seattle, Councilmembers, foundations, and corporate leaders across the country. She was the lead staff on the original Seattle educational summit that led to the \$49 million families and education levy.

She has devoted her professional career to bringing communities together to support the training and development of minority students and young people generally. She worked for a national student achievement organization and replicated programs nationally. They grew from serving 500,000 students and families to serving over two million students annually.

She understands that providing young people with educational opportunities changes the trajectory of their life. It can help break the cycle of poverty and help students obtain living wage jobs. It allows graduates to use their training to solve problems and make the world a better place. This takes resources.

Linda has taken the UNCF Pacific Northwest area to the next level, working with the area leadership council members, developing a strong vision and strategic plan, and then implementing it. Last year she raised over \$5,885,000. This is up from \$300,000, when she arrived five years ago.

Linda holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington. She lists her special interest as education and her community activities as the Greater Seattle Chapter of the Links and Seattle Girlfriends.

She lives in the Mt. Baker neighborhood of Seattle. Her phone number is 206-851-8178 and her email is [linda.thompson-black@uncf.org](mailto:linda.thompson-black@uncf.org).



## URoCK Foodies Update *(by Asha Iovin)*



**Save the Date:** Korean food - October 19th, 2024

Location: West Seattle. Bring your K-pop or K-drama . energy, Kimchi and yummy dishes for some fall fun. RSVP closer to the date!





## DG Rachele Foundation Event 2024—Recognizing Our Generous Donors

Join us for a special evening dedicated to celebrating the generosity and commitment of our District donors to the Rotary International (RI) Foundation. The event will honor those who have significantly contributed to the Foundation, highlighting the vital role they play in supporting Rotary's mission and projects.

Date/Time: October 10, 2024 / 5:00-10:00 pm

Location: Doubletree SeaTac Ballroom (18740 International Blvd.)

Tickets (\$200) are available at: [Event Tickets - Rotary District 5030](#)



*DG Rachele Bouchand*

Program: RI Director-elect Wyn Spiller will join us in recognizing and appreciating our esteemed donors. The program will include stage recognition for donors who have increased their giving to the RI Foundation between October 1, 2023, and October 1, 2024. A special gift will be presented to these dedicated individuals as a token of Rotary's gratitude.

We will celebrate and acknowledge all categories of contributions, including Paul Harris Fellows, Major Gifts, Arch Klumph Society members, and Legacy donors.

## News from Rotary Ushers at Sept 7 UW Football Game *(by Dale Hicklin)*

Three Washington State Patrolmen attempted to arrest Dale Hicklin for what they said were numerous misstatements and false stories that Judy Lovelace told them were shared with fans at the game. Son Micheal saved the day when he told them that Dale always told false stories but fans were well aware of that fact, so no arrest occurred!



*Dale and State Patrol*



*Son Michael and Angie*



*Angie and Judy*



*Catrina, RC of Southcenter-Tukwila, and friends*



## Time for Grab n Go Lunch Prep at the University YMCA on Sept 15

(by Rick Jones)

**Next Sunday the 15th** is the 3rd Sunday of the month and that means Grab n Go lunch at the University YMCA. We gather at 11:00 and build and distribute 50ish bagged lunches. We finish up right around 1:30. It's easy work and touches folks who need a little help.

Questions, concerns or to volunteer, reach out to Rick Jones at [threepointoh@comcast.net](mailto:threepointoh@comcast.net) or 206.284.1888.



## New Rosters Available

The new rosters for this year are available for pickup at our Friday lunch meetings. If you would like it mailed to you, please contact Judy Lovelace.



## ROTARY MISSION The 33<sup>rd</sup> HumaniTour Viet Nam October 17-28, 2024



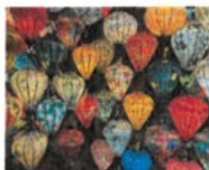
A combination of 'humanitarianism' and 'tourism', the Rotary HumaniTour offers a unique opportunity to go on a vacation and change lives. Started in 2001, the HumaniTour is a project of Kids Without Borders (KWB).

### 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)







## Upcoming Club Activities and Deadlines

- Sept 15** 11:00-2:00. 3rd Sunday Grab n Go lunch at U District Family YMCA. Contact: Rick Jones, 206-284-1888.
- Sept 21** Ushers needed for Husky football game. Contact: Dale Hicklin or Son Michael Pham.
- Sept 21** 5:00 –7:00 pm. Lisa and her musical group perform at The Royal Room, 5000 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle. Click on: [Lisa Fox Group Tickets](#) | [Royal Room](#) | [Seattle, WA](#) | [Sat, Sep 21 at 5pm](#) | [Stranger Tickets](#) for advance tickets at \$20; \$25 at the door.
- Sept 24-28** Visit of Mexican Rotarian partners from our Oaxaca greenhouse/cistern project. Contact Susan Sola [s.sola@comcast.net](mailto:s.sola@comcast.net) if you would like to socialize with them or accompany them on a visit to one of our projects or activities.
- Oct 7** 5:30-7:00 pm. Service Fund Board meeting via Zoom. Contact Paula Laschober at [paulalaschober@gmail.com](mailto:paulalaschober@gmail.com).
- Oct 10** 5:00-10:00 pm. DG Rachele Foundation Event 2024, Doubletree SeaTac ballroom. Get tickets at: [Event Tickets - Rotary District 5030](#)
- Oct 14** 4:00 pm. Club Board meeting via Zoom. Contact Linda Fukuda, [lindali@aol.com](mailto:lindali@aol.com).
- 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).
- Oct 19** URoCk Foodies, Korean food theme. Contact: Asha Iovin, [asha.iovin@gmail.com](mailto:asha.iovin@gmail.com).
- Nov 15** Deadline for submittal of new ISC applications to Chair Sheila Hosner, [breadpudding@aol.com](mailto:breadpudding@aol.com).



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## We Need Your Help!!

When a restaurant donates a portion of its profits to charity for a specific period, it's called a restaurant fundraiser. What happens is our club works with a restaurant to select a period and invite community members to dine at the restaurant during that time. The restaurant then donates a percentage of its sales during that period to us.

If you know of a restaurant that offers such fundraisers, please drop an e-mail to me, Paula Williams, at [pdawms@gmail.com](mailto:pdawms@gmail.com) or to Sally Porter Smith at [sallypor789@gmail.com](mailto:sallypor789@gmail.com).

**Thanks so much!**

## Meeting Zoom Link Now on UDRC Website *(by Carma McKay)*

### MEETING LOCATION

Friday - 12:30 PM

**Meeting Location: Seattle Yacht Club and on ZOOM. Arrive at 11:45 for social time. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88235453974>**

Seattle Yacht Club, 1807 E Hamlin Street  
Seattle, WA 98112

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.