

# Rotary

## Club of Leavenworth



Monday, January 27, 2025

### Program This Week

Our speaker this week will be **Sara Wittenberg** with the **Pollinator Partnership**.



**Sara Wittenberg**, Bee Friendly Garden Manager

[sw@pollinator.org](mailto:sw@pollinator.org)

Sara Wittenberg has a BS in Zoology (Auburn University), where she examined causes of mortality of birds of prey admitted to a rehabilitation facility, and a MS in Biology (University of Arkansas), where she explored the natal origins of migratory Merlins and Northern Harriers. Her experience includes interning at the national zoo in Costa Rica; directing the rehab program at the Southeastern Raptor Center; co-running a HawkWatch banding station in the Florida Keys; tracking gopher tortoise movements at Fort Benning, GA; conducting breeding bird surveys for the USFS; conducting Sandhill Crane/Sage-Grouse surveys for the USFWS; and assisting with Cornell University's search for the (extinct?) Ivory-billed Woodpecker. As a secondary education teacher, she believes strongly in sharing her passion for the natural world with the next generation of conservationists. In her free time, Sara enjoys reading, hiking, birding, traveling, gardening, and exploring the beautiful Ozark mountains with her husband, two children, and dog.

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### Thank You to Our Speaker Last Week

Our speaker last week was **Brenda Grabski**, Director of Business and Finance for the Cascade School District. She presented information regarding the two CSD Replacement Levies to be voted on in February.



Due to a problem with the camera, we could not record the video of Brenda's presentation, but you can listen to her presentation by clicking [here](#).

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### Club Meeting

Leavenworth  
Meets at Kristalls  
280 Highway 2  
Leavenworth, WA  
98826  
Time: Friday at  
12:00 PM

### Events

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### Birthdays

Siegrid Willems  
January 1st  
David Wagner  
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Lynda Finegold  
Brine  
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Mary Kostka  
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### Club Leaders

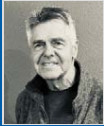


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# Rotaryfest 2025 - Next Meeting Date & Time



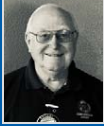
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**Rotaryfest 2025 will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025.**

We will be celebrating our 50th "Golden Anniversary" year with a Gold Rush Theme in an old-west style saloon vibe. More details will be coming soon!

All members interested in volunteering are welcome to the next Rotaryfest planning meeting:

**Tuesday, January 28th**

**4:30 pm**

**Blue Spirits Distillery Tasting Room  
1310 US Hwy 2**

Join us in making this a big and successful fundraiser!

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## Procurements

Let's start NOW asking for donations for our live and silent auction items! A printable procurement form will be sent to all members in an upcoming email, or you can pick up forms at our Friday or Satellite meetings.

**Jane Dingman** will be in charge of accepting donations. You may drop off donations at our Friday meetings, and we will get them to her, or you can contact Jane directly to arrange a drop-off at **509.433.8397**.

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## We are seeking sponsors ASAP!

If you know of possible sponsors for our event, please contact Mahala Murphy-Martin at [mahalamartin@outlook.com](mailto:mahalamartin@outlook.com).

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# December 2024 Student of the Month



Roy Mike Worden  
Past President



Brad Blackburn  
Accounting



Mahala Murphy Martin  
Club Fundraising Chair  
iPast President



Mary N. Scheibler  
International Service Chair



Karen Haire  
Rotary Youth Exchange Chair

Our December 2024 Student of the Month, **Breigh Ragsdale**, received her Award at last week's meeting. She is pictured here with her Dad and some short woman.



Breigh Ragsdale received her award for her character trait of being courteous and being an outstanding member of the CHS community. She is helpful, motivated, and academically engaged. Breigh is involved in Interact, FBLA, Junior Class President, Culinary Club, Track, Soccer, WVC, and also makes time to work for Blewett Brewery.

***Congratulations, Breigh!***

## News from Guatemala



Karen Haire made it safely to Guatemala and shares these pictures and news:



The first book Karen distributed went to a mother who wants the best future for her daughter. Both of them really enjoyed the book!





This is a view of boats on Lake Atitlan, looking across to the town of San Pablo.

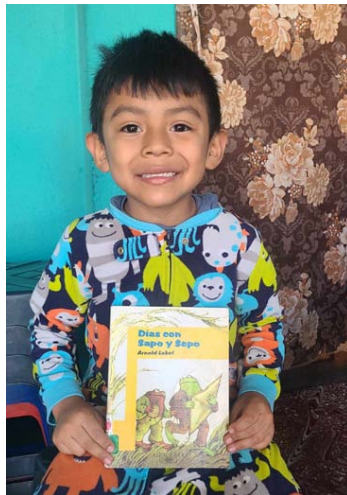
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A letter from Karen:

***I'm having a wonderful time in San Pedro la Laguna in Guatemala. My brother and I have finished a week of Spanish class and we have one week to go. On February 3, I'll meet up with the Guatemala Literacy Project tour to help bring books and computers to rural schools.***

***Here's a few photos - a boy with his favorite book, which you may recognize as "Frog and Toad." I remember reading this to my boys when they were young. The other photo is from a meeting with the teachers of the school sponsored by the Dolores Bedoya de Molina Foundation. I brought my suitcase with 70 pounds of books and school supplies to the meeting, and the teachers were delighted to receive them. Melanie- I found a little toy of Winnie the Pooh to go with your book.***

***Thanks so much for your support with this project!  
Karen***



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**Greeter This Week**



Our Greeter this Week will be **Karl Ruether!**

Greeter spots have been filled through March 21st, with spots remaining for the rest of the Rotary year. Sign-ups will be available at our Friday meetings, or you can contact [melanieabaur@gmail.com](mailto:melanieabaur@gmail.com) if you'd like to reserve a date.

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What is the job of a Greeter?

- Show up 20-30 minutes early for the meeting
- As people come in, hand club members their badges and greet all guests
- If guests are Rotarians from other clubs, please have them sign our guestbook
- As a Greeter, if you would like to give an inspirational message after our 4 Way Test, please let the Co-President know before the meeting (***this is optional***)
- During introductions of guests: the Greeter will introduce the guest(s) or the club member who brought the guest, who will then do introductions

For those who have red badges, being a Greeter for a meeting is one of the requirements of achieving a blue badge.

Thank you for volunteering!

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## January Fellowship



A small but mighty group made it to our January Fellowship at **Yonder Cider Co** in Cashmere. We celebrated with beer, cider, and homemade treats. We solved all the world's problems and decided that we would all like to return to Yonder for future celebrations.

Thank you, Heidi, for arranging this fellowship! You were missed!

## Satellite Meeting

Wednesday, February 26,  
2025  
8 am  
Renaissance Cafe



Our Satellite Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 am at the Renaissance Cafe.

**Jane Dingman** hosts these meetings, which incorporate downtown business community news with a Leavenworth Rotary Club report.

Join us as we meet members of the our local business community in this unique blend of meeting and fellowship.

## Get Ready for Calgary!



There is still time to register for the **2025 Rotary International Convention** in Calgary, Canada.

The conference runs from **June 21–25, 2025**.

For more information and to register, visit [Rotary Convention](#) or click [here](#).

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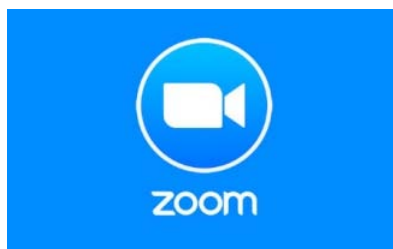
## Rotary Club of Leavenworth Contact Info

If you wish to contact the Rotary Club of Leavenworth by mail, our address is:

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Leavenworth, WA 98826

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## Weekly Meeting Zoom Link



If you cannot join us in person, the ZOOM link is listed below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84344654802>

Password: Rotary

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