



**Club  
Meeting  
Time  
and  
Place**

Pullman  
Zeppoz on  
the first and  
third  
Wednesday  
of each  
month  
Wednesday  
at 12:00 PM

**Speakers**

**February  
07, 2024**

[Eric  
Hellenbeck](#)  
John  
Brewer  
Memorial  
Project

**February  
21, 2024**

[Erin  
Colombo,  
Latah  
County  
Recovery  
Center](#)

**Together We Connect!**



**Message from the President**

Dear Rotarians,

February is here, bringing our focus to Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. It's the perfect time to reflect on our role as peacebuilders in Pullman and beyond.

I'm thrilled to update you that plans are moving forward on the John Brewer Memorial Project, which we introduced last month. It's a tribute to a model Rotarian and community member, offering us the opportunity to continue John's legacy of making a difference.

Looking ahead, we have some engaging projects for our community. We're partnering again with the Palouse Discovery Science Center for facility improvements and the upcoming Family Nights in March and April. Additionally, our board members are actively engaging with Pullman businesses, aiming to forge exciting new partnerships and inject fresh ideas and resources.

Significant progress is being made with student leaders at Washington State University. Collaborating with individuals from the WSU Panhellenic Community and the Carson College of Business, we aim to rebuild Rotaract on the Palouse, ensuring that the Rotary spirit thrives for future generations.

However, these projects depend on your participation. Rotary is about seizing opportunities, but it requires us to act collectively. Each project and new partnership is a step towards a more peaceful, understanding world.

This month, let's all contribute, in our Rotary roles and daily actions, to foster peace. Our team is rich in diverse talents and immense potential – it's time to harness that.

Remember, we are more than club members; we are ambassadors of change and service. Let's make this February a memorable month for our community.

In Rotary Service,

Eric Hollenbeck  
President, Rotary Club of Pullman

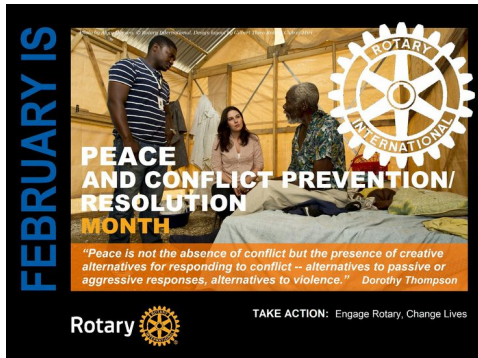
**Upcoming Events**

# EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

## February

### Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month



### Irv Field Grand Project (Feb 1- Mar 31, 2024)

Open Feb 1- Mar 31. The Rotary Club of Pullman is pleased to announce the 2024 Irving M. Field Grand Project for Community Enhancement. This opportunity is to fund projects or services that improve the Pullman Community. Applications may come from the community at large, such as charitable organizations, schools, city government, individuals or Rotary Club Members. Proposals may be submitted for projects needing up to \$1,500. If you know of any group looking for a grant, please share the application! Press release on Feb 1, 2024.

### Palouse Discovery Science Center (Feb 25- 28, 2024)

The Palouse Discovery Science Center (PDSC) is looking for volunteers to help with their annual deep clean and scheduled maintenance. Their potential projects include:

- dusting, cleaning baseboards, windows, light fixtures, etc...
- paint touch ups on walls
- sanding and repainting furniture and exhibits
- rehanging art work
- small repairs
- materials organizing and junk removal

Exact volunteer times are TBD soon! We will have a sign up sheet at the Feb 7th meeting! The PDSC will also be hosting a free Family Night in March or April (Details pending).





### **Northwest Cancer Foundation of Hope Bunko Night (Mar 9, 2024)**

The Northwest Cancer Foundation, aka NW Hope, is having their annual Bunko Night on Thursday, March 9, 2024. Proceeds provide support to people who have cancer and live in Latah County or Whitman County. NW Hope is in need of many volunteers for set up, take down and during the event. If you would like to sign up to volunteer at the event, please contact Debi or Becky.



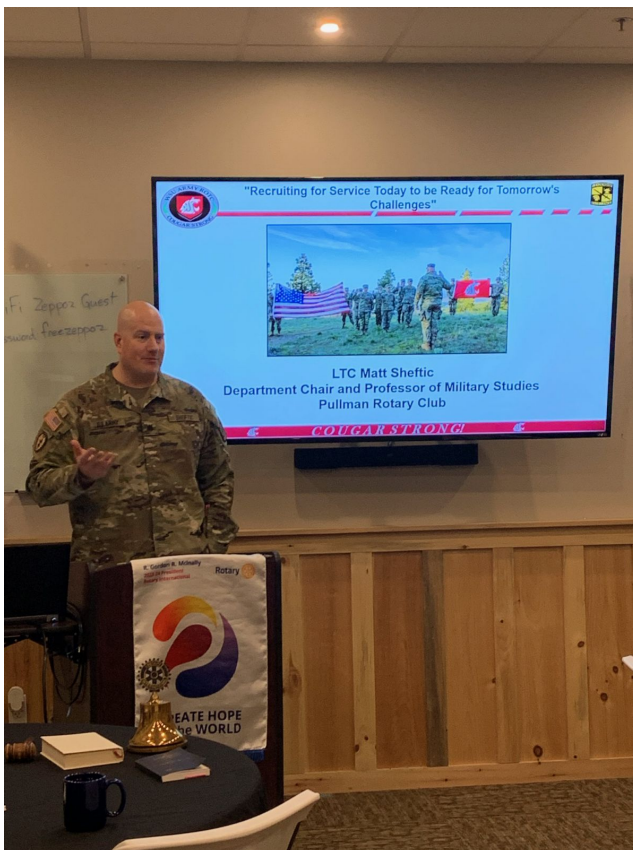
## Rotary Club of Pullman Past Happenings- January

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January 3rd: Superintendent from the Pullman School District, Bob Maxwell, discussing the school Levy.



January 17th: LTC Matt Sheftic, WSU Department Chair and Professor of Military Studies spoke about "Recruiting for Service Today"



## Global Polio Eradication Initiative Reports on Donor Updates for 2023



### DONOR UPDATES

WHO acknowledges gratefully the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, which provided US\$ 208.57 million in 2023 to support polio outbreak response campaigns, surge capacity and research activities.

WHO would like to extend gratitude to **Rotary International** for the generous contribution of US\$ 69.19 million in 2023 to support technical assistance in headquarters and the African and Eastern Mediterranean Regions, operational costs for SIAs in Afghanistan and Pakistan, global outbreak response, surveillance in Nigeria and research activities.

WHO is very grateful to **US CDC** for the generous contribution of US\$ 47.67 million to global polio eradication efforts in 2023 including support for technical assistance, laboratory strengthening and the GPEI STOP Program.

WHO would like to thank **USAID** for the generous contribution of US\$ 42.97 million in 2023 for global polio surveillance.

WHO thanks the **Gates Philanthropic Partners** who provided US\$ 11.2 million in 2023 to support operational costs for outbreak response campaigns and technical assistance.

On 5 December 2023, the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** and the **French Development Agency** (AFD) announced a [new partnership](#) to fund polio eradication efforts and support climate-resilient health systems in Pakistan. This announcement includes a new loan of up to €55 million from AFD to Pakistan, going to support WHO's polio operations in the country.

## RI Presidential Theme Announced: The Magic of Rotary

By Lynn Theresa O'Connor on Monday, January 8, 2024



and every new member of Rotary.

The incoming Rotary International's Presidential Theme is traditionally announced at the International Assembly that our District Governor-Elect Lorne Westdenge and his wife Dorothy are attending.

RI President-elect Stephanie Urchick celebrates the magic of Rotary. She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated,

The Rotary International Board of Directors has agreed to eliminate the creation of an annual presidential theme and logo starting in Rotary Year 2025-26, so this is the last one!

You can download the theme and guidelines [here](#).