

The White Salmon-Bingen, WA Rotary Club



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Club & Foundation Directors (2018-2019)

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Brad Roberts

District 5100 Grant Writer

Rotary Youth Exchange Students (2018-2019)

Finn Coffin

Out-bound to Brazil

Bowen Durkee

Out-bound to Turkey

Chloe Hanks

Out-bound to Italy

Gabe Roth

Out-bound to Turkey

Nicholas Becerra Garzon

In-bound from Colombia

Nina Rivalieau

In-bound from France

Grant Anderson

Rebound from Taiwan

Carolina Ziranhua

Rebound from France

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PRESIDENT ROB'S PERSPECTIVE

I did not know (until I read the information posted on the Rotary International webpage) that, "conflict and violence displaced more than 68 million people in the past year, and half of those are children. "(As Rotarians) We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life." Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts."

So how do we as individual Rotarians and as a Rotary Club make this happen? Look at what our club hosts and sponsors as our primary service project, the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program. The RYE program exposes us directly and indirectly with what Rotary International discerns as the underlying causes of conflict through our RYE students teaching us about the primary causes of conflict (namely: "poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources") and ways of peace-making and building local and global friendships.

When we make RYE available to our community's high school students and host RYE students from other non-English speaking countries, "we wage peace with our local resources and support the advancement of world peace to turn ambitious ideas (of our inbound, outbound, and rebound students) into life-changing realities.

When we contribute to "Every Rotarian, Every Year," and put our money where our mouth is," to support the International Rotary Foundation, our collective help as a club promotes peace through other projects and education like the Rotary International Peace Centers and the Rotary International Peace Fellowships. I did not know that to date, Rotary International (through our contributions, like our club), has collectively raised \$142 million for these projects and education.

Is there more we as individual Rotarians and as a Rotary club can do to promote peace among our local and global neighbors? Of course! I invite you to consider other potential projects in addition to what we already support (here's a list of project that help build "Peace:" RYE; annual educational Dictionary Program; weekly literacy project of Children's books to the White Salmon Head Start students and library; our annual partnership with the Washington Gorge Action Program (WGAP) with the Holiday Giving Tree project) and submit your ideas to your Board members.

Here are a few other possibilities I have thought of that we as individual Rotarians and / or collectively as a Rotary Club might could do in addition to what we already participating in: 1) partnering with a non-profit (like WGAP) in helping families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other basic necessities of life; 2) partnering with our local law-enforcement and school districts in conducting antibullying campaigns to teach children (and their parents) how to handle conflict peacefully without engaging in combat; 3) partnering with a non-profit local shelter / legal advocacy / counseling program to provide help and protection from survivors and their families from domestic violence.

Rob Sachs, President

PS: Our next Club and Foundation Board meeting is Tue. Feb. 19 @ 11:00 a.m. in the United Methodist Church downstairs classroom. All are welcome, especially, "Yellow Ribbon" members and newly elected (2019-2020) officers.

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Weekly Club Greeters

| Date | Greeter & Thought for the Day |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| 02/05/19 | Brad Roberts |
| 02/12/19 | |
| 02/19/19 | Jeremy Denny |
| 02/26/19 | Lora Helmer |
| 03/05/19 | Tammara Toppel |
| 03/12/19 | Brad Roberts |
| 03/19/19 | Teunis Weyers |
| 03/26/19 | Jeff Baker |

Weekly Club Guest Speakers

| Feb | Speaker Coord | Peace and Conflict Resolution Month |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2/5/2019 | Rob Sachs | Jay Bell, WAAAM |
| 2/12/2019 | | CLUB AUCTION & Raffle Drawing |
| 2/19/2019 | | CLUB ASSEMBLY - open discussion |
| 2/26/2019 | | Jack Perrin |
| Mar | Speaker Coord | Water & Sanitation Month |
| 3/5/2019 | Jerry Lewis | WSVSD Principal Presentation |
| 3/12/2019 | | WSVSD Principal Presentation |
| 3/19/2019 | | WSVSD Principal Presentation |
| 3/26/2019 | | WSVSD Principal Presentation |

Do you know what this is . . .
and where it is?



Announcements

DON'T have access to the **GOOGLE SHEETS**, to sign up for a **Club or Community Service Project**, contact Club Service Coordinator, Sarah Goebel or Membership Chair, Tammara Toppel during a club meeting or contact them: **(509) 493-3630** (Mt. Adams Chamber office during business hours M-F 9am to 4pm).

Thank you Rotarians for selling Raffle Tickets. Sales end on the day of the drawing, Tuesday, February 12, 2019; when someone will win a 1-week trip to Honolulu Hawaii. This fund-raiser benefits our club's projects and programs.

Congratulations to our Rotarian for the Month of January, Dale Connell, for his inspirational service to the club and community and leadership, as the Club and Foundation's TRF Chair.

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