



## 2019-20 RI President Announces his Presidential Theme

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Rotary International President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney explained his vision for building a stronger Rotary, calling on leaders to expand connections to their communities and to embrace innovative membership models.

RI President-elect Mark Maloney announces the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors in San Diego, California, USA.

Maloney, a member of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, unveiled the 2019-20 presidential theme, *Rotary Connects the World*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's annual training event, the International Assembly, in

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Halfway through my tenure as President, the club has done a tremendous amount of talking and planning. It's time to put approved projects in action this Spring!



1. Handicap Bike program is up & running.
2. Elementary Swing project starting in February.
3. Harry Hughes Memorial Fund project will be chosen.
4. International grant money Cerro de Oro Stoves
5. The Boy's and Girl's Club grant money awarded
6. Organizing Sequim Irrigation Festival Parade in May.
7. 51st Salmon Bake in August.

We are small. We need NEW members to carry this load and the "only way a person can become a Rotarian is to be asked."

The success of this club is directly on the shoulders of the president. Those of you who have worked hard to make this club succeed, THANK YOU!!!

*Bob*

President Bob Macaulay

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS UPDATE

## More Adventures with Rotary International

By **Lang Hadley, International Service Director**



For over 40 years my wife Mary and I have enjoyed our service with Rotary especially the magic in all of its international aspects. It started with nine, mostly delightful years, of hosting Rotary International students. This was amplified when our daughter spent her senior year of high school in Germany under the same program. The Foundation covered all the expenses except for a monthly pocket-money allowance and in-country travel, which were covered by the host Rotary Club and/or the host parents. She, Sarah, is now an international school teacher and Rotarian in Azerbaijan.

Three years before retiring we started serious international travel. Along the way we made an effort to visit Rotary clubs. While visiting a club in the Philippines, we were asked if the Rotary Club of Sequim would like to participate in a project to provide clean water to a remote village of indigenous people in the mountains. This was the first in a long line of projects funded with the help of the Foundation, and was our first successful grant writing exercise. The magic mentioned earlier is found in the friendships one can make as one travels making ongoing connections with people of like purpose. The Philippines is a long way to travel so we started looking for projects closer to home, where the connections could be more easily sustained.

We ended up joining three other Rotarians from our former club, Bainbridge Island, and traveling to Central America to a Project Fair, where clubs from every country present projects they would like help supporting. As a result of that initial trip, we have participated in projects in most of the Central American (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)

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## “Build a viable path to Rotary Leadership”



### 2019-2020 RI President (FROM PAGE 1)

San Diego, California, USA, on Monday.

“The first emphasis is to grow Rotary — to grow our service; to grow the impact of our projects; but, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more,” Maloney said.

Maloney believes that connection is at the heart of the Rotary experience.

“(Rotary) allows us to connect with each other, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences,” Maloney said. “It connects us to people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us to our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.”

Maloney also called on every Rotary and Rotaract club to identify segments of their community not represented in their club by creating a membership committee with diverse members.

“Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal,” he added. “In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all.”

Maloney urged leaders to offer alternative meeting experiences and service opportunities to make it easier for busy professionals and people with many family obligations to serve in leadership roles.

“We need to foster a culture where Rotary does not compete with the family, but rather complements it,” Maloney said. “That means taking real, practical steps to change the existing culture: being realistic in our expectations, considerate in our scheduling, and welcoming of children at Rotary events on every level.”

Maloney said many of the barriers that prevent people from serving as leaders in Rotary are based on expectations that are no longer relevant.

“It is time to adapt, to change our culture, and to convey the message that you can be a great district governor without visiting every club individually, and a great president without doing everything yourself.”

### Relationship with the United Nations

During 2019-20, Rotary will host a series of presidential conferences around the world, focusing on Rotary’s relationship with the **United Nations** and the UN’s sustainable development goals that many Rotary service projects support. More information will be available in July.

In 2020, the United Nations will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its charter and its mission of promoting peace. Rotary was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation

## Parade Coming Soon!



Sequim Rotary has planned and staged the Grand Parade since 1960. We’re looking forward to our 59th year in May!

at the 1945 San Francisco conference, which led to the UN’s charter. For decades, Rotary has worked alongside the United Nations to address humanitarian issues around the world. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status that the UN offers to nongovernmental organizations.

“Rotary shares the United Nations’ enduring commitment to a healthier, more peaceful, and more sustainable world,” Maloney said. “And Rotary offers something no other organization can match: an existing infrastructure that allows people from all over the world to connect in a spirit of service and peace and take meaningful action toward that goal.”

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## SPECIAL REPORT

## THANK YOU

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

## Summit in Victoria

By Ted Shanks

President Bob Macaulay and member Ted Shanks recently traveled to Victoria BC to attend the **Rotary District 5020**



BE THE INSPIRATION

**Membership Summit** conference. The conference was conducted at the hotel across the street from the Coho ferry terminal and was very convenient for us out-of-towners.

Our Canadian friends have always been pleasant to interact with and this occasion was no exception. There were about 60 delegates from around our district and it was a refreshing opportunity to meet them and to get ideas and have discussions with them.

The multi segmented day explored issues from attracting new members, mentoring, retention and programs. Do we have a 'strategic plan for growth? Do we need more/different types of memberships? Can we involve /invite other segments of the populace or different groups in our activities or representations. Several sections addressed club meetings and events, 'branding' and public awareness. These and many other ideas and new approaches to club growth and operations were brought back and should prove useful in our Sequim club.

We made our return on the last Coho revenue trip on Sunday as the ferry was scheduled for dry-dock the next day.

### PRESIDENT BOB'S COMMENTS ON THE MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

Most interesting to me is how Rotary Districts and Rotary International have put a tremendous amount of effort into making Rotary more flexible; membership dues, attendance and meeting location. Rotary is changing with the times. a tremendous amount of information was given to us, in a very short period of time. I am hoping to implement this information to help increase our membership.

## Weekly Programs

Thank you **Julie Hatch** for providing us these important and interesting programs.

**Mr. Jim Buck** presented a series of three programs about the Cascadian Fault at recent club meetings.

Program 1, described fault formation, location and history of earth quakes stemming from Cascadian Fault.

Program 2, described possible damage occurring to the Olympic Peninsula.

Program 3, described being self-sufficient for 10-30 days. "How to camp in your home" Bottomline, .....TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY!

On Jan. 10th, **Ms. Sheena Younger** presented a program "Homeless in Port Angeles and Sequim," describing the life of homeless after dark. She and a friend spent the night, sleeping, eating with the homeless, wearing the same clothing they wore on one of coldest nights of the year. "It was one of the coldest nights ever".

January 17th, **Ms. Anji Schalf**, the new Sequim Chamber of Commerce Director spoke about the Chambers purpose and goals for the community.



(L-R) President Bob and speaker Brad Griffith.  
(Photo by Doug Schwartz)

January 24th, **Brad Griffith of Sequim Makerspace (pictured above with President Bob)** shared his organization's vision to encourage collaboration of individuals and businesses in the community to enrich our community and encourage the entrepreneurial spirit. Griffith is a Sequim carpentry contractor.

## Doug Schwarz



Doug and Margaret Schwarz

Doug was born in Orange County, CA and raised in Southern Illinois. He graduated from college with a Master's degree in Ceramic Engineering from Univ. of MO-Rolla and an MBA from the University of Michigan. Margaret was born in South Shields, England. Her parents immigrated to Illinois in 1952. She graduated from Southern Illinois University with her BSN in Nursing and spent her 30-year career working in critical care. It was while working as an orderly one summer during his undergraduate years that Doug met Margaret at a local hospital. They were married in 1971 and moved to Midland, Michigan where Doug had accepted a job with the Dow Chemical Company.

They have two children and five grandchildren. Their daughter and two grandsons live in North Bend, WA. Their son and his family live in Royal Oak, MI.

After a 30-year career they decided to retire to the Pacific Northwest, settling in Sequim in 2005. They had their fill of snow and both wanted to be close to big waters and mountains. The temperate climate was also a big draw for them. They became active in the Sequim Bay Yacht Club and the North Olympic Sail & Power Squadron shortly after moving here. They bought a J-24 sailboat to enjoy cruising. Having lived here for almost 14 years, they are still in awe of this area and are so glad to have found this little piece of paradise.

## More Adventures (FROM PAGE 1)

countries. About eleven years ago, after joining Sequim Rotary, we started



working with a group of Mayan villages in the Rio Dulce region of Guatemala to help them with clean water and sanitation. Mary and I wrote another grant, got it approved by this club as well as the Foundation and a series of successful long term international projects was started. Once their water supplies were established and secure, we started teaching the people how to build composting toilets with materials paid for by the grant. In the process of organizing this project we were joined by five other 5020 clubs, a Guatemalan NGO who was already working in these villages (who spoke the local Mayan dialect) and a Guatemalan Rotary club



with previous experience in these villages. We also did some work with agriculture to improve their food supply. We have traveled to Guatemala annually to check on progress and have built trust and lifelong friendships. Over the years

we have made numerous friends: in-country Rotarians, participants from Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) like Engineers without borders, governmental agencies like the European Space Agency (which has partnered with us on our water projects). We have also participated in a number of microcredit projects and have seen firsthand the sustainable benefits of these projects.

For our next focus, we hope to be participants in an eco-stove project in the Mountainous Highlands of Guatemala. The indigenous Mayans cook on unventilated open fires within their houses. This results in significant



*Mary Hadley with Mayan village women.*

lung damage, especially for the women and children. There is also the huge side issue of deforestation and erosion. The new project will provide the villagers with locally manufactured eco-stoves in exchange for their reforestation work using seedlings also to be provided in the grant. These stoves consume about 1/3 to 1/4 of the amount of wood and are vented through the roof. A Bainbridge Island Rotarian is currently writing the grant but unfortunately has been experiencing significant delays due to personal health issues. We are frustrated by the delays but we remain positive about the projects and their life altering benefits to health and welfare of the indigenous Mayans of Guatemala.

We were also fortunate to take part in an International convention in South America and to focus on the goals of Rotary with an enthusiastic committed group of like-minded people. It has

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## CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# Board Meeting Highlights

**NEW BUSINESS:** Youth Services Director Mary Budke presented the board an elementary school swing project. After her presentation, the board approved the project. The project will be presented to the total membership for approval in the near future.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Handicap Bike Project is moving forward with the final stages for ordering.

been a joy to see the power, the principles and practices adopted by Rotarians and their Foundation encourage, inspire, finance and enable ordinary citizens. Finally we were privileged to travel to Africa with a group of Rotarians from all over North America and our African hosts to participate in the vaccination program to eradicate polio in Ethiopia. While in the area we also works on clean water and reconstruction projects in the north of Uganda. This was a reinforcement of our ideas that everyone can make a difference. The young Rotarians, the citizens and the children we met on this trip were truly inspirational! Rotary clubs around the world combined with the Rotary Foundation are the framework and the catalyst that encourages people to make sustainable changes for the betterment of the world. As we have seen firsthand, it works.

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