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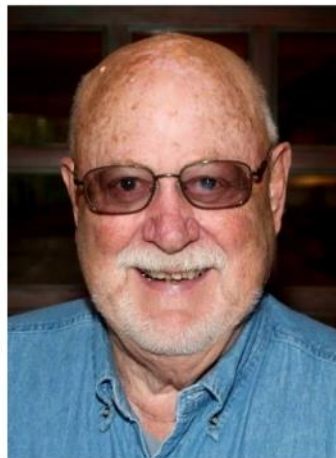
SERVICE ABOVE SELF

OCTOBER 2019

NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR ACTION TEAM!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jason Bausher and Bruce Purdy



Shout out a hearty Rotary welcome to the newest members of our action team! Jason Bausher (L) who recently transferred from Bainbridge Rotary, and Bruce Purdy (R) a long-time well respected resident of Sequim.

Lang Hadley sponsored both new members.

(Photos by Doug Schwarz)

During our first quarter of this Rotary year, our Club has grown its membership, welcomed a new Honorary Member, worked alongside each other on our biggest fundraiser, the Salmon Bake and we began our Youth Protection Awareness Training. (Photo on page 4)



Our club donated two more adaptive tricycles; one to Niko Rodes and one to the Sequim School District. Our board has given preliminary approval to participate in an "Area 8 Global Grant Project".

We now look ahead to hosting "Students of the Month" and replacing the Duck Derby with an alternative fundraiser, continuing to pursue new members and educating all members about the various aspects of Rotary on an ongoing basis.

We will continue our "Youth Protection Awareness Training" for all members in our club. Our Club will continue to grow our Adaptive Bike Program. We will also be planning a February 2020 "90th Anniversary Party" to celebrate our rich service history since the club was chartered in 1930.

A big thank you to the Bike Committee: Doug Schwarz, Ted Shanks and Jim Jones for all their work and dedication. Thank you, Lang Hadley for sponsoring two new members and your ongoing help with the global grant projects.

Pat

President Pat Zane

Please Mark Your Calendars for Wednesday, Oct 23rd

We will have a joint meeting with Sequim Sunrise to host our District Governor, Maureen Fritz-Roberts and our Assistant District Governor, Ned Luce. We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Express just west of the Black Bear restaurant. There will be a breakfast buffet @ \$10.00 per person. We will not be meeting on October 24th of that week. DG Maureen is a dynamic Rotarian and an inspiring speaker. Please attend if you are in town.

Thank you,

President Pat

CLUB JOINS JOINT INT'L SERVICE PROJECT

Dignity Toilets

Doc Reiss coordinated efforts to provide compost toilets for families living in the village of Zogbedgi, Togo. He is a Realtor and managing broker at Town and Country Real Estate. He works and lives in Port Angeles where he is a member of the Nor'wester Rotary Club. Bedi Taouvik Boukari, heads the program in his village in Togo. Dignity Toilets for Togo is a proposed global grant being developed by the Area-8 (Olympic Peninsula) Rotary Clubs, all of whom have formally agreed to work together under the leadership of the Nor'wester

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Join Our Weekly Meetings Online

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Rotary Weekly, September 19, 2019

By Rotary International

What the 'Together' in Rotary's Vision Statement Means

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

(Rotary International Vision Statement)

By Paddy Rooney, governor of District 7390 (Pennsylvania, USA)

The word which defines much of our world today is division. We are divided in so many ways by race or creed, ethnicity or belief, by gender or age or sexuality. But the divisions have gone beyond mere realities and instead have become a source of dissension among us with the result that we have sliced and diced ourselves into smaller and smaller groups or tribes which only further exacerbate our sense of alienation one from the other.

So what does it mean when our Rotary International Mission Statement begins with the word "Together." Does together mean that we ignore the differences between us, pretend that they don't exist, make believe that there never was any division among us? I don't think so.

But the intentionality of togetherness says that we are willing to put aside our differences and those markers which divide us. It says that it does not matter where we came from or what education we have or what experience we bring. When we come together in Rotary it is not just service above self but Rotary first and the individual second.

Because unless we are willing to embrace and embody this understanding of "together" we will never be able to achieve our goals, serve our communities or change the world. On the card I had printed for my year as district governor in Rotary I put the phrase "Doing together that which we cannot do alone." For it is only together that our work can be accomplished and only together that we will Connect the World.

Rotary Foundation Receives Highest Rating from Charity Navigator for 12th Consecutive Year

For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.


The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that The Rotary Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work", says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. "This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

TAKE PART IN THE HISTORY OF SEQUIM

JOIN ROTARY



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

October Celebrations



Club Members' Birthdays

AUBREY VERSTEGEN	23 OCT
DON SORENSEN	26 OCT

Spouses' Birthdays

STEVEN BUDKE	7 OCT
MARY HADLEY	24 OCT
KATE EBLING	28 OCT

Club Members' Rotary Anniversaries

MICHELLE GRINNELL	1 YEAR
SHANNALEE PHILLIPS	1 YEAR

Looks like Rotary would be fun and we'd be helping people too.

I wonder how we can join?



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A Dignity Toilet under construction.

Club which will serve as the international sponsor.

The grant, when approved by The Rotary Foundation, will support one of the six Avenues of Service on which Rotarians focus, that being water and sanitation. They have already identified a Rotary Club in Togo to work with, and they have been supporting the project themselves, without a global or District 5020 grant, for several years, fundraising among the Port Angeles community to support it.

Our Club will participate in the proposed grant to support its development and execution. The amount of our contribution is not yet determined. The other six Clubs in Area-8 will also contribute funds. Area-8 club members will form the sub-committees to develop the grant proposal. Members of our Club will be asked to serve on a number of subcommittees to further develop the grant with the objective of submitting it for approval so that execution can begin in Rotary Year 2020-2021 on or after July 1st, 2020.

The Area 8 clubs consist of: Nor'wester Rotary (lead), East Jefferson County, Port Angeles, Port Townsend Noon, Port Townsend Sunrise, Sequim, Sequim Sunrise

The Togolese Republic is a small impoverished country in Africa, on the continent's southwestern coast. It is on the eastern border of Ghana. Many remote Togolese villages have no access to even the most basic fresh water, sanitation or handwashing facilities, with the concomitant higher incidence of disease, violence against women, and loss

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WELCOME NEW HONORARY MEMBER**Lorena Gurr**

I was born in Burns, Oregon. I have one sister. We moved to Vale, Oregon when I was four years old and my folks bought a dairy farm. So I am a farm girl.

I graduated from high school in Vale, then went on to

Eastern Oregon College in La Grande.

After college, I went to work as a Personnel Clerk for the Bureau of Land Management in Vale. Our office used to be the Fire Center, so we hired and dispatched firefighters. I worked there for 15 years. George worked for the Bureau of Land Management too. I met him in Vale and we were married.

Soon after, George was assigned to a project with the crown in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. I had two little boys. Our daughter was born in Riyadh where we lived for three and half years. Saudi Arabia was like being on vacation. We visited Iran, as well as many other countries.

When George was reassigned to Washington DC, we lived in Fairfax, Virginia. Then moved to Anchorage. While living in Alaska, George was President of the Rotary Club three years in a row.

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of human dignity. Before the installation of the compost toilets, people were forced to walk out into surrounding bushes to relieve themselves.

Villagers seeking seclusion must wander further and further away from the town center to find privacy, Reiss has said, adding that some women have been raped in the bushes.

Reiss and crews in the village finished their 86th toilet since the program began two years ago.

"Each toilet has taken six to 10 people out of the bushes," he said.

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After George retired I went to work at an elementary school and soon discovered summers off were great! When our son graduated from high school in Anchorage, we moved to Sequim and he informed us he wasn't moving anywhere they celebrate irrigation!

George and I arrived in Sequim in 1989. He joined Sequim Noon Rotary and I went to work at the School District for several years.

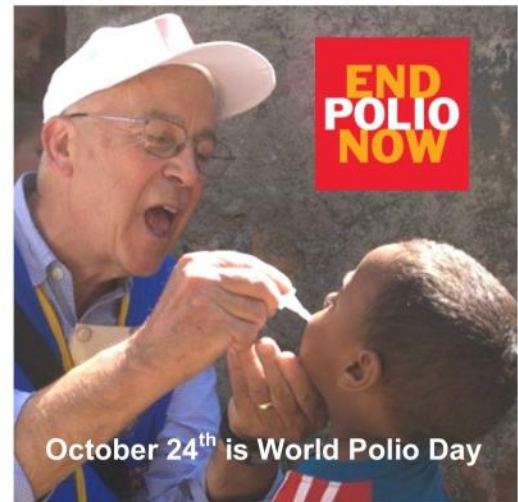
I am honored to become a Honorary member of the Rotary Club of Sequim.

- Lorena Gurr

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Lorena is the widow of George Gurr. She served side-by-side with him at club fundraisers and community events for 26 years. Lorena was recently received as an Honorary Member of our club. At her first meeting, Lorena commented, "I'm glad to be back with old friends", "It feels like George is right here with me."

Let's give Lorena a warm "welcome back" to our Rotary family!



Each toilet costs about \$400 and has been funded by donations from Nor'Wester Rotary, Reiss and others.

Find out more about this global grant under development here: <https://ejcrotary.club/Stories/progress-on-developing-the-global-grant-dignity-toilets-for-togo>; as well as: <https://dignitytoilets4togo.org/>

The information for this article comes from Doc Reiss, The Peninsula Daily News and the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County.

Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth

"Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse."

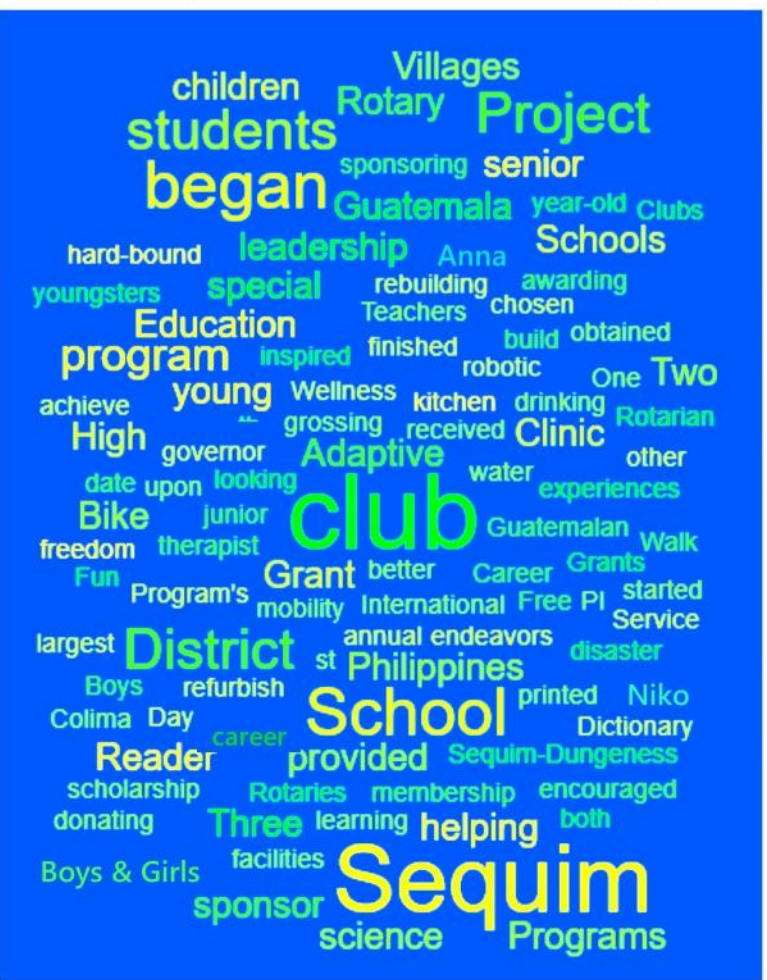
Adopted November 2006 (Rotary Code of Policies)

Every adult who has a volunteer role in Rotary youth programs must indicate, in writing, their understanding of an agreement to adhere to the *Rotary Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth*.

PEEK BACK AT OUR 9TH DECADE!

Service Above Self

Check out the “word cloud” below! You will find our club’s story of **Service Above Self** in every word. How many club adventures do you remember? Each word is a talking point!

DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION OFFICER

“Building a Culture of Safety”



Mike Cloutier presented a Youth Protection Awareness Training session to our club on September 26th and spent time to answer questions from our members. (Photo by D. Schwarz)

