

## **WENATCHEE**

Hello all!

Area 8 (as of June 5):

Annual Fund giving – Goal 26K Area 8 has achieved \$43K

Volunteer hours – last year 861 – This year 6,500 !!!

Those are staggering increases!

### **CLUB GOALS:**

Your club is on track to achieve the President's Citation award, with a stunning achievement of 24 of the 24 goals set by the DG. WAY TO GO!!!

Karl will be THRILLED. Overall, Area 8 is Amazing and I suspect Karl thinks the same. Believe me, I'll be sure to ensure he knows all the accomplishments of your club!

Your clubs annual contributions to TRF was the highest its been in the last 5+ years. Polio contributions were great as well however there have been significantly higher years. Of course, you have the great Pete VanWell leading that charge and doing a magnificent job. I believe he was recently honored with two awards related to his Polio efforts as well as being an awesome Rotarian! Please give a hand for the clubs contributions and Pete.

Your club continues to positively impact the Wenatchee community and beyond by both your financial generosity and the donation of your time, which is the most valuable in my opinion. Carin continues to work tirelessly on the Haiti Hanwash project. I know your club has donated time to work the concessions at the TTC, supported many events at WVC, Youth Exchange, numerous scholarships. Marsha has been very instrumental in that department. Supporting the plant based diet group, and the list goes on and on.

Jill you have done an exceptional job, clearly by meeting 100% of the DG goals. Jill, thank you for connecting with the other club presidents. Particularly the other Wenatchee clubs. There has been more joint participation between clubs in our area than I believe ever.

It's no mystery, there is strength in numbers. Uniting with the other area clubs on some things we become huge, around 378 members! Many members are extending their Rotarian friendships to Rotarians in other area clubs, which is exciting to watch. I hope all of you will continue to build those friendships and work together with the other clubs going forward. I only see positive results by continuing and growing that bond.

Now for even better news, than what I just shared. Effective July 1, in just 23 days, you have a new AG. Your very own Mike Kintner! You all know Mike so I don't have to tell you how AWESOME, KIND, LIKEABLE, GIVING and an all around great man he is, but I did anyway! As most of you know, Mike recently returned from Melbourne Australia (with Wayne, Alice & Jill) where he learned all sorts of great Rotary skills to share with you over the next 3 years. I'm confident Mike's going to be a wonderful attribute to all of the Area 8 clubs and support Gary and the other incoming presidents in achieving another stellar year. He's going to be amazing, please give him a round of applause for taking on this role.

Jill the momentum you've created will be a wonderful boost for Gary as he starts his term as President. I have no doubt that Gary will continue with the bond that's been created between the clubs and continue to reach-out to the outlying clubs to grow strength in projects/fundraisers, awareness of Rotary and their accomplishments.

THANK YOU for allowing me the honor and privilege of being your AG.