

Rotary Charge-

What is your Rotary value proposition? What is it that you hope or expect to receive in return for your investment of time, talent and treasure with this Rotary club? Surely you are busy people with many choices on how to spend your precious resources. For some of you, Rotary is a means to a professional end- “perhaps I can make connections with people who ultimately will become clients/customers.” Or perhaps Rotary will provide a fellowship/friendship opportunity with other like-minded people who believe in making the world a better place for all. Maybe it represents an opportunity to give back to the community and world for blessings you have received along the way. For some, Rotary membership is a badge of accomplishment and acceptance.

Whatever your Rotary value proposition equation is, my charge to you is this- Get to know, and I mean, really know- your new Rotary family members. Like all families, we experience great joys and also sorrows. You’ll discover that we have an amazingly diverse family with an incredible array of talents, passions and experiences. As you grow more deeply in your Rotary connection, you’ll discover the richness of life that is part of our Rotary family.

Treat this as a bit of a metaphoric scavenger hunt. I’m going to tell you that among our membership are people who are skilled at woodworking, bike riding, wine connoisseurs, musicians, trivia buffs, conservationists, fly fishers, greeting card makers, numismaticists, groupies of specific rock bands, golfaholics, travel buffs. You’ll discover that we have incredibly deep thinkers in politics, theology, education, law, business. Among our members are directors of many of the community-facing organizations that make our Valley a special place to live.

I charge you and challenge you to get to know- and this means deeply knowing your fellow Rotary family members- and I assure you they will want to know you as well.

Here are a few of the Rotarians you should get to know on your virtual Rotary scavenger hunt-

- (1) Bill Murray- oenologist/wine lover, passionate about mental health in our community, a gentleman with a generous and caring heart. I challenge you to find out his favorite wine varietal.
- (2) Michelle Shermer- Your President-elect Nominee Nominee. A lover of U2 and advocate of the Rotary Peace Initiative. Very active in the One organization (if you don’t know about that group, ask her!). Outdoor enthusiast and a global traveler. Your charge with Michelle is to determine which of the many countries she has traveled to that she would return to visit first!
- (3) Sean Cooper- Like you, one of our newer members. Sean is a published author, skydiver, mountain climber. Sean is a Denver University graduate – which likely makes Sean and me the only two in the Wenatchee Rotary that can make that claim). With Sean, you should discover what his pet of choice is- and here’s a hint- its not a dog, cat nor goldfish!
- (4) Joe St. Jean. Educator, philanthropist, proud grandfather. Joe has taken on the leadership of our club’s community outreach committee that judiciously impacts so many non-profit organizations in our valley. He is also very involved with the scholarship allotment process for your WRF. I charge you to determine what sport Joe’s grandson excels in!
- (5) Carin Smith- The remarkably energetic, purposeful and insightful Carin who has driven the HANWASH clean water project in Haiti forward in District 5060 and beyond. Carin is one of two retired veterinarians in our Rotary family- let’s see if you can discover who the other is.

- (6) Marriah Thornock- Quietly effective and has a keen insight for electronic media. A terrific coordinator of marketing efforts for our Centennial Celebration and the upcoming Rotary Auction "For The Kids" in January 2021, Marriah also does amazing work professionally. Your charge is not only to discover the non-profit organization for which she works- but treat yourself to a visit (hint, it's a vibrant place that brings our community's history to life!)
- (7) Jim Corcoran- One of the most interesting people you'll hope to know. Broadcaster, publisher, baseball team owner. Sit next to Jim at a meeting and listen to what he is saying- he speaks simply but with great insight. Your charge is to discover what types of boats and classic cars that Jim owns or has owned through time.
- (8) Linda Evans-Parlette- Brilliant public servant, devoted to making our region even more vital. This is a person who leaves a deep footprint in the sands of life. A super-dedicated family person and genuinely caring individual. Oh- and had perfect attendance in Rotary for years while serving in the WA State Senate. Your charge with Linda is to discover her collegiate roots (what colors do you think she wears for Apple Cup?)
- (9) Dan Rogers- A quiet but intensely decent Rotarian and man. Dan and his family hosted Rotary Exchange students while juggling a couple of businesses. Dan has spearheaded our Rotary International Foundation committee for many years. Get to know him- you'll be glad that you did. My charge for you is to determine how many daughters Dan has – and what are they doing professionally.
- (10) Bryan Campbell- A gentleman who is involved with a remarkable number of areas in our community including law enforcement, fire- fighting, Wenatchee City Council and Applearians. Brian is an energetic businessman and supporter of many non-profit organizations. He is also a long time Rotarian who is a Past President- but not of this club! Your charge is to discover two items about Bryan- which club was he President of- and determine the name and breed of his 10 month old puppy (hint- the puppy is pushing 100 pounds weight right now).

And when you get done discovering those individuals, get to know other Rotarians with equally fascinating life stories. People such as:

- (1) Susan Albert
- (2) Loren Stach
- (3) Matthew Michelson
- (4) Alicia Nakata
- (5) Ken Robertson
- (6) Jessi Mendoza
- (7) Dory Foster
- (8) Don & Heidi Myers
- (9) Sue Rose
- (10) Laurie Flarity-White
- (11) Chuck Jinneman
- (12) Rich Peters
- (13) Raz Rasumussen
- (14) Allan Galbraith
- (15) Pete Van Well
- (16) Keni Sturgeon
- (17) Ashley Gillam
- (18) Jay Smith
- (19) Judy Conner

(20)Jill Leonard
(21)Alice Meyer
(22)Me!

You are joining an amazing family with a depth of knowledge, experience and foresight that will become more and more remarkable as you become more involved and get to know us.

We're thrilled to welcome you to our Rotary family- and look forward to getting to know you as you get to know us. Welcome to the Wenatchee Rotary Club!