

Rotary 21 Banner Exchange Program

One of Rotary's most colorful traditions is members' exchanging club banners. Clubs display their own decorative banners at meetings and district events, and Rotarians who travel to other countries often take these banners to exchange with the clubs they visit.

The banners often include symbols or images of a club's town, region, or country. Some represent local cultural traditions or artistry by featuring leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs. Many of the banners are works of art in themselves.

Exchanging banners became so popular that the Rotary International Board of Directors was concerned that the practice would place a financial burden on clubs. In 1959, it urged members to "exercise discretion, moderation, and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges."

Today, the tradition continues as a way for clubs to express their friendship.

Spokane Rotary Club 21's current banner was designed by artist Hara Alison with support from Rotarian Karen Mobley. The design features iconic Spokane landmarks such as Mt. Spokane, the '74 World's Fair Pavilion, the Great Northern Clocktower and Rotary Club 21's own gift to the community, the Rotary Fountain.

For Club 21 members preparing for a visit to another club that wish to participate in a banner exchange please contact the Rotary Office at executivedirector@rotaryspokane.com to receive a Rotary Club 21 banner to exchange.

For Club 21 members who have banner exchanges to return to the club please complete a banner information sheet and contact the Rotary Office to schedule a time to present the banner to Rotary 21 during an upcoming Thursday meeting.

Once a banner has been presented to the club, the Rotary Office will place the banner and its banner information sheet into a protective display sleeve and add the page to the Rotary 21 Banner binder.

The Rotary 21 Banner binder will be set up for display near the badge boxes to be viewed by Rotarians at their leisure during any regular Thursday Rotary meeting.

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Banner Information Sheet

**This banner was given to the Rotary Club of Spokane 21 from the
Rotary Club of**

on the following date

The Rotary 21 member who completed this exchange was

Notes about this banner exchange

Rotary 21 Banner

designed by Hara Alison

Rotary  **Club of
Spokane 21**



SPOKANE, WASHINGTON USA
