



Bridges

Team Rotary's Connector

March 2017

Monthly Newsletter of Rotary District 5030



Bo Darling
District Governor

Special Observance Month - Water and Sanitation



Bellevue Botanical Garden



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The Bridge Deadline

Articles & Club Ads

Send to: carmamckay@gmail.com

Deadline: 25th of each month.

Submit text in the body of an email or as a Word.doc. Ads need to be in .jpg format.

A "Tip of the Hat" to our many Clubs who are, so effectively, addressing the March Theme: Water and Sanitation. Think how many lives are being impacted--and actually saved--by your efforts. We don't just build wells and walk away, we are answering Rotary's Challenge, by working with communities to improve access to clean water, sanitation and (particularly for girls) hygiene facilities.

PLAN: Please note our 5030 district conference is quickly approaching—April 21-23, at the Portland Hilton. Do make your hotel reservations, as the window of reduced rate is closing in a few weeks. We have an excellent program for you and hope you can join us, and your fellow Rotarians for this annual Celebration of Clubs, the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, and the 30th year of Women in Rotary.

There will be golf (Thursday AM), a great variety of educational and motivational break-outs, outstanding music, dinner and dancing and some SURPRISES!

SPRING FLING...Come one, come all...to this family friendly District Social April 5th, at Pickering Barn in Issaquah.

Details

Bo Darling, DG



WOMEN IN ROTARY
30TH ANNIVERSARY
1987-2017

Rotary Spring Fling April 5th

You're invited to join District Governor Bo Darling and Patti Darling for the last party of the Rotary year. We promise it will be FUN and FREE! See details below.



Pickering Barn Issaquah

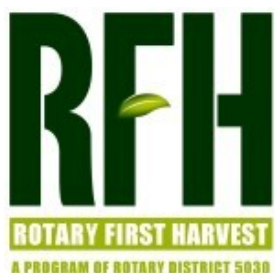
- ◆ **When:** April 5th from 5pm – 8pm
- ◆ **Where:** Pickering Barn Issaquah (1730 - 10th Ave NW)
- ◆ **Who:** Rotarians, family and guests (kids are welcome!)
- ◆ **What:** Family-Friendly "Spring Fling" with fun tailgate style games/competitions
- ◆ **Food:** There will be a food truck on site with food available for purchase – come hungry!
- ◆ **Beverages:** We will be providing complementary beverages including beer, wine, water and soft drinks

RSVP

Claudine Campbell

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Amazing Online Offerings! Rotary First Harvest's Hearts & Wine Online

Come as you are to support Rotary First Harvest's work of bringing healthy surplus produce into food banks throughout the NW. From the comfort of your own home, you can view the over 50 items so far including tickets to local attractions, vacation delights such as a stay in Maui and a certificate for a deeply discounted Disney cruise, home items such as a Keurig machine and a yard of Cedar Grove Compost, and so much more!

Bidding opens March 1st, 2017

on the Bidding for Good platform. It costs nothing to look and bidding is easy. A preview and details can be found here: <https://www.firstharvest.org/hearts-and-wine-online/>



Founded in 1972, the Mercer Island Rotary Half Marathon is an annual event which encourages runners and walkers to put their feet forward to help support Colon Cancer Awareness and Prevention, and to support the Mercer Island Rotary Foundation with its contributions to local, regional and international charitable organizations.

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Click the Green tab to Register

Register Now



Seattle #4 Rotary private viewing of the movie SOLD April 4 at SIFF:

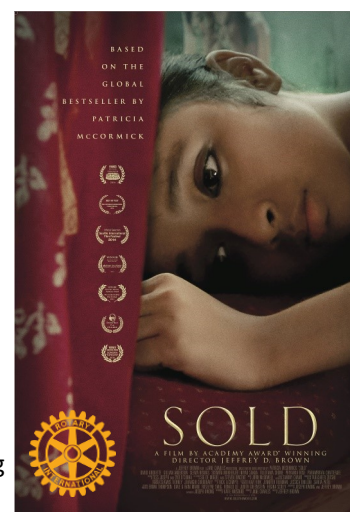


On April, 4 Seattle #4 Rotary is hosting a private viewing of the movie SOLD. This movie tells the story of a Nepal girl who gets tricked into prostitution and is designed for audiences aged 13+.

Sex trafficking is a delicate issue. It's complex. It's dark. Please let Seattle #4 Rotary serve as your community living room. The theater seats 250 guests. Tickets are only \$11/ea + \$5 handling fee.

Please invite your friends, family, prospective members and especially the teenagers in your life. After the movie Cathy Gibson, Seattle 4 President, will moderate a panel discussion with the movie producer, the Executive Director of Spruce Street Crisis Care Clinic and a survivor of prostitution.

If you'd like to help End Sex Trafficking Now, please reach out to Virginia McKenzie at Seattle #4 Rotary. She is looking for allies.



Sex trafficking happens to good kids, from good families. We can protect our loved ones by raising awareness. Hope to see you there!

<https://new.tugg.com/events/sold-rxyt>



Save the Date

**2017 User Group
Conference**

Denver,
Colorado

**September 28-
October 1, 2017**



DAC db
District and Club database

Denver Marriott South Park Meadows



Polio Update *by Steve Crane*

Bill and Melinda Gates Inspired by Rotary's Polio Persistence



Bill and Melinda Gates included the following in their Annual Letter this year:

Melinda: We're inspired by the infinite persistence of Rotary International. They were leading this fight (against polio) long before we joined it, and they've just kept moving forward. They know that going from 350,000 cases to 37 (in 2016) is amazing, but success is zero.

Bill: It's thrilling to be nearing the day when no children will be crippled by polio. But we're often asked why we're making such a big effort on polio if our priority is to save lives. The answer is, ending polio *will* save lives—through the magic of zero. When polio is eradicated, the world can dedicate polio funds to improving child health, and the lessons from polio will lead to better immunization systems for other diseases.

Melinda: And the world will benefit from the electrifying effect of ending a disease. The surge of optimism will draw energy and brains and dollars into global health, and that will intensify the fight against measles, malaria, TB, and AIDS.

There are three new cases of polio reported so far this year.

Polio Cases reported as of February 1, 2017
By the Global Polio Eradication Initiative

Country	2017	2016	2015
	Mar 1	Year End	Year End
Afghanistan	2	13	20
Pakistan	1	20	54
Nigeria	0	4	0
Global Totals	3	37	74

Click here to [Help us in the final push](#).



New Website

Check out Rotary.org's modern, new look

Rotary.org, our public-facing website, has a fresh, contemporary look that clearly answers the often-asked question: "What is Rotary?" It's the first step in a two-part update to our entire website: first Rotary.org, and then My Rotary. [See what's changed](#).

A FRESH APPROACH ON CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Give your members a meaningful Rotary experience by offering them opportunities to make a positive difference and connect with others. The following resources can help:

[Identify club problem areas with Rotary Club Health Check](#)
[Develop a long-term strategy with Strengthening Your Membership](#)
[Find all membership resources at Rotary.org](#)

Join a Rotarian Action Group

A Rotarian Action Group is an autonomous group of Rotarians, family members, program participants and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit or water and sanitation. Group members share their expertise by [collaborating with clubs and districts](#) on service projects. For example:

- The Rotarian Action Group for Population Growth & Sustainable Development partnered with Rotary clubs in Germany, Austria, and Nigeria to reduce maternal death by 50 percent at 10 hospitals in northern Nigeria with a program to prevent and treat obstetric fistula, a serious birth injury.
- Rotarians for Family Health & AIDS Prevention and Rotary club members from Nigeria, Kenya, and Uganda sponsored a three-day event to provide HIV testing and counseling for more than 138,000 people.

Read about other action groups and their inspiring service in the [Rotarian Action Groups annual report](#). Find and join a Rotarian Action Group

Join a Rotarian Action Group to share your expertise and make a difference in projects beyond your club or district. To get involved, check our [group directory](#) or [view a list of action groups](#) and contact the one you're interested in. Start a new Rotarian Action Group

To start a group you need at least 25 prospective members representing at least five countries. Prospective groups are reviewed by the RI Board of Directors.

Contact actiongroups@rotary.org for help with your proposal.

Resources & reference

[Rotarian Action Groups flier](#)

[Rotarian Action Groups directory](#)

[Rotarian Action Groups annual report](#)

[Rotarian Action Groups presentation](#)

Tools

Check our [discussion groups](#)

Rotary Support

Questions? Contact actiongroups@rotary.org.



CELEBRATE WITH US!

Rotary's International Convention

What a great opportunity to meet Rotarians from around the world. Imagine 40,000 + like minded Rotarians coming together to make the world a better place. Many from our district will be attending... How about YOU?!?

REGISTER TODAY!

ROTARY CONVENTION

10-14 JUNE 2017

www.riconvention.org

You'll be in good company!

District 5030 Registrations to date include:

Margaret Mesaros	Alderwood-Terrace	Gina Church	Lynnwood
Debbie Cowman	Auburn	Rand Ginn	Mercer Island
Brett Cowman	Auburn	Bo Darling	Mercer Island
Kathleen Davis	Ballard (Seattle)	Patricia Darling	Mercer Island
Kim Lorenz	Bellevue	Mary Ellen Matthews	Mercer Island
Joyce Shaffer	Bellevue	John Matthews	Mercer Island
Kaj Pedersen	Bellevue Breakfast	David Bobanick	Mercer Island
Steve Lingenbrink	Bellevue Breakfast	Caroline Bobanick	Mercer Island
Terri Lingenbrink	Bellevue Breakfast	Claudina Campbell	Mercer Island
Wendi Fischer	Bellevue Breakfast	Geoffrey Owen	Mill Creek
Morris Kremen	Bellevue Breakfast	Lisa Owen	Mill Creek
Paul Chapman	Bellevue Breakfast	Jeff Brennan	Mill Creek
Alexandra Chehab	Bellevue Breakfast	Michael Mallahan	Mill Creek
Paul Osborn	Bellevue Breakfast	Thomas Tochtermann	Mill Creek
Alana Vinther	Duwamish Southside	Sally Rochelle	Renton
Laverne McIntyre	Duwamish Southside	Lori Church-Pursley	Renton
Melvin McDonald	Duwamish Southside	Catherine Gibson	Seattle
Elizabeth Freese	Edmonds	Jean Thompson	Seattle
Patricia Thorpe	Edmonds	Lisa Mayfield	Seattle
David Kaufer	Edmonds	Mason Sizemore	Seattle
Jim Crim	Edmonds Daybreakers	Roberta Nestaas	Seattle
Nancy Crim	Edmonds Daybreakers	Jann Curley	Seattle
Howard Cohen	Emerald City	Virginia McKenzie	Seattle
Trond Bodal	Emerald City	Tom Mesaros	Seattle
Charles Grass	Issaquah	Corinne Cavanaugh	Seattle
Kathy Johnson	Issaquah	Mark Wright	Seattle
Katie Ginn	Issaquah	Kathy Williams	Seattle
William Shott	Kent	Jim. Moore	Seattle
Julie Shott	Kent	Judy Ginn	Seattle-International District
Nathan H Box	Kent	Larry Mar	Seattle-International District
Alan Merry	Lake Forest Park	Lloyd Hara	Seattle-International District
Robin Lee Roat	Lake Forest Park	Dave Cheeney	Shoreline
Paul McMurry	Lake Forest Park	Lynn Cheeney	Shoreline
Ed Pearson	Lake Forest Park	Bill MacCully	Shoreline
Debbie Bodal	Lynnwood	Judy MacCully	Shoreline
Marilla B. Sargent	Lynnwood	Scott Saunders	Shoreline
Gunnvor Tveidt	Lynnwood	Linda Coffey	Shoreline
Jay Tveidt	Lynnwood	Raymond Coffey	Shoreline
		Irene Wagner	Shoreline Breakfast
		Jill Lorenz	Southcenter, Tukwila
		Yobi Mulugeta	University District of Seattle
		Ezra Teshome	University District of Seattle
		Paula Laschober	University District of Seattle
		Connie Sizemore	University District of Seattle
		Carma McKay	University District of Seattle
		Paul Meyer	University District of Seattle
		Ed Sider	University District of Seattle
		Kay Rodriguez	University District of Seattle
		Jessica Perkins	University District of Seattle
		Omara Benjamin Abe	University District of Seattle
		Carol Rosenstein	Vashon Island
		Amy Huggins	Vashon Island
		Pamela Godt	Vashon Island
		Earl Godt	Vashon Island
		Karin Enger	West Seattle
		John Enger	West Seattle
		Dave Nichols	West Seattle
		Susanne Gee	West Seattle
		Alex Hopkins	Woodinville
		Julie Hopkins	Woodinville
		Ervin DeSmet	Woodinville
		Jeannie DeSmet	Woodinville



ROTARACT

And...Whoosh!! There it went! Two thirds of Rotary Year 2016-17 just rushed by. We hope it was as productive and as satisfying for all our district's Rotary members as it has been for our Rotaract clubs. Fortunately, we can all still look forward to our District Conference 2017, on April 21st through the 23rd. Our Rotaract clubs are certainly excited to participate and are gearing up for a big presence this year. District 5030 Rotaract will put on this year's Saturday general session. Look for highlights from each club, an introduction to club representatives, a main speaker and, of course, a great emcee! We are hearing of plans from several of our Rotaract clubs and it sounds like we can expect another substantial delegation from them again this year.

We can all help get these dynamic young Rotarians to the conference... Here's how:

- ★ Sponsor clubs and liaisons can check in and see what support would be most helpful.
- ★ Rotarians driving to conference could offer any extra passenger space to reduce travel expense for these young Rotarians.
- ★ Rotary clubs across the district can contribute funds to defray registration, meal and lodging expense.

Our Rotaract members add so much to the positive energy at these events. A little extra support is well invested. To offer specific help or to inquire how to help, contact the clubs themselves using:

<http://www.5030rotaract.org/rotaract-clubs.html> or email District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Mariah Kimpton at mariah.kimpton@gmail.com or District Rotaract Coordinator (DRC) Mike Madden at mikeminseattle@gmail.com

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

24 high school students will be our ambassadors to the world when they leave for their Short or Long Term exchanges in July and August. March 4 is the first of 3 orientations and social events that the students and their parents will attend. The first orientation is mandatory as they get into the details of having a successful experience in another country, a new language and a new culture. Former exchange students and their parents will relate their personal experiences including the good and the

tough times and how they got through it. At the end of the day, the alumni bring the message that Youth Exchange was a life-changing event for them. Their parents all say that their child returned home more mature, more focused and more open to other people and cultures.

Your club can give this lasting experience to students living in your neighborhood and increase community interest in Rotary. Youth Exchange alumni are drawn to Interact and Rotaract when they return home and will never forget what Rotary did for them. In 5 or 10 years they will be ideal candidates for Rotary membership.

Don't wait any longer to give the Rotary experience to a student. Let us show you how your club can make a lasting difference in the life of a high school student.

RYLA & INTERACT

As the RYLA NW team gears up for the 48th session on March 16-19th, here are some tips on after-action for your sponsored RYLA Participants. By the conclusion of RYLA on Sunday, your students will have undergone a transformative experience. They will have a strong bond with the other students they meet. They will have gained perspective, broadened their mindset, and set goals for themselves and what they want to see happen in their community. They will also have a greater appreciation for the role of Rotary and the variety of programs and opportunity for service. What can you, as a Rotarian and a sponsoring club, do to tap into this energy, enthusiasm and interest?

- 1) Find a time to invite your RYLA participant to speak at your club about their experience. Be prepared to ask them questions about their ideas and goals. If they come back with ideas for service projects, see if your club is in position to support and help.
- 2) Be active advocates for your Interact Club. Interact members who attend RYLA may catch the bug and will want to recruit more students to join. Make sure the Interact club is ready to take on more members.
- 3) If you're driving your RYLA participant home or when you interact with them, please don't dampen their enthusiasm by pointing out flaws or pouring water on their new found ideals. Remember, you may have experienced and observed everything they have previous in your life, but for them, they are discovering the joy of service for the first time. Cultivate this and your club will enjoy the rewards.

For more info, visit www.rylanw.org



LET'S STRIKE OUT HUNGER

Proceeds Benefit Tukwila Food Pantry

Saturday, April 8th - ACME Bowl, Tukwila

Rotary Club of Duwamish Southside

Join us at ACME Bowl in Tukwila for a great event that supports the Tukwila Food Pantry!

10:00 am - 12 noon
Bowler check-in at 9:30

Entry fee: Minimum of \$200 per team (4 bowlers)
Entry deadline: March 31st or until full
Don't wait... register today!

For more information and registration form contact
Kathy Foster at 206-674-4673 or email
StrikeOutHunger@outlook.com

RI Convention News Flash

Meet with Friends & Make New Ones
at this Special Breakfast



Zone 25/26 Invites you to an extensive Down Home Southern Buffet Breakfast catered by Wolfgang Puck

**Monday,
June 12, 2017**

8am - 9:30 am
Georgia Aquarium • \$45

Please Register Online at
www.zone2526.org



Optional: Attendees can purchase \$29.95 discounted entrance fees to the Aquarium for your enjoyment while in Atlanta.

We have also secured a special discounted rate for visiting the Georgia Aquarium. Attendees can purchase 25% discounted entrance fee for \$29.95. Please make your reservation before arriving to the International Convention. [CLICK HERE](#)

Here are your Club Presidents & Assistant Governors for 2017-18



The photo was taken at the annual PNW President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) February 24-26. PETS is a joint effort of the nine Rotary districts in the Northwest area of North America (and Eastern Russia). This large area includes the states of Alaska, Oregon, Washington, parts of Idaho and California, the Canadian province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory.

It has well known exception speakers, informative workshops, detailed district training sessions, fellowship and networking. The basic purpose is to have the best prepared, most enthusiastic club presidents in the Rotary world. Over 550 Presidents-elect attended. all Districts from Zone 25 & 26. The incoming RI Director from the Zone is our own John Matthews from Mercer Island Rotary Club

Of the six Keynote speakers, two were from our own District. John Matthews presented "Taking Care of Members... the COSTCO Way." David Bobanick, Mercer Island Rotary and Executive Director of Rotary First Harvest presented "Rotary First Harvest - A Testament to the Power of One Rotarian to Change the World".



John Matthews



Alex Hopkins



David Bobanick



Rotary District 5030 Veterans Affairs Task Force Committee

Update:

We had a VERY Successful meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at Shoreline Community College. We had 34 in attendance with another 46 who were interested, but could NOT attend the meeting on that evening. Mrs. Elena Austin (Lynnwood) and I wanted to keep you in the COMO loop on this NEW adventure. Thank you.

Ray Coffey

Mission: Redeem Homeless Veterans from the streets of our communities, and assist Veterans for their Total Recovery, regardless of time.

RD-5030 Veterans Affairs Task Force Committee is a joint partnership with Rotarians, Veteran Service Organizations, Local Government, Health Experts and Citizen-Patriots who wish to improve the quality of life for US Veterans and their families. We will speak out on veterans' issues and influence public policy to positively resolve an important community crises affecting all in our society.

We would like to invite interested Rotarians to participate in this new Partnership Task Force. For Additional information, please, contact Committee Chair: Army Veteran **Raymond W. Coffey**, Shoreline Rotary Club via phone: 206-510-8428 and/or email: rwLJ3coffey@gmail.com.

Proud Sponsor of our District Conference



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Claudina Campbell, CFP® – Advisor

We have several sponsor opportunities for the District Conference. For more information contact Bill McElroy at 425 483-2169 or email billmcelroy@frontier.com

Scholarships Available for MS Degree in the Netherlands - Water & Sanitation

Dear district governors, district Rotary Foundation committee chairs, district scholarships subcommittee chairs, and district grants subcommittee chairs:

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are working together to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis and are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The partnership aims to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. Graduates work with their Rotary club sponsors on a related project to benefit their local community. **The application deadline is 15 June.** For more information, review the [application toolkit](#) and [scholarship terms and conditions](#).

If you have questions, please contact grants@rotary.org.

Sincerely,

Abby McNear
Rotary Grants Manager
Tel 1.847.425.5656
www.rotary.org

A Membership Recruitment Idea

Dear Bo,

I just wanted to share our amazing membership drive. Blake Messer President-elect (yay!) is a marketing guy and he came up with this video which we posted on facebook. We paid \$500 to boost the post and we had 13,000 views in 2 weeks (all in our area). Because of the video we have 25 people interested in joining Rotary, about 20 have attended a lunch or two. Four have already joined with another 2 applications this week. The video ran two weeks prior to Thanksgiving. I am putting the link below so you can watch it. We held up the papers because a lot of people do not have their sound on but will watch the videos. Enjoy! (we left the bloopers in for fun).

<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDesMoinesWA/videos/10154652241297152/>

Carri Litowitz - President Des Moines Normandy Park Club

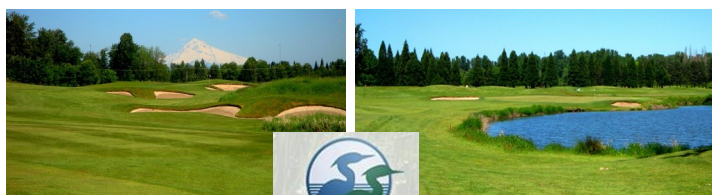


10th Annual Rotary District 5030 Conference Golf Classic

Thursday, April 20, 2017

**Heron Lakes Golf Club,
Great Blue Course**

\$130 per person Early Bird
(\$150 after April 7th)



- Scramble Format
- Check-In 10:30 am
- Shotgun Start - 12:30 am
- Driving Range *Carts
- Box Lunch
- Raffles, Prizes & Foundation Credit!
- Sign up individually or as a foursome

All proceeds benefit The Rotary Foundation

Heron Lakes Golf Club Website [Click Here](#)



REGISTER FOR THE 2017 DISTRICT CONFERENCE!

Join Rotarians from across the district to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary International Foundation and the 30th anniversary of women in Rotary with a weekend of fun, fellowship, and inspiration. The conference will be held April 21-23 at the Hilton in Downtown Portland.

Learn More and Register

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Rotary Club _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I want to play with:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Golfers: _____ @ \$135 Each \$ _____
(After April 7th @ \$150 Each) Total

Method of Payment

___ Check ___ Visa ___ Master Card

Billing Zip Code Exp Date 3-Digit Code

Credit Card # _____

Signature _____

Mail to:

Rotary 5030 Golf

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Lynnwood, WA 98037

Or email a copy to: **claus_jr@msn.com**

Phone: 206-200-7099 John Claus
Phone: 206-617-9991 Lee Jones