

Rotary District 5030 Newsletter May 2021

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



DG Cathy's Message

Around the Rotary world **May is Youth Services Month**; here in District 5030 Rotarians are actively celebrating youth every month of the year by recognizing Students-of-the-Month, by offering scholarships and mentorship programs, by recommending students for RYLA, and by acknowledging the educators and counselors who regularly work with young people. As we look ahead to the new Rotary year, please be sure to consider what your Rotary Club will do to support and develop our youth. Check out page 13 for an overview of all of Rotary's formal youth programs.

There are still three weeks remaining in the 2nd Annual District 5030 Festival of Training. Please take time to attend at least one of the upcoming 20 sessions – to learn new skills, to get involved in a District initiative and/or to meet fellow Rotarians. The schedule with active registration links is below.

Rotarians everywhere continue to **champion the COVID Vaccines**. To learn more about our District efforts and to get involved check out: <u>www.RotaryCovidResponse.org</u> Important updates from the District COVID Response Task Force are on page 2.

Throughout this issue of the District newsletter you'll find impressive examples demonstrating why Rotarians are "**People of Action**": standing up for social justice and in defense of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, leading in food system resiliency

and other environmental causes, doing hands-on community service, and investing in global health from Colombia to Tanzania. It's breathtaking! Thank you all!

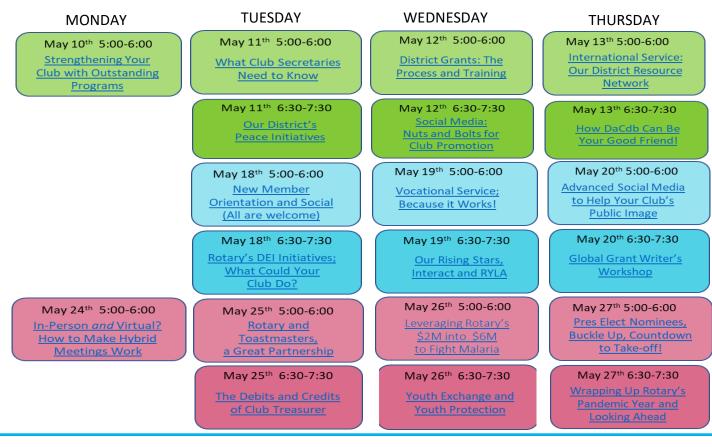
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Rotary District 5030 Festival of Training

Workshops are held the entire month of May. Open to all Rotarians! Click on the title for a description and to register.





ROTARY Response

WWW.ROTARYCOVIDRESPONSE.ORG



The big news from the Vaccine Task Force (VCF-5030) has been the launch of our PSA video: <u>Rotarians Spring into Action with</u> <u>Vaccines – Getting Back to Normal</u>. This video talks to the work ahead of us as we help our communities get back to normal by promoting vaccines to accelerating our return in enjoying our freedoms before the pandemic struck. Please take the time to review the PSA and spread the word on the benefits of getting vaccinated.

We are now engaging in the next update of our website, which will allow us to bring on our partners in this campaign (Toastmasters, Districts 5100 and 5110, and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce). This next version of the website will also allow for us to better report on our volunteers and connect with our social media channels in promoting our blog updates to address the current updates and issues related to COVID vaccines.

We continue to provide updates on our website: <u>www.RotaryCovidResponse.org</u> and we encourage you to catch up on the latest VCF-5030 blog updates that spoke to <u>Vaccine</u> <u>Victory, But There Is Still Work To Be Done!</u>, <u>Synthetic MRNA</u>, <u>The Miracle Technology Decades In The Making</u>, and <u>Our Real Challenge For Promoting Vaccinations</u>. We continue to remain interested in learning from our Rotarians about their activities in supporting the vaccination campaign. Tell us your story, so we can make it a blog post for our website.

Remember to do your bit by telling your own vaccination story and sharing your pictures via Facebook or Twitter with the following tags **#RotaryResponds**, **#PeopleofAction** and **#Rotary** in celebration of your impact.



www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships

We are now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Rotary Peace Fellowship program. Candidates have until <u>May 15th</u> to submit applications to the District. Our District will interview candidates before submitting endorsed applications to The Rotary Foundation on or before July 1st.



Meet **Todd Alan Cudaback** the Rotary Partnership Coordinator for Toastmasters in our region.

Todd is leading the Festival of Training session about the **Rotary/Toastmasters alliance** on Tuesday, <u>May 25th at 5PM</u>. Learn how Rotarians and local Toastmasters are teaming up for professional development, networking, socializing and service.



Register here: <u>https://zoom.us/meeting/register/</u> tJYrdeCupjspE9WrbnJ603dnHVDicfM7pkwD

Todd is an accomplished speaker, author, entrepreneur and talk show host. He sees the return on investment from joining Toastmasters lasting the rest of one's life. "Being a member of Toastmasters instills a great sense of confidence. This is confidence that not only do you bring with you to club meetings but into every area of your life, everyday. "



HAH Wins 2021 Green Globe Award

We're thrilled to announce that HAH (Harvest Against Hunger, formerly known at Rotary First Harvest) was chosen to receive the 2021 Green Globe Award from King County as a "leader in food system resiliency." This year, thirteen individuals and organizations from across King County were honored by Executive (and Seattle 4 Rotarian) Dow Constantine on April 21 – Earth Day – with the 2021 Green Globe Awards for outstanding work to protect and restore the environment, including ensuring environmental justice for all. The awards are presented every two years. <u>Click here to learn more about King</u> <u>County's Green Globe Awards</u> (Scroll down to HAH) <u>Click here to watch the King County award video about HAH and our Farm to Community work</u>.





SEE YOU ON ZOOM!

Our meetings and events will be held remotely until further notice. Join our email list to stay up to date! #WeGotThisSeattle



Visit a Rotaract Club!

University-Based Clubs SEATTLE UNIVERSITY ROTARACT CLUB

President: Braeden Camarota Rotary Liaison: Judy Ginn Sponsor Club: International District Rotary Club Website Email

BELLEVUE COLLEGE ROTARACT CLUB

President: Sue McCashland Rotary Liaison: Eric Postil Sponsor Club: Bellevue Rotary Club Website

Community-Based Clubs SEATTLE CITY ROTARACT CLUB

Meetings are currently virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic Meeting: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 5:30 pm Perkins Coie Conference Rooms 1201 3rd Ave #4900 Seattle, WA 98101 Co-Presidents: Celene Haque and Maddy McKenzie Rotary Liaison: Virginia McKenzie Sponsor Club: Seattle 4 Rotary Club Website Email

GREEN RIVER COLLEGE ROTARACT CLUB

President: Michael Allen Rotary Liaison: James Tanasse Sponsor Club: Covington Rotary Club EMAIL

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON - SEATTLE ROTARACT CLUB

President: Grace Musselman Rotary Liaison: Pam Mushen Sponsor Clubs: University Sunrise Rotary Club and University District Rotary Club Website Email

NORTH SHORE ROTARACT CLUB

CO-Presidents: Mia Harris and Nathaniel Gibbs Rotary Liaison: Carol Lee Sponsor Club: Woodinville Rotary Club Website Email

Join our nature walk May 16 @12:30 p.m.

Bring your family, bring your pets! It'll be fun! The walk will start at: St. Edward Park – 14445 Juanita Dr. NE We will meet behind the Seminary around restrooms near the Perimeter and Seminary trailhead. Kindly wear masks, we will practice social distancing.

Kristina Hatting will lead the walk!







Click below for the Movie Night Link:

https://zoom.us/j/99028280516? pwd=cGVGT2IKMDc1Lzd1NUN5emQzK1hLZz09





An Open Letter to Stop Anti-Asian Hate

The Rotary Club of Seattle – International District joins in solidarity with the thousands of Americans in extending our sympathies to the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities following the tragic events in Atlanta on March 16. The hate and fearmongering aimed at our neighbors is yet another chapter in a long history of racism, prejudice and xenophobia against Asian Americans. Locally, we are deeply saddened by the attack on February 25 in the Chinatown International District of Noriko Nasu, a Japanese language teacher, when she was struck in the face by a man wielding a rock in a sock. She was seriously injured along with her boyfriend. While an arrest has been made, it is very troubling that this hatred occurred in our neighborhood. Sadly, many incidents go unreported.

Since March 2020, the organization "Stop AAPI Hate" has collected nearly 3,000 reports from 47 states regarding racist attacks and harassment of members of the AAPI community. This deluge of attacks threatens the safety of our AAPI community and has caused them to live in fear every day. THIS MUST STOP. We must keep raising awareness and consciousness to condemn violence against our AAPI community.

We condemn these attacks and the racist rhetoric that fuels them. We can all work on being strong allies to our AAPI community by utilizing these resources to take action:

- Report a hate crime: https://stopaapihate.org/, https:// www.standagainsthatred.org/
- Volunteer to protect Chinatown International District elders and residents: https://www.cidcommunitywatch.com/
- Bystander Intervention Training: Sign-up for training here

The members of the Rotary Club of Seattle – International District feel a strong responsibility to make sure our families and neighbors are safe. Our Club members are participating in Anti-Asian Hate protests and demonstrations in Seattle, Burien, Bellevue and other locations. They are volunteering for bystander intervention training. Join us! We stand together against all forms of injustice.

What Can You Do?

The International District club invites all Rotarians to utilize the above resources to take action in your own communities. They also welcome individual Rotarians and Clubs in the District to:

- 1. Adopt a statement or use elements of it for your own club.
- 2. View the statement on our website and Sign-On in support as a club or as a Rotarian (http://www.seattleidrotary.org/)
- Join members of our DEI committee on Wednesday, June 9th, 6:00-7:30pm in an open discussion to talk about ways our clubs can collaborate on projects and initiatives addressing AAPI concerns and actions we can take together. Zoom Meeting Link: http://bit.ly/aapi_sidr

RACE MATTERS TO ROTARY REPLAY



On April 17th Rotary International Director Valarie Wafer spoke with District 5030 Rotarians about Rotary's work to promote diversity, equity



and inclusion. Here is the recording of her remarks: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q4JJ1SUqsaE</u>

SEATTLE AD HOC SOCIAL JUSTICE MEETINGS

The Saturday Social Justice online meetings provide a safe space for Rotarians to learn from each other, benefit from networking opportunities and launch independent



action groups to work on systemic changes that bring equity to all members of our community.

Consistent with Rotary principles and practice, it is our expectation that our purpose is best served by always communicating respectfully, with a positive approach toward finding solutions and understanding. Meetings are not recorded. Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Weekly: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/</u> <u>meeting/tZcqfuGtrzwqE9YIfBaLdzwowS2rIPnLz8Nq/ics?</u> icsToken=98tyKuGrqTIiH9WSsBCFRpwqB4r4We_zmGZfj_pktRnH AgxXeBT5IdEQIL5PHvTK

Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83798517092?</u> pwd=NWFKcEInNHVFbjFOQ21LM2JXRit3dz09

SCHEDULE

- May 8. David Della, former Seattle City Council member. Staff Executive for Mayor Norm Rice. Long time champion of the International District in Seattle. <u>Topics</u>: City Council District meetings to gather information from the community, leading to a summit with the City Council. Relationship of the current Mayor and City Council and their roles. Asian hate crimes and harassment.
- May 15 Lisa Broderick, Executive Director Police 2 Peace. <u>Topic</u>: Examples of police department change and reform, that include community input and implementation. A potential initiative for Seattle.
- May 22 Sergeant Eric Pisconski, Lead trainer for the Seattle Police Dept Crisis Response Unit. <u>Topics</u>: How the Crisis Response Unit works, challenges and successes. Mental health professional partners.
- June 5 Chief Harold Scoggins, Seattle Fire Department <u>Topic</u>: How does the Health One Unit work to aid those in need of physical or mental health assistance.
- June 12 Felicia Cross, Director of Community Engagement, Seattle Police Commission (a Dept of Justice mandated oversight body). <u>Topics</u>: Inside/outside the Seattle Police Department. Accountability and community involvement. Ways we as citizens can become involved.
- June 19 Seattle City Councilman Andrew Lewis Topic: State of the City of Seattle.





Let's start to celebrate the end of the 2020-2021 Rotary year.

Monday, May 17th Harbour Pointe Golf Course



Registration has closed for golf however it's not too late to RSVP for the No Host District Happy Hour @ 5:30PM

Visit: <u>www.rotary5030golf.org</u> Select "Happy Hour Social"; indicate the # attending; click on "Confirm & Pay"; enter your name, etc. to complete the registration/RSVP. There will be no charge.



This year's event will connect you, virtually, with members around the world. It will open new opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary, near and far. Together, we'll inspire action, strengthen our commitments, work on our challenges, and celebrate our successes.

Visit the <u>convention event page</u> on Facebook to connect with other participants and share what you're looking forward to experiencing with #Rotary21. The Virtual Convention is open to all Rotary members and participants, so invite a friend to join you or share the event with your community.

Interact: Projects & Planning for Fall Quarter 2021

We are excited to begin our planning for fall quarter, and invite all Interact Liaisons, Advisors & Interact Club members to join us for a Zoom presentation on **Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 pm**. Our agenda includes:

- Community service projects & ideas, presented by Tahoma High School Interact and Kentwood/Kentlake Interact
- Election of officers and new member recruitment, presented by Northshore Community Interact

We'll be sending out more information soon to all Interact liaisons. Please hold the date!









Join the District 5030 Environmental/Sustainability Committee to celebrate World Environment Day 2021! World Environment Day takes place every year on June 5th. It is the United Nations' flagship day for promoting worldwide awareness and action for the environment. Over the years, it has grown to be the largest global platform for environmental public outreach and is celebrated by millions of people across the world.

When: Saturday morning, June 5th @ 9AM

What: An interview with Denis Hayes, environmental advocate and coordinator for the first Earth Day in 1970. Hayes has been president of the <u>Bullitt Foundation</u> since 1992. He continues to be a leader in environmental and energy policy. By mobilizing the resources of The Bullitt Foundation, Hayes intends to make the <u>Pacific Northwest</u> the best-educated,



most environmentally aware, most progressive corner of America—a global model for sustainable development.

Following Denis will be a presentation by two Rotarians from the University District Rotary, **Dave Spicer and Jeff Johnson**. They will discuss the climate crisis and Rotary.

Dave is currently an Assistant Governor and past President of University District Rotary and Lake City Rotary. He is chair for the Environmental Sustainability Committee at his club. He has been involved with 34 international water projects and traveled to five of the six countries to oversee the work.

Jeff, a new member of the University District Rotary Club, runs a scientific consultancy firm. Holds a PhD in Applied Science has contributed to research in various fields including fusion energy, laser-driven particle accelerators, the earth's atmospheric and hydrologic processes, and bioinformatics.





Where: on Zoom (of course)

 Register here:
 https://zoom.us/meeting/register/

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Deborah Rutter, President of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC, headlines our June 26th Rotary District 5030 Year -End meeting.



Her presentation, "From Seattle's Benaroya Hall to the Kennedy Center: Arts Leadership in Action," focuses on new programs she is activating at the Kennedy Center, as well as others she has energized in previous assignments. As CEO of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra, Rutter led the design and construction of Seattle's Benaroya Hall, one of the premier concert halls in the world, in 1995.

Leaving Seattle in 2003, Rutter served as President of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association from 2003-2014. In 2014 she has served as curator and artistic and administrative director at the Kennedy Center, the world's busiest performing arts center. Deborah Rutter is a graduate of Stanford University and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California. She studied piano and violin from an early age and played in orchestras throughout her student days. For her more detailed bio-in-brief, click <u>here</u>.

District Conference - October 2021 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Your Rotary District Conference Planning Committee s looking for talented Rotarians to help with the planning and execution of the event.

This is your chance to meet Rotarians outside of your club and expand your Rotary family. We are specifically seeking volunteers with event planning experience and people with a talent for marketing and promotions.

For more information or to join the committee, please contact Conference co-Chair Diane Tebelius <u>dtebelius@lesourd.com</u> or Trent Mummery <u>trent@onetrent.com</u>.









Celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime Rotary year at the end of June. All Rotarians and Rotaractors are welcome.

Saturday morning June 26^{th.} 9AM -11AM (Online)

- Keynote speaker Deborah Rutter, President, Kennedy Center for the Arts
- Celebrate all new Rotarians who joined in 2020-2021
- District Business Meeting

Saturday afternoon & Sunday, June 27th

Outdoor activities around the District: bike ride, hike, Peace walk, Zoo visit, community clean-ups, picnics

Monday, June 28th at Newcastle Golf Club

1:30PM Golf (*Register before June 14th*)
6:00PM Seattle #4 Hosted Reception
7:00PM Dinner and Program (*RSVP by June 21st*)



For more information and to register, visit: <u>www.rotary5030newcastle.org</u> Click on **Register Now;** scroll down to **Dinner Entrees,** select your entree and then Click on **Confirm & Pay.**

District Newsletter Deadline June 1st

No more than 300 words plus one picture. Pictures and Ads need to be in .jpg format. Ads are limited to 1/4 page. Put DISTRICT NEWSLETTER in the subject line. Send to: carmamckay@gmail.com

Send Us Your Rotary Club Photos

We're looking for photos depicting Rotarians in Action. (Do not send photos of children unless you have a signed release from their parent.) This link will take you to the submission form. <u>https://form.jotform.com/202116947703049</u>



Click <u>HERE</u> to keep up with Rotary International's Social Media sites.



Join Rotarians of District 5030 on our private Facebook group. It's

a bulletin board for so many of our Clubs' activities. Current membership is 430. Click on this link to join. <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> groups/318618285967665/?ref=bookmarks



Harvest VISTA: Summer Associate Positions

HAH is placing VISTA Summer Associates with two hunger relief partners in District 5030. If you

know of a young person who might be interested in either of these opportunities (including any outstanding Interact members), please encourage them to visit our website: https://www.harvestagainsthunger.org/harvest -vista-program-positions/

The Program Coordinator Summer Associate VISTA at City Fruit will see behind-the-scenes of the only organization tending to Seattle's private and public fruit tree orchards. The VISTA will increase the amount of fruit that is collected from trees across Seattle, distributing fruit to low-income neighbors and strengthening partnerships with food pantries, meal programs, and other community stakeholders. As the VISTA packs and coordinates delivery of gleaned fruit, organizes pop-up stands, tells the story of partners' work, and more, Seattle's harvest will be put to its best and fullest use in nourishing neighbors and building community.

The Farm Assistant Summer Associate VISTA at Elk Run Farm will gain an understanding of the whys and how's of sustainable, community-based agriculture, as well as the realities of people experiencing food insecurity in South King County. The VISTA will build capacity at the organization by implementing systems for education and community outreach throughout the various farm.

HAH & Elk Run Farm Says Thank You!

Thanks to the participation of several south King County Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs in partnership with Rotary District 5030 Foundation's Urgent Community Needs Grant program, we were able to purchase and

place a new cooler at Elk Run Farm, a farm that grows produce for 12 food banks in south King County. According to the staff at Elk Run Farm -- a long-term partner of Harvest Against Hunger -- the cooler will be transformative in the farm's efforts to provide



fresh, high-quality, nutritious produce to communities in need. Read about the process and see more pictures on our blog: https://

elkrunfarm.wordpress.com/2021/04/23/we-got-acooler/

Fred Auch Has Built a Bridge or Two. Now He's **Building Bridges to Sustainable Change**

By Amber Cortes, Global WA



Bellevue Rotarian Fred Auch likes to get things done. "Throughout my career I've always been looking for efficiencies," he says. "Let's have an impact and let's leverage as much as we can, so we can be as efficient as we can."

After leading large, complex civil engineering and construction projects (he was the senior

executive of the Pacific Northwest Region for PCL Construction), Auch is now helping support an international effort to bring WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) technology to a village in Senegal by raising funds through Rotary District 5030, a network of Rotary Clubs in the greater Seattle area.

Read the entire story about Fred's work as featured by GlobalWA in April: https://globalwa.org/2021/04/fred-auchhas-built-a-bridge-or-two-now-hes-building-bridges-tosustainable-change/



The Bellevue Rotary Peacebuilder Committee is developing a catalogue of mentoring MENTORING opportunities for District 5030 Rotarians. We WORKS Rotarians have a wealth of backgrounds and experience in a multitude of fields of work and leisure.

Many young people need a leg up--help with school, how to navigate toward careers, and preparation for becoming independent.

Many clubs have an active Partners for Work program or other mentoring programs for youth at various steps in life, but do not have just the right member within their club to step up for a specific task.

Here is the first of many calls for service to all District 5030 Rotarians from our catalogue.

The Lunch Buddy program is part of the LINKS Volunteer program at Lake Washington School District (Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish). The Lunch Buddy program brings students who need a little individual attention together with caring adults. Lunch Buddies spend the lunch hour in a pre-assigned area to eat, play games, make crafts, talk, go to recess and do other agreed-upon activities. We ask Lunch Buddy mentors to commit to one lunch hour, once a week for the school year. The time depends on the age of the student but will be one hour somewhere between 11:30 and 1:00. We offer the Lunch Buddy program in fifteen elementary schools. Due to school closures, the program has transitioned to a "pen-pal" model (weekly email, US mail) or video calls. We will be coordinating a monthly video chat through Microsoft Teams to give mentors and students a chance to greet. All communications will be monitored by district staff.

MENTORS needed in Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish elementary schools: 1 hour a week to help kids and change lives. Become a Lunch Buddy Mentor today! Contact Victoria at goetzenelson@lwsd.org 425 936-1410 or nancypasternak@gmail.com





Combating Childhood malnutrition in Guatemala



Healthy Start

Healthy start is a multi-year program focused on overcoming childhood malnutrition in the Ixil region of Guatemala. Started in 2020 with the collaboration of twelve Rotary Clubs on three continents and a Rotary Global Grant. Learn more and join us May 18th webinar: https://agros.org/do/rotary-webinar





Bellevue Rotary Club Partners to buy modern anesthesia equipment

We are pleased to report that the official ceremony to deliver the anesthesia machine for complex surgeries at Hospital Isaias Duarte Cancino in Cali, Colombia (GG 2012887) on April 15. The ceremony was held at the Hospital with representatives of Club Rotario de Cali. Due to COVID restrictions, other representatives of our coalition (Bellevue Rotary Club, Club Rotario de Cali, Red Cross, and Unicancer) attended via Zoom.

Watch Video 1: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=RKqfCnRhjS4&t=3s</u> Watch Video 2: <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/hidcese_



The HIDC has modern anesthesia equipment

A critical donation that strengthens highly complex services for Valle del Cauca residents and eastern Cali received an anesthesia machine essential for highly complex surgeries.

"Today, we perform 1,200 surgeries per month. This anesthesia machine will allow us to perform more surgeries and especially the type of surgeries that require longer sedation," said Sandra Liliana Velásquez, Manager of the 'Isaías Duarte Cancino' Hospital, which is part of the state public hospital network.

Enrique Jordán Sarria, president of the Rotary Club, thanked the hospital for its service to the community in eastern Cali and said that "this machine will help save lives and its proper use will be in your hands."

Likewise, Santiago Pérez, a member of the Rotary Club of Cali, said that "we decided to deliver this machine to support surgeries at the 'Isaías Duarte Cancino' Hospital and improve patients' quality of life."

"With this machine, we will have five ventilatory modes which will measure the concentration of gases and allow us to assist more complex patients," said José Daza, coordinator of anesthesia services at the Isaías Duarte Cancino Hospital.

The equipment had an approximate cost of 50 thousand dollars and is excellent support for the population of eastern Cali that benefits daily from the care of the health center.

The new Hope Village Rotary Dispensary Serving 2800 Local Villagers in Rural Tanzania is now open!

Issaquah Rotary is a supporter of this project. It's another example of how working through Rotary we can have an impact greater than our small part, leveraged around the world! <u>https://www.facebook.com/SongeasKids/</u> videos/467926620947652

Issaquah Post Office cleanup for "Keep Issaquah Beautiful Day"

Saturday May 24 we're getting the band back together! Er, well, actually we were never a band, but we're getting the Post Office Beautification Crew back together! Want to join in the fun?

For just a few hours in the morning (9 am to noon) the Rotary Club of Issaquah will head up an amazing team of volunteers from all over the community to revisit the cleanup efforts we organized last year (bonus: it's going to be so much easier this time around). Please join us to clean out the 'new' weeds that have somehow jumped into our beautifully cleaned beds throughout the parking lots and up against the building.

We will tend to the plants that were installed last fall, and make sure things are spiffy heading into this growing season. Come for all morning or come for just an hour – this is happening rain or shine! And you'll have company all over town, since the Downtown Issaquah Association is promoting this as part of the "keep Issaquah Beautiful" Day celebration. Details are here: <u>https://downtownissaquah.com/keepissaquah-beautiful-day-2/</u>

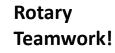
Please bring suitable gardening wear, your mask (we'll keep socially distanced), shovels, hoes and such and hand tools for weeding and working the ground. We'll make sure there's a rake and a broom around for the cleanup. Please RSVP to IssRotaryUSPOproject@gmail.com





Check out the new bench!

The Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown (RCKD), with Kirkland Mayor, Penny Sweet, had the honor and pleasure of dedicating a park bench for the new Juanita Beach Park playground. Kids were playing, people were laughing, and it was a beautiful day! Thank you, Anne Kuchera, for leading this charge for our Club and making it happen for the community!



Great multi-club clean-up of unoccupied encampments by Rotarians from Ballard, Fremont, Magnolia and some charter club members from PNW Rotary Ending Sex Trafficking.







Earth Day 2021 Keep it Cool. Keep it Fresh cold storage dedication and recognition event. Tri-Club Rotary Family Picture.



Don't forget <u>Click Here to Sign Up for Trainings</u>



SHORELINE ROTARY: TOGETHER AT LAST, AT ROTARY PARK

On Saturday, June 12, members of the Rotary Club of Shoreline got together at Rotary Park (located in northeast Shoreline) to rake leaves, pick up litter and fallen branches, prune and fertilize the beautiful (fullblooming) red rhododendrons, and otherwise spruce up the Park. It was our Club's first "official" in-person activity in over a year. The weather was splendid, there were donuts (of course), and a good time was had by all.

We will return in June to mulch the rhodies and do a bit more pruning, trimming, etc. Then, during the summer, we'll water the rhodies every 2-3 weeks to make sure they're happy in the warm, dry part of the year. #supportingtheenvironment





Maple Valley Rotary Doubleheader Earth Day and Community Service

Springtime brought with it growth and opportunity for The Rotary Club of Maple Valley - growth in creating more parking, planting trees, and the opportunity to help clean up Vine Maple Place, honor Earth Day, and enjoy a bit of fellowship. Maple Valley Rotary is a longtime champion of Vine Maple Place, a local organization dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness for single-parent families in South King County offering them safety, stability and self-sufficiency.

Rotarians, Tahoma Interact students, and friends shoveled, raked, spread dirt and planted trees to transform the grounds of Vine Maple Place so moms and their kids can get outside and enjoy this special place they call home.



THE ENVIRONMENT IS IN OUR HANDS. EXT ROTARY TO 555-5685 TO HELP PROTECTE

University District Rotarians Participate in Duwamish Cleanup

Rotarians participated in a special event sponsored by the Environmental Sustainability Committee to spend Saturday, April 17, cleaning up the Duwamish River. We had club members in kayaks on the Duwamish River as well as along the riverbanks of the Duwamish. Those in kayaks cleaned up debris on the water and those on the ground removed invasive species and planted some indigenous plants.

BJ Bullert, a local filmmaker, joined us and documented our efforts. We will be showing a short 3-minute video in the near future highlighting our work.

We got a lot of wonderful work done helping to clean up the environment and worked with the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition and Carmen Martinez, who coordinated the work. It was a magnificent day to be out with temps in the mid 70s and all attendees thought this was a very worthwhile experience. People loved being able to work outside together after our long Covid year of challenges.



Folks attending included Rick Jones, Sheila Hosner, Jeff Werthan, Jeff Johnson, Bill Herkes, Ellen Ferguson, Deb Gumbardo, Susan Sola, Judy Lovelace, Dave and Marti Spicer, Marilee Fuller and her granddaughter Stella, and President Brenda Dimond.

Brenda noted: "Today Rotarians from our Club made a difference for the Earth Day Cleanup of the Duwamish River! Did you know the Duwamish is Seattle's only river? And the members of the Duwamish Nation are the prevalent Native Americans of this area?





"We cannot talk about the future without talking about children. They are our future." ~ PRIP James L. Lacy 1998-99



Each year thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programs worldwide. Young people **Northwest** are chosen for their leadership potential to attend a seminar, camp or workshop to

discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. RYLA aims to: Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders; Encourage leadership of youth by youth; and Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Started in Queensland, Australia in 1959 and officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, the RYLA program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses or institutions and meet Rotarians, while having fun and making friends. For participants, RYLA provides the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with peers and elders; for Rotarians, RYLA offers the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise and bridge the gap between generations. RYLA can help lead to the strengthening and formation of Interact and Rotaract clubs and can be used as a recruiting tool for youth exchange.

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Rotary Youth Exchange is an excellent and inexpensive way for high school age students to travel and study in a foreign country.

Youth exchange gives the participant the opportunity to improve their language skills and school and family experiences will teach them the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country. Each year the Rotary Districts that are part of CSRYE send approximately 300 young people to other countries and accept 300 young people from other countries in return.

Accepting a youth exchange student into your club, community and household can be a very rewarding experience. It's an opportunity for you, your family and your fellow Rotarians to learn about a different culture and also help a young person understand your culture. The goal of Rotary Youth Exchange is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level. Learn more >

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Virtual Exchanges between students may become another program of Rotary Youth Exchange. The pandemic has stopped in-person exchanges until the summer of 2022 but the desire to introduce international students to each other is as strong as ever. Craig Nelson, a member of the Youth Exchange

Committee, assisted by Rotarians and Interactors is planning for Virtual Exchanges for students in 5030. Other Districts in the US, Brazil and India are already introducing students to each other online.

With increased global immunizations, we are hopeful that inperson exchanges will begin in July, 2022. We will begin recruiting in September of this year to Interact members for the family to family Summer Program. Who could resist 30 days in another country during summer vacation? For information, contact Hal Beals at hwbeals@gmail.com



Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club comprised of 14-18 year olds. Interact gives young people the opportunity to take part in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends. Members exchange ideas, opinions and plans with other talented, energetic people, in an atmosphere free from negative pressures and distraction. Interact strives to promote student leadership, local volunteer service, and to make members aware of the many global and world issues that effect people everyday. Ultimately, students can: Become acquainted with a premiere service organization (Rotary International) and proven leaders from communities throughout Rotary; Learn how to manage and head community service projects; Learn about other Rotary club programs including Rotaract (service club for young adults), Earlyact (a service club for primary school students), youth exchange (a chance to live and study abroad) and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

The word Interact stands for "international action" and today there are more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries.