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Monthly Newsletter of Rotary District 5030

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Special Observance Month: Disease Prevention & Treatment - Alex Hopkins, District Governor

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Newsletter Deadline

Articles & Club Ads

Send to: carmamckay@gmail.com
 Deadline: **25th of each month**
 Submit text email or Word.doc
 Ads need to be in .jpg format.

District Governor Message



Happy New Year! This is Rotary Awareness Month and a great reminder that the "Rotary Onion" has many layers to explore. There are some fantastic opportunities coming up with the Vancouver, BC Presidential Peace Conference in February,

our District Conference in April and the Rotary International Convention in June. Whether you attend one or all of these events, you will find the bigger picture of Rotary all around us. It is very rewarding to see all of the good Rotarians are achieving here and around the world.

Many folks have asked what I will be focusing on in the New Year now that all the "Official" DG Club visits are completed. First off, I've been visiting clubs to present Foundation Awards which were achieved last year (2016-

2017). I am about half way done and enjoying being able to personally honor individual club members. Another big focus now is the District Conference at the Tulalip. The District Conference Team has been meeting for almost two years now to ensure this conference will be "off the charts!" Please register now if you haven't already and make sure you have your discounted Hotel Room reserved for the weekend. Finally, we all will be working hard to make sure our new business directory and network keeps growing. Please be sure to check www.pugetsoundrotarynetwork.org the next time you need something.

Enjoy the start of 2018 and keep exploring the wide world of Rotary.

Alex & Julie

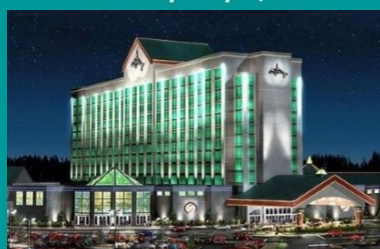
2018 Rotary District 5030 Conference

April 27 thru 29 - Tulalip Resort



Click Here to Register

Full Conference Registration - \$340
 Rotaract & Interact \$199
 Saturday only - \$199



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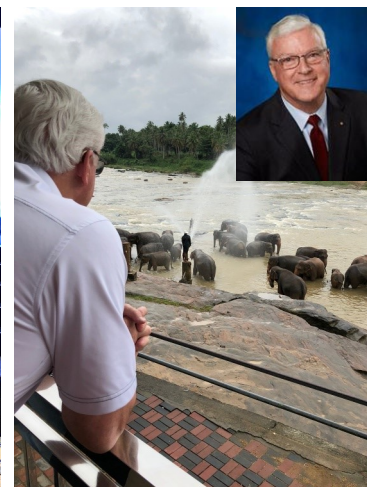
Our RI Director John Matthews Traveling the Globe on Official Rotary Business



Ride to End Polio participants Mary Ellen Matthews, Director John, TRF Trustee Brenda Cressy, PDG 5500 Sally Montagne. On Saturday, November 18, 2017, several thousand riders in the Tucson desert and on stationary bikes around the US rode up to 106 miles to raise money for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. By partnering with the Gates Foundation matching dollars, almost \$10 million was raised! What an event!



Sri Lanka - Blessing a Colombo area Rotary/Rotaract meeting with RIP Ian Riseley, PRIP KR Ravindran, RI Director John Matthews. - (Right - John taking a few minutes to watch orphaned elephants in Sri Lanka.)



Join Us for Rotary First Harvest Hearts & Wine

February 9, 2018 from 6-9 pm
at The Foundry by Herban Feast.
4130 1st Avenue South, Seattle, WA

Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased: [HERE](#)

Enjoy wine tasting from some of the region's best wineries, a full buffet dinner, live jazz, access to a lively auction, and more!

All proceeds benefit Rotary First Harvest's efforts to rescue millions of pounds of produce and move them to our food bank partners for hunger relief.



June 23 - 27, 2018

Register by March 31 to take advantage of the pre-registration discount.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Inspiration
AROUND
EVERY CORNER



Convention



Our Rotarians: Making a Difference !!!



What a great day for our Community and Mercer Island Rotary!!! Thank you so much to everyone who braved the cold and participated in the 2 Ceremonies as we raised our first of 30 poles in honor of Peace in our world. "May Peace Prevail On Earth" is the prayer translated into 8 different languages per pole.

The Jewish Community Center chose to plant their pole in their Community Garden. They were SO GRATEFUL for our

ONE Rotarian with a Passion to end Sex Trafficking

Meet Virginia McKenzie, D5030 Rotarian of the year 2016.



Why the interest in trafficking and what drives your work?

StolenYouth came to speak at my Rotary Club [Seattle 4] a few years ago. I distinctly remember the moment when my whole club gasped with shock and horror to learn that 80% of the sex buyers schedule their appointments from their offices in the middle of downtown Seattle. Most Rotarians are business owners and managers. Realizing that sex trafficking was happening right under our noses was a real wake up call.

How have you seen the Rotary community come together around this issue?

I have a Rotary Pin that says "End Sex Trafficking Now." At first I was shy to wear it in business settings because I felt it was too edgy. But I have been really taken back by the positive response it's gotten. It's opened up some really tender conversations. I have learned that many of my professional associates are interested in this topic and many are contributing directly in their own way or really want to.

Can you give a few examples of Rotary's involvement in antitrafficking efforts in our community?

*Seattle Rotary sponsored a \$20k grant to help Spruce Street Crisis Residential Center upgrade their facilities. The D5030 PeaceBuilder Committee has hosted two movie screenings: *SOLD* and *I Am Jane Doe* with 150 guests in attendance at each. We helped StolenYouth promote their candlelight vigil on June 10th. This candlelight vigil in Seattle happened in conjunction with a much larger candlelight vigil at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta on the same evening. It's very exciting to see Rotarians from all around the world take a stand against human slavery.*

Do you have advice for other people who want to help? The sexual exploitation of youth is a dark issue. It's haunting!! It has wormed its way into my heart and mind in ways that were impossible to predict. As you engage it's helpful to have friends and family to talk to and decompress with. I am very grateful to

contribution to their commitment to inclusion. We even got to share the experience with some of the children from their early learning programs.

Also present were representatives from a new volunteer group on Mercer Island called MI One. They are a relatively newly formed volunteer group devoted to diversity education and awareness amongst our youth. here was also a Reporter present from the Mercer Island Reporter. THANK YOU Jenn Sells!!!

A special shout out as well to Bruce Fletcher who planted both poles and made it look seamless!!!

We'll be doing a more in depth re-cap on Tuesday, January 16th as we welcome Cathy Gibson, the District Peace Committee Chair. ~ Elizabeth Baska

CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING: THE IMPACTS OF RACE, GENDER, AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Thu, January 18, 2018

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM PST

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Discovery Center
440 5th Ave N | Seattle, WA 98109

Tickets Required - \$10 [CLICK HERE](#)

Panel discussion that will explore racial, gender and economic inequalities in child sex trafficking. An estimated 300 - 500 children are trafficked each year in Seattle. This issue disproportionately affects children who are unstably housed, victims of sex abuse, economically disadvantaged, and persons of color.

Panelists: Yasmin Vafa, Rights4Girls; Ted Bunch, A CALL TO MEN and more! Moderators:

StolenYouth board members: Val Richey, KC Sr. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Susan Long-Walsh, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Before and after the program, guests are welcome to explore the "Women Hold Up Half the Sky" exhibit in the Discovery Center galleries and find ways to get involved with a variety of local partner organizations. For more information contact rachel@stolenyouth.org

be helping to raise awareness alongside my friends in Rotary and StolenYouth. They help me stay upbeat about working towards a solution.

What is ahead for Rotary and our community partners in the fight against sex trafficking?

On January 21, the D5030 PeaceBuilder Committee is hosting a potluck dinner to celebrate all of our successes for 2017 and rally around next steps. At the potluck Rotarians will be introduced to community partners from StolenYouth and other organizations fighting sex trafficking. Ideas and materials will be shared for how to introduce this topic to your Rotary Club. Also there is a Rotary District Grant and Rotary Global Grant being formulated. The Rotarian advocate for each grant and the community partners will be available for questions. There is room for additional Rotary Clubs to join both grants. **Please join us and RSVP to the potluck dinner here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/end-sex-trafficking-now-whats-ahead-for-rotary-our-community-partners-tickets-41361389028>



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Report

From Mike Montgomery, PDG

Here are the top 10 clubs year-to-date (Dec 14th) in overall Annual Fund giving and in per capita contributions.

Remember, **half of what we contribute to the Annual Fund** this Rotary Year will come back to us in July, 2021 as part of our District Designated Fund (DDF.) We use the DDF to match club cash for district and global grant projects and scholarships.

D5030 Total giving to date:	\$266,035
Annual Fund to date:	\$200,976
District Average Per Capita:	\$80.07
Endowment Fund giving:	\$12,300
Other Funds giving:	\$52,759

TOP TEN in Annual Fund Giving as of 12/14/2017

	Club	Annual	Per
1	Lake Union Neighborhood	\$10,214	\$243.19
2	Bellevue Breakfast	\$16,654	\$191.43
3	Edmonds Daybreakers	\$6,570	\$160.24
4	Mill Creek	\$6,621	\$153.98
5	University Sunrise	\$5,130	\$142.50
6	University District	\$14,757	\$137.92
7	Mercer Island	\$15,740	\$125.92
8	Emerald City	\$2,754	\$119.74
9	Shoreline	\$5,455	\$111.33
10	Seattle #4	\$42,802	\$94.49

TOP TEN in Per Capita giving as of 12/14/2017

	Club	Annual Fund	Per Capita	PolioPlus	Total Contributions
1	Seattle #4	\$42,802	\$94	\$2,200	\$50,002
2	Bellevue Breakfast	\$16,654	\$191	\$1,337	\$17,992
3	Mercer Island	\$15,740	\$126	\$5,950	\$21,690
4	University District	\$14,757	\$138	\$1,777	\$16,534
5	Lake Union Neighborhood	\$10,214	\$243	\$0	\$10,214
6	Mill Creek	\$6,621	\$154	\$3,800	\$10,420
7	Edmonds Daybreakers	\$6,570	\$160	\$3,527	\$15,096
8	Shoreline	\$5,455	\$111	\$50	\$5,505
9	University Sunrise	\$5,130	\$143	\$334	\$12,264
10	Emerald City	\$2,754	\$120	\$150	\$2,904
	Auburn			\$3,200	
	Enumclaw			\$3,445	
	Kirkland			\$6,700	

Polio Update *by Steve Crane*

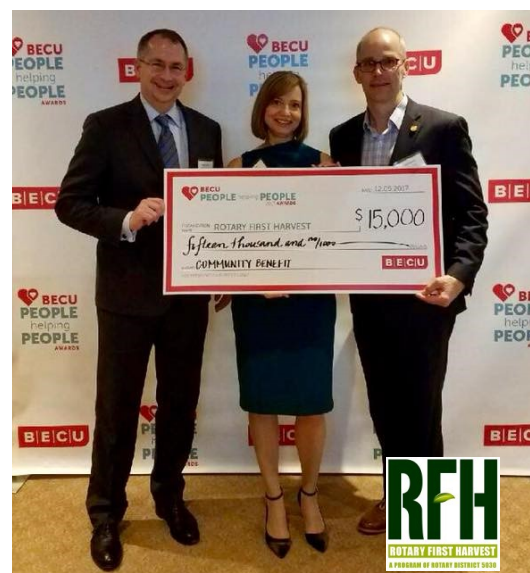
Country	2017 Year End	2016 Year End	2015 Year End
Afghanistan	12	13	20
Pakistan	8	20	54
Nigeria	0	4	0
Global Totals	20	37	74



Driving New Polio Cases to Zero in 2018

Everyone involved in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative is focused on driving new polio cases to zero in 2018 after reporting 20 new cases in 2017. Progress in Afghanistan remains the most difficult, with 12 cases reported vs. 13 in 2016. Vaccination campaigns there are reaching 5 million children each month. Pakistan's progress is more encouraging, with 8 cases reported vs. 20 the year before. The campaigns in both countries are giving priority to high-risk mobile population groups, including coordinated coverage at border crossings. Polio-free areas continue to maintain intensive immunity and surveillance programs. Rotarians are engaged to ensure this work has priority attention at every level of government.

WHO's three year certification period after the last new case is reported will now extend into 2021, adding to the global funding needed. While the current outlook for US government appropriations at last year's levels remains positive, the final agreement for the current fiscal year has still not been reached as this is written. It is anticipated that sustaining the current funding levels in the next fiscal year will be much more difficult. Grassroots Rotarian advocacy will continue to make our case that the priceless return on sustaining this investment is ending polio forever.



Thank you [BECU](#) for awarding RFH the People Helping People award!



For nearly 15 years, the Rotary Club of Woodinville has provided over 9,000 brand new warm coats to less fortunate Northshore School children. The 2017 Operation Warm Coats was held on Saturday, December 9th at Northshore Middle School, during the annual Rotary sponsored Santa Breakfast. Woodinville Rotarians and UW Bothell Rotaractors passed out 600 new coats and 15 handmade quilts to happy

children. District Governor Alex and Matthew Hopkins, and Assistant Governor Pat Turner joined us in service and helped to make this years event a success. It was truly a joy to see the smiles on everyone's faces as we celebrate the season and another year of keeping our school children warm!

(Facebook photo album: https://www.facebook.com/pg/Rotary-Club-of-Woodinville-125470211790/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10154938189536791)



2017-2018 Shoreline Rotary Scholarship Award Recipients - L to R - Payton Strain, Anna Soper, Shea O'Leary, Ethan Nowack, Lilly Gezai, Emily Faley.



University District Rotarians Hosted the December Rotary First Harvest Packing / Work

It was a very Merry Christmas for families in the Kirkland area thanks to Santa and Rotary!

The Rotary Club of Kirkland hosted a Holiday party for 22 families living in Kirkland on Dec. 16th. The children (over 40 of them) were taken to Fred Meyer, and with their Rotary Escort, were given an allowance to spend as they saw fit. Some went for toys, others shopped for clothing. Fred Meyer was in the Christmas Spirit and gave 40% discounts on purchases.

After shopping, the families were treated to eggs and sausage while Santa's little helpers wrapped all the gifts. Then, they got

one-on-one time with the Kris Kringle himself (Dan Bartel of the Kirkland Rotary). Many of the mom's told Steve Shinstrom, Kirkland Rotary President, without this event there would be no presents under the tree. Rotarian David Mutal, who organized the event, credits generous Rotarians such as Bob and Gail Auslander and Terry and Michelle Cole for making this happen along with the 30 plus Rotarians and their families who volunteered their Saturday so that kids could be kids.





Bloodworks
Northwest

January is National Blood Donor Month

**Donate Blood;
Save a Life, Be a Hero**

NEW TO BLOOD DONATION?

The entire process takes about one hour. You can prepare by hydrating and eating a healthy meal before you come in. While you may walk in to any of our donor centers, we recommend making an appointment beforehand so we can give you the best experience. [Schedule your appointment online](#) or by calling 1-800-398-7888. For more information, check out our [FAQ page](#).

Bellevue Center

1807 132nd Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005
425-453-4011

Everett Center

2703 Oakes Avenue
Everett, WA 98201
425-740-2909

Federal Way Center

1414 S 324th St., #B101
Federal Way, WA 98003
253-945-8660

Lynnwood Center

19723 Highway 99, #F
Lynnwood, WA 98036
425-412-1000

North Seattle

10357 Stone Ave N
Seattle, WA 98133
206-526-1970

Seattle

921 Terry Ave
Seattle, WA 98104
206-292-6500

Tukwila Center

130 Andover Park E
Tukwila, WA 98188
206-241-6300

Our Rotarians Making a Difference



Kent Rotary honored Kent Rotarians for donating their time to organize the monthly Backpack Buddies packing party and deliver bags of food to schools each week.



New Sign in Kent!



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We are here to help you - email us at
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More Rotarians Making a Difference



My wonderful Rotary buddy Trish Bostrom organized Santa's visit to Angeline's Shelter this morning for Santa photos and gifts of warm Sox to each woman! Thanks TRISH for allowing me to be your helper ELF! ~ Jann Curley



Lynnwood Rotary's Annual Santa Breakfast



Since 2009, Lynnwood Rotary's Annual Santa Breakfast has become an increasing success, currently catering to the most vulnerable children in our greater community. Woodway Hall at Edmonds Community College was filled to the brim this year, adding to the excitement of Santa's presence. Miracles happen when Rotarians believe, just ask Santa. He has been with us for several years now. Many of the children "know" him and trust him to listen to their wishes and dreams. The families receive photos with Santa.

Funding for this community event is sponsored by many Rotarians and club fund raisers. The Rotarians bring parents, grandparents, children and others friends to the fellowship of breakfast, desserts and all are able to enjoy free photos, photo booth, live music and raffle drawings for pre-decorated Christmas trees and stockings for all children.



We had fun ringing the bell at Pacific Place today for the Salvation Army! Even petting Berkeley demanded a donation!

~ Jann Curley



University District Rotary Bell Ringers



Lake Union Rotary



Seattle Rotary Club Holiday Celebration



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Awards are Being Delivered by DG Alex Hopkins

Shortly after DG Alex Hopkins completed his official Rotary club visits, he began a second round. Each year Rotary International (RI) sends banners and certificates for the District Governor. The awards are for the most recent full Rotary year. Typically, they are mailed to the club Presidents or distributed at the club President's mid-year gathering.

DG Alex is taking a different approach. He wants to recognize each and every Rotarian for their involvement in making these campaigns a success. What better way to do that than to visit each club and honor their service with a presentation of the banner(s).



Woodinville Rotary
TRF and EREY Recognition



West Seattle Rotary
Presidential Citation and Polio Recognition



Lynnwood Rotary
TRF and Polio Recognition



Lake Union Rotary
TRF and EREY Recognition



Bellevue Rotary
The Rob Rose Award
Rotary Alumni Global Service Award



Duvall Rotary
TRF and EREY Recognition



Mill Creek
#3 Club for per capita, 100% TRF
Giving and EREY & Polio Recognition

Edmonds Daybreakers
#1 Club in the District for per capita
and Polio Recognition



Join a District Committee and expand your Rotary Network. Follow this [link](#), click on the name and send an email to the committee chair or email CarmaMcKay@gmail.com. It will be forwarded to the appropriate Rotarian.

What's Up with District 5030 Youth Service - January 2018



ROTARACT

When Rotaract's 2015 BIG West Conference was held in Seattle, Amina Kapusuzoglu was a student at Seattle University, and got roped into hosting a Rotaract member from Vancouver BC. Her guest quickly sold her on the value of Rotary! Amina joined the Seattle University Rotaract Club and enjoyed the active group service activities very much, especially Rotary First Harvest. After graduating from Seattle U, Amina was attracted to Fremont Rotary Club because the members were friendly and welcoming. She finds the club lots of fun and very service-oriented. Amina considered joining a community based Rotaract club after graduation but decided that joining a Rotary club was best for her. Amina says there are opportunities to build better bridges between Rotary and Rotaract clubs. One approach might be for Rotary club members to visit college-based Rotaract clubs in the spring, before graduation, to explain the opportunities for joining a Rotary club. It would help to consider ways to meet the challenges of young Rotarians just starting careers, in dues responsibilities and meeting schedules. Thanks for joining Rotary, Amina and thanks for your service and your insights!



Amina Kapusuzoglu, Former Seattle U Rotaract who joined the Fremont Rotary Club

RYLA

Rotarians around the world have probably heard the mantra, "To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late. To be late is to be forgotten." Now's the time to qualify for early bird registration of \$275 for your RYLA participants. You have until January 31st to lock in. While registration will remain open through February, the registration rate returns to its normal \$325 per participant. If you have not already made contact with your local high schools, connected with the principal, a counselor, Interact Liaison, or Leadership Teacher, you should. If you know young people who are on the cusp of leadership, talk to them about RYLA and find out who is a good contact at their school to work with to get them to RYLA NW on March 15-18, 2018. Registration and Information Packets were sent to clubs in November. RYLA NW in March is held at Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, east of Tacoma. Participants will experience the weekend along with 130 sophomores and juniors from Western Washington and Vancouver Island. Learn all the details at www.rylanw.org.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

It's another exciting time for Youth Services as we invited 14 applicants to the District Interviews on January 6 at the International High School in Kirkland. This was the selection interview for the students and their parents. Rotary volunteers and former Youth Exchangers met with applicants and their parents over a 3-hour period.

Rotary Youth Exchange is an energy boost to the Rotary clubs that sponsor a student. Imagine the fun that a club can have with a teenager at meetings and club events. They make everyone feel younger and more vital and help the club connect to the world. Imagine a club meeting when the Youth Exchange student introduces her parents to the club and plays a video from her home town. Think about visiting Rotarians from the home club of the Youth Exchange student. Envision the new international projects that your club can start with the home club and District of your Youth Exchange student. The possibilities are endless.

Join the fun and give a life changing experience to a future internationally oriented student. Rotary and their host families will live in their hearts forever – we know this is true. What are you waiting for? Give Hal Beals a call at (206) 849-3226.

INTERACT – GOTO MEETINGS TO PLAN FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Three online GoTo Meetings are scheduled this month for Interact Liaisons to discuss planning for Interact members to attend the District Conference in April. The conference starts on Friday, April 27, and concludes on Sunday, April 29. Since it will be held close to home at the Tulip Resort, we encourage all of our clubs who sponsor Interact clubs to take advantage of this opportunity to introduce the youngest members of our Rotary family to the great work and collaboration we do throughout District 5030. The full conference cost for Interact members is \$199. If Interactors are unable to spend the night, Saturday is day that shouldn't be missed.

This will be a fun and enlightening event for Interact students, and a great opportunity to meet members of other Interact clubs. At the GoTo Meetings, we will discuss conference highlights including Saturday's focus on Rotaract, Interact & Rotary Youth Exchange, transportation, travel permission form, role of Interact Liaisons, and hotel options for Interact students registered for the full conference.

The GoTo meetings are scheduled for **Wednesday, January 10 at 10 am and 2:00 pm**, and **Saturday, January 20 at 10 am**. Each Interact Liaison will receive an invitation to participate.

