

# District 5030 Newsletter

## January 2022

# Happy New Year!



**Howard Cohen**  
District Governor

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### Newsletter Deadline

#### Articles & Club Ads

##### Send to:

[carmamckay@gmail.com](mailto:carmamckay@gmail.com)

Deadline: **1st of each month**

Submit Email or Word.doc

Limit to 300 words or less.

Font: Calibri 10 pt.

Ads: .jpg format.

## District Governor's Message

Welcome to Rotary Vocational Month!

When I was growing up, I wanted to be a high school math teacher. As it turned out, my career took a different course when I entered the hospitality business after college in the resort area in upstate New York where I grew up. Forty-four years later, I am still on course! I may not have taught high school math; however, I continued with my goal of teaching. The favorite part of my career has been to mentor and teach my staff. Over the years, I have developed many management tools. As a result, I created a blog (soon to be a book) to share my management theories. If you are interested, please visit my blog at [managementbyicons.blogspot.com](http://managementbyicons.blogspot.com). I would love to hear your feedback.

What is your vocation? How did you get to where you are today?

Do you know the vocations of each of your fellow club members? Do you know what they do when they are not at a Rotary meeting? How did they get to where they are today? I highly suggest that each club schedule quarterly club assemblies and have members, new and long term, share their careers and their journey to today. I promise, there will be great value in that experience by building better bonds between members.

Remember back to the start of Rotary. In 1905, Paul Harris was a young new lawyer looking to connect with other business professionals to meet and do good in the community. The clubs were made up of members representing a unique profession. No two members shared the same vocation. This allowed each member to grow strong bonds for doing business and growing lifelong friendships. As the saying goes, you do business with people you know and like. What better than to do business with someone that you stand side by side with building a tiny

home, packing food for a food bank, cleaning the waterways, mentoring students, assisting in administering vaccines, distributing dictionaries, feeding the homeless, playing dodgeball and more?

One more way to share your vocation or to learn a new one is to join our district on our **Annual Day of Service on Saturday, April 16**. We will all join together for the Duwamish River Clean Up.

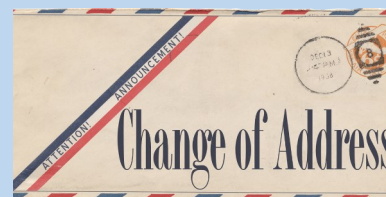
For further information, please contact Erv DeSmet, Chair of the District Environmental Committee, at [desmeterv@gmail.com](mailto:desmeterv@gmail.com). See you on April 16!

Yet another great way to grow your club membership is to invite people from the community. Let them know that we welcome their vocation into our club. This new membership will grow their personal and professional lives.

I look forward to hearing from you about your vocation and journey.

Let's all join together to **Serve to Change Lives!**

Howard



**Howard has a new email.**  
**Please update your contact info**  
**to: [hcdg2122@gmail.com](mailto:hcdg2122@gmail.com)**



## District Wide Service Project Help clean up the Duwamish River

Saturday, April 16

Limited to 50 Participants



## New Member Orientation and Social

Tuesday, January 18th  
5:00-6:00 PM on Zoom

WELCOME!



Welcome to the great big world of Rotary! Join this session to meet fellow Rotarians from across the District, learn more about our organization, and receive a great info guide and resource booklet.

Zoom link to register: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqdO-prDljGdDFmedfcMnu1Q-vE1DZp1pA>



Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-6:00pm on Zoom

Join us for new ideas on how to incorporate vocational service into your club and the community you serve.

Registration link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpduqqj0oHt06o3HtaCHeUd62g5BAKzQ6>



**ROTARY CLUB OF SEATTLE**  
OFFICIAL SPONSOR



**CHARTER PARTY**  
Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm

Welcome to

## The Hope Factory



## A Partnership



Build TINY HOUSES with fellow Rotarians every 3rd Sunday from 9 AM to 2 PM. Maximum limit of 15 people\*. Email DG Howard Cohen to sign up.

[hcohen@clisehotels.com](mailto:hcohen@clisehotels.com)

*\*Must be vaccinated and wear a mask.*



## Some Upcoming Speakers



### University Sunrise Rotary Thursday, January 13

**7:15 AM on Zoom**

[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

### Earthquakes in the PNW: The Big One & the Other Ones



#### Harold Tobin, UW

Harold Tobin is the director of the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network and professor in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences,

where he holds the Paros Endowed Chair in Seismology and Geohazards.

### Lake Union Rotary

**Friday, February 4**

**7:15-8:30 AM on Zoom**

[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

### "How to Save Our Democracy"



#### Brian Baird

The Honorable Brian Baird is a former 6 term member of Congress from Washington State. He is the current Chair, establishing the National Museum &

Center for Service in Washington D.C.



## We're in the News!

This is the January 2022 issue of your Rotary Magazine. Click on the picture and turn to **page 59**. Our DG Howard Cohen is mentioned along with our two cause base clubs, The Environmental Club and the End Sex Trafficking Club.

## Our Newest Cause Based Rotary Club is Forming Now



Do you know anyone interested in supporting Veterans?

Potential members can be Veterans; family and/or friends of Veterans or supporters of Veterans.

For further information, please email Rotarian Bill MacCully at [billmaccully@gmail.com](mailto:billmaccully@gmail.com).



## Please Join the Rotary Club of the Pacific Northwest Ending Sex Trafficking

for our

**Charter Party!**

on

**Monday, January 31  
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM on ZOOM**

Come meet our charter members.

Learn about our service projects and how you can get involved to keep our families and communities safe from sexual exploitation.

We are the newest club in District 5030 proudly sponsored by Seattle #4 Rotary!



**Contact Virginia McKenzie to receive and Evite.**

[Virginia.mckenzie74@gmail.com](mailto:Virginia.mckenzie74@gmail.com)

**Reservations are due January 24.**

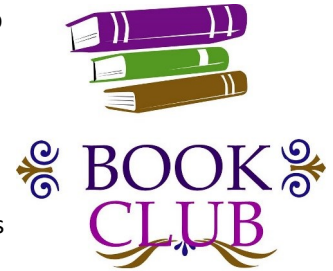
## Woodinville Environmental Sustainability Fair

The Rotary Club of Woodinville is planning to hold an Environmental Sustainability event on Sept. 17, 2022, at the Woodinville Sports Club. Our mission is to support RI's focus to promote peace by addressing the ongoing global environmental deterioration. The event will consist of booths prepared and hosted by various community businesses, educational institutions and service organizations, each demonstrating what they are doing to reduce this deterioration. We will advertise this event vigorously, so hope to attract a large number interested or merely curious residents of the Eastside to attend. We hope to attract a significant number of exhibitors, and that this will be a catalyst for conversation between consumers and providers, encouraging consumers to buy environmentally sound products and services and to take steps to actively support environmental sustainability.

What will be unique about this event is that it will involve local businesses in a win-win atmosphere. Businesses should benefit by demonstrating their commitment and consumers will be motivated to be more assertive in their actions. We are soliciting the participation of neighboring Rotary clubs, and we hope that this will become a model for other clubs in RI to follow. We will keep the district apprised of details as they develop.



The Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound is proud to launch a virtual book club in 2022! Everyone is welcome to join no matter what club they belong to. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. If your New Year's resolution is to read more, let the Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound help you achieve that goal by choosing interesting and informative books.



Here is the zoom link for all our book club meetings:

Join Zoom Meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83716115129?pwd=dHEyc20xM3ZCNkhyd3htT21HdHlVZz09>

Meeting ID: 837 1611 5129 - Passcode: Lovebooks

First meeting of 2022: January 13 at 7 p.m.

Book: We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast by Jonathan Safran Foer

[More information is here.](#)

Second meeting of 2022: February 10 at 7 p.m.

Book: Thirst: A Story of Redemption, Compassion, and the Mission to Bring Clean Water to the World

By Scott Harrison

More information is here. <https://www.givsum.com/opportunities/monthly-book-club-meeting-6c234b73d>

Please join the Lake Forest Park Rotary for an

*Evening in Paris*



A Parisian cocktail party to fundraise and mingle with friends and supporters of the Lake Forest Park Rotary Club.

COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES SERVED

Saturday, February 5, 2022  
doors open at five thirty in the evening

*Civic Club*

17301 Beach Drive NE,  
Lake Forest Park  
98155

Register for an Evening in Paris here: <https://event.auctria.com/e7ab6b44-6cb2-4a62-9171-27f6f9b4aeb5/>

## SAVE THE DATE!

Northshore Rotary will be holding their annual fundraising event the evening of **Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** at **McMenamin's** in Bothell. This St. Patrick's Day themed event will feature live music, a silent auction, a raffle and many other opportunities to support our charitable work throughout the community and the world. Bring your dancing shoes as this isn't your traditional fundraiser but instead a retro dance party! Ticket price will include free drinks and food, so this is one event you won't want to miss. Stay tuned for ticket information coming soon!



**Pot O' Gold**  
**Retro Dance Party**



Help us raise a **Pot O'Gold** to support scholarships for youth and other vital community programs! Raffle, silent auction and more.

## Suggested D5030 Rotary Club Activities to Promote Empowerment of Girls

Ensure that Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) are equally distributed to girls and boys.

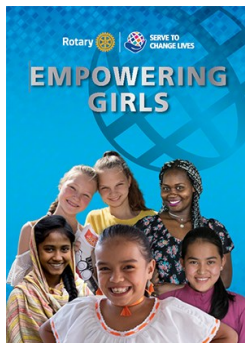
Ensure that your club supports equal numbers of girls and boys to attend Rotary Young Leader Institutes.

Ensure that post secondary scholarship awards are equally awarded to girls and boys.

Collaborate with the leadership team of local schools to promote equity in the financial, institutional and community support for the sports and extracurricular activities of girls and boys.

Inform local junior high schools and high schools of the availability of professional women in your Rotary as guest speakers on career day.

Collaborate with local high schools to organize an annual career fair that focuses on professional opportunities for both girls and boys.



## OVERCOMING HATE: REFLECTIONS ON HEALING POST-9/11

You're invited to listen in on last month's powerful [2021 Human Rights Day](#) event, presented by the City of Seattle Human Rights Commission and the UW Center for Human Rights. This annual gathering of local, equality-focused voices centers on the theme of Overcoming Hate: Reflections on Healing Post-9/11.

Listen as Washington State Senator **Bob Hasegawa**, historian and educator **Tracy Lai**, human rights advocate and peace activist **Rais Bhuiyan**, **Aneelah Afzali**, executive director of the American Muslim Empowerment Network, and more share messages of hope, compassion, and collective healing. Watch the program in its entirety below.

*Note: The livestream option was unavailable due to technical difficulties at the time of the event, but we are pleased to share this newly-released recording. ASL translation and closed captions available.*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTaaYQAFj44>

Click here to join your fellow Rotarians.



GLOBAL CLIMATE *Pledge*

I have the power to make a positive difference in our climate crisis.

I will use my power to do everything I can, through my actions and my voice, to bring about change.

I will lead and encourage others to work as a team to solve this challenge.

Together, we will succeed!

The change begins here, with me, now.

<https://www.globalclimatepledge.com/individual-pledge/>

Remember to post to the **Rotarians of District 5030 Facebook Group** when you've taken the Individual Pledge

– OR –

Email **Erv DeSmet** at [desmeterv@gmail.com](mailto:desmeterv@gmail.com).

## Happy New Year from Your District Public Image Committee!



## Rotary Heroes



With Hosts Mike England and Blake Messer  
More Info Coming Next Month





**Blood donations are at critically low levels nationwide. Let's do our part by taking the time to make a donation.** Go to your nearest Bloodworks location. Tell them Rotary sent you so we get credit. It's simple. Just give them the code **5030** at check-in.

Click the link to schedule your appointment.  
<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/Default.aspx>

#### What to remember for your blood donation appointment

Drink water and eat a healthy meal  
 Fill out [Donor QuickPass](#) on day of appointment  
 Questions or need help? Call us at 800-398-7888

#### COVID Requirements:

- Masks and appointments required
- No guests or people under age 16 permitted onsite.
- See [COVID](#) safety measures

#### Keeping your appointment

ensures blood for a patient in need. When you show up, you save a life!



What do Rotarians Debbie and Trond Bodal do while on vacation in Beaufort, SC? They visit a Rotary Club and donate blood. Rumor has it that they did a bit of site seeing as well.



**WE RAISED OVER \$10,000!!**

Thank you to each and every Rotarian and Rotary Club that supported the 1st Community Rotaract Auction. We had over 20 Rotary Clubs from our district sponsor/participate in the auction. Thank you for helping us provide new books to our local public school libraries that reside in District 5030. ~ Mia Harris, D5030 Rotaract Representative 2021/22

## Heart & Wine 2022 Is Coming

Harvest Against Hunger's Hearts & Wine 2022 will be here before you know it! The much-anticipated event is happening Friday, February 25, 2022 at 6:30pm (preshow is available from 6-6:30pm). To better prepare for the ever-changing local conditions and to include our friends from farther afield, we will once again offer the event virtually on the Remo platform. We are excited to share with you our hunger-relief efforts through this extended pandemic. During the event, some of our partners from around the region will help us show you how Harvest Against Hunger ensures that healthy food does not go to waste when our neighbors need it. King 5's and Seattle #4's Mark Wright will once again emcee the event and they'll be plenty of time for everyone to network and chat. Mark your calendars and register now! Both free and paid tickets are available. [Tickets can be secured here.](#)



## Hearts & Wine 2022 Auction

To go along with our live Hearts & Wine 2022 event, we will host an online auction the week leading up to the event on Bidding for Good. We've already got some pretty great auction items secured, including another fabulous outdoor sculpture by Aaron Hooley, a Seattle staycation, rare wine packages, prize-winning dahlia tubers, and much more! Preview items here:

Web: <https://www.biddingforgood.com/HarvestAgainstHunger>

Mobile: <http://bforg.com/HarvestAgainstHunger>

If you have something to contribute to the auction or know of a great place to ask for an auction donation, please email Lori Church, HAH Development Director, at [lori@harvestagainsthunger.org](mailto:lori@harvestagainsthunger.org).



## Northshore Interact Hosts Successful Sock and Shoe Drive



Puerto Vallarta, a popular tourist destination in western Mexico, was left in ruins due to Hurricane Nora on Aug. 28, 2021. The storm swept over the coast and caused enduring damage and extensive flooding in the area. As the tremendous damage from the hurricane's water and wind became prominent, the **Interact Club of Northshore** strived to help support families impacted by this tragedy. The student-led service club is sponsored by **Woodinville Rotary Club**.

Interact member Juliana Brogan put forward the idea of a Sock and Shoe Drive. Through the help of many other organizations, the donation drive was created to aid this cause.

The club partnered with Vallarta Abuelos, a charity that provides support for at-risk children in Puerto Vallarta, to help deliver the donated socks and shoes to families in the area.

"Woodinville High School students showed so much support for this drive and contributed hundreds of pairs of shoes and socks to the drive," said Maiya Roelen, co-international relations director of Northshore Interact.

Members started collecting donations during the club's Halloween Trick or Treat event. The club connected with the Woodinville High School ASB and National Honor Society to host the drive at the school. Several donations were also collected by The Maltby Cafe, Woodinville Rotary, Woodinville Winterfest and Brooke's Running Shoes. Northshore Interact Co-Presidents Saydia Phillips and Chloe Olson were also able to supply donation boxes to the drive from Brooke's Running Shoes.

"The Sock and Shoe Drive was a huge success for Northshore Interact this year," said Bryan Nie, public relations officer of the club. Roelen said over 600 donations were collected at the various drop-off locations. The club is "extremely grateful" to the Northshore community for showing so much support for this drive, she said.

All donations were hand-delivered directly to Puerto Vallarta by fellow Rotarian Jenny Severin on Dec. 8, where the socks and shoes were distributed to families. However, donations continued to pile up after the drive officially ended.

These donations included multiple pairs of shoes from former WA State Senator Rosemary McAuliffe. The second round of donations is heading to Puerto Vallarta in this month.

Northshore Interact has been organizing donation drives and other philanthropic events ever since it was founded in 2019. Members of this community-based service club represent all major high schools in the Northshore School District. The group enjoys serving with its Tri-Club Rotary family, which includes Woodinville Rotary and Northshore Rotaract Club.

The club also volunteered alongside the Rotary clubs of Woodinville and Northshore at the annual Operation Warm Coats at Maywood Hills Elementary School December. Altogether, about 360 coats and 60 warm hats as well as goody bags were distributed to students. Currently, hygiene and pet food drives are being planned for the start of 2022. Stay tuned to upcoming Northshore Interact events on Instagram @northshoreinteract.

*Dhriti Manjunath, 15, is a sophomore at North Creek High School. She is very involved at her school through sports teams and executive positions in clubs. Dhriti developed her love for writing at the age of 8 when she joined an aspiring authors program at her school.*



The RYLA Northwest accomplished a lot over the last two years. We were one of the first RYLA programs to move to an online format; we partnered with another district to connect students up and down the west coast; and our RYLA facilitator team has grown in number and talent.

*Thank you for your support, which enabled us to innovate!* We are excited to take the

next step when we return to in-person programming at Camp Colman in June. This year, we will introduce a "challenge by choice" curriculum with high- and low-ropes course activities in partnership with YMCA staff.

RYLA Northwest will be held **June 8-11, 2022** at [YMCA Camp Colman](#) (20016 Bay Rd SW, Longbranch, WA 98351). The cost this year will be \$415. Club registration launched on January 3 and closes on February 15. Please visit the following site to reserve your spot: <https://reserveyourspot.paperform.co/>. There is no limitation on the number of students a Club may send, but reservations will be accepted on a first-come-first serve

basis. Registration is limited to 100 students. Registration fees are non-refundable. If a Club reserves a student space but is unable to find a student to attend, the RYLA Northwest Committee will find a student to fill that space from another community. If you are looking for information, visit the [RYLA Northwest website](#) or review the [Rotarian Handbook](#).

Students will be sleeping in cabins with up to 13 other students and 1-2 counselors. There will be more housing options since we will be in cabins. Students must be in grades 10 & 11 (age 16 & 17). Students cannot be 18 years or older on June 8, 2022. Exceptions may be made for disabled or non-neurotypical students who are over 18 years of age and are sophomores or juniors in mainstream school programs.

We will have more materials for potential student attendees shortly. Please reach out with any questions.

*Yours in Service, RYLA Chairs Kate Matos (5030) and Michele Doyle (5020) [ryanorthwest@gmail.com](mailto:ryanorthwest@gmail.com)*





## TAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT HARVEST DRIVE & MORE

During the 2020-21 school year, Tahoma High School (THS) Interact Club transitioned to monthly Zoom meetings, but most of their normal events were canceled. With school back in person this year, THS Interact has successfully resumed its fall community service events. Renewed in-person energy and support of their teacher advisor, Todd Baker, the club has hit 100+ members and has seen large rises in mtg and project attendance. Mr. Baker opens the classroom partition to double its size for meetings. Members are committed, excited to participate, and ready to serve. A new motto has taken shape: Our most successful project this year, November Thankful Food



**Bears Choosing Service Above Self:  
School~Community~International**

Drive, brought in over 2300 pounds of food and almost \$1300 in cash donations. All contributions were donated to the Maple Valley Food Bank to assist in their efforts to bring local families food for Thanksgiving and fall needs. Sophomore Reps Ashley F.

and Hannah M. led the project, organizing a two-week drive at the High School and a Saturday Stuff the Rotary Trailer drive at Fred Meyer. This annual event's success is due to the generous nature of the Tahoma community and the 30+ devoted Tahoma Interact volunteers who spent their Saturday and time after school collecting and organizing donations.



In addition to the Thankful Food Drive, THS Interact has participated in various projects in our surrounding community. These include the MV Rotary Winter Food Drive and Shop with a Cop in December alone.

Earlier in the year, the club also participated in Make a Difference Day, leading two projects to assist the local organization 'Passage Point'. One was hosted at the High School, assembling 360 snack packs with Interactor hand-written messages of encouragement for minors who live at Passage Point. The other involved Interactors assembling flower pots at the Interact Food Bank Garden to spruce up Passage Point's property.



Kicking off 2022, the annual international project will take place in January and set the tone for the rest of the school year. With the help of their Rotarian advisor Jan Johnson, the future is looking bright for Tahoma Interact Club and acting on their upcoming project plans.

DG Howard wants to take a moment to recognize the outstanding work by our District's newly created committee for DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). This committee is chaired by Cathy Gibson, our District's Immediate Past District Governor. Cathy is joined on the committee by many dedicated Rotarians from around the District including, but not limited to, George Northcroft, Rachele Bouchand, Jemal Idris, Dave Spicer, David Della, David Woodward, Kim Moore, Carol Coram, Jeff Werthan, Stu Vander Hoek, Stan Kehl, Felicia Cross, Jessica Bhuyian, Son Michael Pham, Sala Sweet, Roberta Nestaas, Anthony Ives, Paula Houston and Leon Rowland. Please join Howard in acknowledging the

superb work by our District's DEI committee. We invite you to get involved or have your club request a program from the committee. For more information, contact Committee Chair Cathy Gibson at [dggibson2021@gmail.com](mailto:dggibson2021@gmail.com).

To illustrate their work, here is an overview:

## District 5030 DEI Committee

**"Belonging" is the focus of the committee's work this year!**

**Club Outreach.** Provide club leaders with practical ways to enhance their club initiatives that promote "Belonging" by focusing on club programs, service projects, membership development & retention, and club operations.

**Online DEI Resource Toolkit.** Offer curated DEI resources, including videos, books, articles, training, speakers and more.

**District-sponsored events.** After Jeffery Robinson's well-received presentation in January 2021, Rotarians will have an exclusive opportunity to view and discuss Robinson's new documentary "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America".



**Sharing personal stories.** Offer forums for Rotarians to know each other better by sharing and learning from our lived experiences.



## Meet Rachele Bouchand, Our District Governor for 2024-25

Rachele Bouchand will take over as Rotary District Governor in 2024, a position she's spent her adult life preparing for. She just didn't know it. Rachele joined Bellevue Rotary in 2009 and 10 years later, she was elected president of the 180-member club. In that time, she has seen how Rotary connects others but mostly how Rotary impacts the community, something she'll see close up in the year she's District Governor as she visits the 50 Rotary clubs in District 5030 – from Mill Creek to Enumclaw, Vashon Island and everything in between.



"Rotary is a grassroots organization," she said. "The District Governor's role is more about connecting people and clubs, knowing what the clubs are doing and making connections between clubs. We are one organization and members are not limited to only their club. The district can help members collaborate and share resources across clubs."

It's making those personal connections that also guide Rachele's professional life as a financial advisor. She's managing director of Pathstone in Bellevue, where she advises high net worth families and individuals on securing their financial futures now and for generations to come.

Rachele didn't start out her professional life as a financial advisor. She graduated from Harvey Mudd in Southern California with a degree in biology and went to work at Genentech "in a lab with no windows."

She learned that science "is a profession for introverts, and that's not me. I went into financial services early on...I had great mentors along the way," especially a retired math professor who had become a financial planner. "For me it was a perfect profession, using my analytical side, putting financial plans together and problem solving with people and what makes sense for their families."

And when she was elected to lead Bellevue Rotary, she reached out to members for their thoughts and advice. "I was amazed and gratified how generous Past Presidents and members were with their time. Talking with all these people with different perspectives helps me grow personally."

Rotary is a family affair for Rachele, whose husband, Blaise, and 4-year-old daughter Charlotte, frequently join Rochelle at fellowship events.

In addition to her activities with Bellevue Rotary, she currently serves on the Rotary District DEI Committee and Rotary District Strategic Visioning Team. Rachele was also a member of the Rotary International Next Generation Conference in 2014 and as a member of the Global Polio Finance Committee.

## Rotary International and TRF's Position Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination

We see the decision to vaccinate as a civic and humanitarian imperative. Rotary is not a political or religious organization, it is a service organization and this is the lens through which we are advising you of our position.

1. Global vaccination is the path to ending the pandemic and the emergence of new variants. Rotary endorses and strongly encourages vaccination for all individuals including our members who are currently able to be vaccinated against COVID-19. In areas where COVID-19 is surging, communities are facing extreme challenges, health systems are overwhelmed, and contentious rhetoric is dividing us. It is critical that the virus be contained so that the world may begin to heal. To that end, the purpose of this statement is to reinforce Rotary's position.
2. Misinformation has become an "infodemic" that hinders the fight against COVID-19. In line with our Four-Way Test, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are committed to providing our members with science-based information.
3. Rotary International staff at One Rotary Center were required to be vaccinated by 10 Oct 2021, as a criterion for employment after that date. RI's employee vaccination rate stands at over 99%.
4. Globally, Rotary is actively engaged in assuring equity in vaccine access to all people. Our efforts have included advocacy with the G-20, and a proof-of-concept program with GAVI/COVAX to leverage our frontline experience with polio eradication to facilitate vaccine delivery in several low- and middle-income countries where Rotarians are active. While we know many clubs are already deeply involved in COVID-19 prevention, we are working on additional strategies to multiply our collective efforts. GAVI/COVAX is a partnership including WHO and UNICEF focused on global access and delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.
5. Those children for whom vaccines are not currently available are at significant risk. Until vaccines are available for all children, the vaccination of adults is the best way to protect children who cannot be vaccinated. Pediatric admissions for COVID-19 are rising precipitously in areas of low vaccination.
6. Rotary salutes health care workers everywhere as they continue to provide lifesaving services. Local recognition of these heroes by each of our clubs can help to encourage them to continue their important work. Rotary abhors any harassment and attacks on healthcare workers.
7. Rotary and Rotaract clubs are encouraged to set good examples by being exemplary role models; redouble their efforts to support COVID-19 treatment, prevention, and vaccination efforts.
8. Vaccines have proven to be one of the greatest advances of modern medicine. The World Health Organization estimates that vaccines save between 2 to 3 million children's lives each year, and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative estimates the polio vaccine has saved more than 19 million children from paralysis. Vaccines are safe, effective and are responsible for eliminating or controlling many other vaccine-preventable diseases such as smallpox, measles, rubella, and Ebola. And now, there is the opportunity to end the COVID-19 pandemic through vaccines.
9. The eradication of polio remains a goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to the efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Rotarians in Action, Keeping their Sense of Humor & Making a Difference at Year End



PDG John Enger with his Granddaughter.



Erv Desmet? (Maybe)



Mia Harris, General Jimmy, IPDG Cathy Gibson & Virginia McKenzie



Shop with a Cop. Thank you Maple Valley and Covington Rotary for coordinating, and the Soup Ladies for getting food for everyone. Special thank you to all the sheriffs deputies and police officers that supported and made it a fun event.



University Sunrise Rotary had its annual (except for Covid) Holiday Party at Ivar's Salmon House. Ivar's provided a wonderful appetizer spread. Over 50 people attended including spouses, children and grandchildren. Santa was there to give treats to the kids and professional Santa photos were taken. One child's gift request was for everyone to come and have a sleepover with her so get ready for your invites. One child noticed that Santa looked different than last year: a shorter beard. Santa was quick to explain that he had to shave his beard for Covid and was growing it out again. The children were then heard discussing how hard it would be to wear a mask with a long beard. BUT MOST IMPORTANT, 75 plus toys were collected for TOYS FOR TOTS. Any food not eaten was take to the Tiny House Village across the street.



Ballard Rotary ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Fred Meyer in Ballard today. Thanks to all who gave to the red kettle, and to the Ballard Rotary volunteers. There is good in the world!





This is one of the best rotary events between North shore Rotary and Woodinville Rotary.

North Shore Rotary: Day and night, our Northshore Rotarians are working to support our community! A huge thank you to [Pella Windows and Doors](#) for the use of your van to get all of our goodies to our annual Santa Breakfast!



Welcome to the  
Family of



## New Members: Dec 1 - Dec 31

### Alderwood Terrace

Admiral Flunder

### Ballard

Jafar Ila

### Des Moines and Normandy Park

Sandy Bohman

Julia Nunez Salcido

### Federal Way

Linah Atiend Ododa

### Issaquah

Andrew Face

### Kirkland

John Storbeck

### Mill Creek

Gabriel Oh

### Seattle #4

Sue Bennett

Nita Hairston

Ryan Pong

Zach Schweiss

### PNW Ending Sex Trafficking

Leah Van Vu



### **Shirley Lansing**

1929 - 2021

Seattle #4 Rotary



### **William Sroufe (Bill)**

1949 - 2021

Kent Rotary



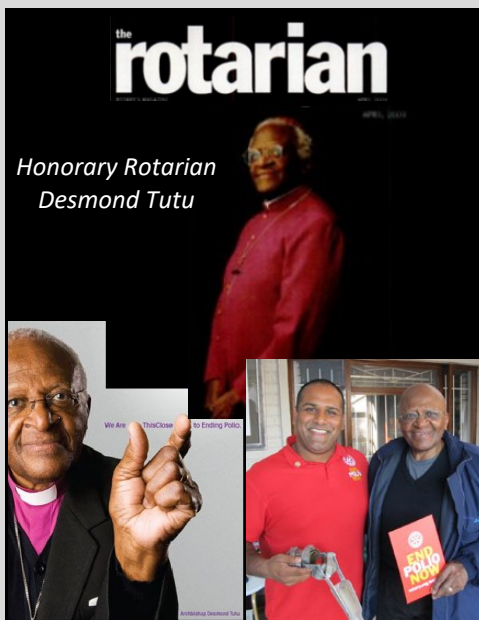
### **Keith Blue**

1937—2021

Mercer Island Rotary



## In Memory of Desmond Tutu (1931 - 2021)



Dorothy Bullitt, Seattle #4 Rotarian and Past President distinctly remembers this meeting 20 years ago and how proud and fortunate they felt to be in Desmond Tutu's presence. "We mourn his passing but celebrate his work as an international human rights advocate."



*"Despite all of the ghastliness in the world, human beings are made for goodness," he once said. "The ones that are held in high regard are not militarily powerful, nor even economically prosperous. They have a commitment to try and make the world a better place." ~ Desmond Tutu*

### **Tutu in his address to the Rotary World Peace Symposium and an RI Convention**

*"God begins to smile through His tears, and the sun shines through. God says that is exactly why I created them, for goodness," Tutu said. "You and I are created for goodness. You are helping wipe the tears from God's eyes."*

*~ Desmond Tutu*

Seattle 4 Rotarian Sue McNab writes: "I had dinner with this man in person years ago during the Seattle visit of the Dali Lama. He was gracious, funny and the perfect example of the servant leader. Half way through the meal, he jumped up and relieved the servers in the buffet line so they could eat and recruited our table to help. It was a joyful evening... his presence on earth has graced us all... RIP Desmond Tutu - sharing one of my favorite quotes of his."



*"We were made to enjoy music, to enjoy beautiful sunsets, to enjoy looking at the billows of the sea and to be thrilled with a rose that is bedecked with dew... Human beings are actually created for the transcendent, for the sublime, for the beautiful, for the truthful... and all of us are given the task of trying to make this world a little more hospitable to these beautiful things." ~ Desmond Tutu*



Desmond Tutu, Dorothy Bullitt, Kay Bullitt at Seattle #4 luncheon