



The Open Door

Monthly Newsletter of Rotary District 5030

June 2018



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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

This is the last month of the Rotary year and is focused on Fellowship. It is a great month to look back on the year's accomplishments while welcoming in the new leadership for next year.

Julie and I want to thank everyone in our District for making this such a memorable year. We enjoyed visiting all of the clubs and getting to know more about the projects everyone is involved in. Together we are accomplishing so much here locally and around the world.

We hope you have enjoyed the year of Opening New Doors To Rotary and remember that as Rotarians and Friends of Rotary, we have truly made a Difference!

Alex & Tulie



Thank You for Opening New Doors to Rotary and making our world a better place!

NOTE: Email addresses for the list on the right can be found by going to DACdb, click on the FIND tab and type in the members name.



About 65 Rotarians will be attending the RI Convention this weekend. Meeting up with fellow Rotarians is always a

special time. Here is a list of our D5030 Rotarians who are attending. (14 Rotarians did not allow their name to be shown when they registered, so we can't show them here.)

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Club Name	First Name	Last Name
Bellevue	Kim	Lorenz
Bellevue	David	Laub
Burien-White Center	Barbara	Maurer
Burien-White Center	Helen & Richard	Clement
Duwamish Southside	Laverne	Mcintyre
Duwamish Southside	Melvin & Mary Jean	McDonald
Duwamish Southside	Sharon	Gregory
Edmonds	David	Kaufer
Edmonds	Elise	Hegrat
Edmonds Daybreakers	Jim & Nancy	Crim
Emerald City	Howard	Cohen
International District	Amy	Orr
Issaquah	Kathy	Johnson
Kent	Donald	Gregory
Kirkland	Joanne	Primavera
Lake Forest Park	Alan	Merry
Lake Forest Park	Leigh	Reddy
Mercer Island	Claudina	Campbell
Mercer Island	Bo & Patricia	Darling
Mercer Island	Alfred & Lucy	Sullivan
Mercer Island	Ray & Gay	Brook
Mill Creek	Michael	Mallahan
Mill Creek	Jeffrey	Brennan
Renton	Larry	Warren
Seattle	Catherine	Gibson
Seattle	Lisa	Mayfield
Seattle	James	Moore
Seattle	Kathryn	Williams
Seattle	Cindy	Runger
Seattle	Corinne	Cavanaugh
Seattle	Gerry	Maurer
Seattle	Jeffrey	Pritchard
Seattle	Jann	Curley
Seattle	Virginia	McKenzie
University District	Ezra & Yobi	Teshome
University District	Omara	Abe
University District	Basant & Sheila	Singh
Vashon Island	Pamela & Earl	Godt
West Seattle	Brian	Waid
Woodinville	Alex & Julie	Hopkins
Woodinville	Maximilian	Zellweger



Polio Update by Steve Crane

Polio Prominent at World Health Assembly



At last month's World Health Assembly in Geneva, member states expressed their overwhelming commitment to fully implement and finance all strategies to secure a lasting polio -free world in the very near term. Rotary International, speaking on behalf of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), offered an impassioned plea to the global community to eradicate a human disease for only the second time in history, and ensure that no child will ever again be paralyzed by any form of poliovirus anywhere.

The Polio Eradication department at WHO is looking for interns for the summer and fall. See http://polioeradication.org/polio-eradication-department-internships/ for details. To qualify. the intern must have completed three years of full-time studies and be enrolled in a course of study at a university or equivalent institution leading to a formal qualification (applicants who have already graduated may also qualify for consideration provided that they start the internship within six months after completion of their formal qualification)

Another polio case was reported in Afghanistan on April 27. During the May immunization campaign, their vaccinators worked to reach over 9.6 million children.

Country	As of May 29	As of May 29	,	ear End	ı
	2018	2017	2017	2016	2015
Afghanistan	8	3	14	13	20
Pakistan	1	2	8	20	54
Nigeria	0	0	0	4	0
Global Totals	9	5	22	37	74



Dozens of graduating seniors receive college scholarships from our Rotary Clubs - Congratulations to the students and to the clubs for making a difference in so many young lives.

Rotary wins Best Nonprofit Act for its polio eradication work By Ryan Hyland

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the <u>Hero Awards</u> of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.

The campaign is an initiative of <u>PeaceJam Foundation</u> and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Rotary and the five <u>other winners</u> will be recognized at a ceremony on June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland, will present the award.



A festive gathering of Seattle #4 women.



Seattle #4 Young Rotary Leaders had a fabulous time enjoying fellowship and networking.



9th Annual LYNNWOOD ROTARY RUMMAGE SALE

July 8am - 3pm 14 Meadowdale
Middle school

6500 168th St SW Lynnwood, WA





For Instance... Got stuff to get rid of? Donations are still being accepted by our donation team. Call 425-750-2571 to schedule your pickup.

Then... GO TO THE RUMMAGE SALE. It's a ton of fun. The community spirit is awesome and it's loaded with cool stuff. SHOW YOUR ROTARY SPIRIT by wearing your Rotary Logo shirt and help advertise our terrific organization.

OR... take a group from your club and go play BINGO KARAOKE!





6pm on July 14

Crazy fun, and serious fun-draiser! 6:30 start, 2 games bingo, 2 karaoke songs, repeat cycle till 8:30.

\$30 regular prizes, special prizes 50% of pot

Click Here to Attend





Rotary Academy Class of 2017-18

Wayne Ottum & Len Burton-Hardin, Co-Chairs





GRADUATES L to R: Ruben Ladlad (Bellevue Breakfast), Arden Clise (University District), Jessie Perkins (University District), DG Alex Hopkins, Sunil Khanal (Auburn), Ruth Ann Halford (Lake Union) Tiffany Whitehurst (University District), Susan Chatlos-Susor (Fremont), Todd Hall (Lynnwood), Susan Sola (University District), Co-Chair Wayne Ottum - Kneeling: Katherine Matos (Kent), and Co-Chair Len Burton-Hardin. Not Pictured: Joseph Bozick (Shoreline), Michelle Chung (University District), Stan Kehl (Bellevue).



<u>INSTRUCTORS</u> L to R: Co-Chair Len Burton-Harden, Chris Davis, Joyce Bottenburg, Jeff Brennan, Judy Tavel, Co-Chair Wayne Ottum, Jeff Goodwin. Not pictured, Susanne Gee.

Marge Ando of Lake Forest Park Rotary was honored posthumously as she has recently passed away.

Congratulations to the fourteen Rotarians who were honored at our District's Rotary Academy graduation ceremony and dinner held at the Seattle Yacht Club on June 16.

The Rotary Academy program is a self-study program guided by Rotary member "teachers" who create the lessons we follow. The program is intended to educate new to long-time members about Rotary. It is an especially helpful baseline if you plan to become (or are) a leader in your club.

Each lesson focuses on a different area of Rotary - governance, our youth programs, our history, our focus areas, the Rotary Foundation and more. There were eight lessons in total and the ninth lesson required a two to four page essay about something related to Rotary using what they learned in the program.

Students started in October and graduated in June. University District Rotary had five graduates this year, which was by far the largest single club involvement.

Note: Arden Clise's essay was selected as the one to be read aloud at the ceremony.

Congratulations, Arden! (For those who would like to read it, see page 5.)







Rotary Academy Star Essay

Climate Change: A Threat to Rotary's Work By Arden Clise, University District Rotary Club Essay written for the District 5030 Rotary Academy Program



Rotary and our partners are close to ending the scourge of polio, however, despite only eight cases remaining there is a looming threat that could dramatically increase the spread of the disease. That threat is climate change.

According to an online dictionary, climate change is a term used to refer to "a change in global or regional climate patterns, in particular a change apparent from the mid to late 20th century onwards and attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels."

Data on the NASA website states that for 400,000 years the level of carbon dioxide never rose higher than 300 parts per million until 1950, when the levels rose above 300. Today, the level of carbon dioxide is at 400 parts per million. A significant increase.

The NASA website further explains that "ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities, and most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position. Four international science institutions all show rapid warming in the past few decades, and that the last decade has been the warmest on record showing an increase of the earth's temperature by 1.53 degrees from 1880 to 2012." ¹

Nobel Prize-winning scientist, Jonathan Patz, shared in an interview posted on the Rotary International website that the cases of polio are very likely to increase due to contaminated water as a result of sewer overflows after heavy rains. As we know, one of the ways polio is spread is through unclean water. Additionally, studies have shown that climate change will impact human health in many other ways including increased cases of heat-related deaths, asthma, allergies, and mosquitoborne diseases such as malaria, zika and dengue fever.

Based on this information, we cannot entertain the end of polio and the next international project until we address the very serious threat to global health and well-being caused by global warming. While I'm not proposing that we stop working to eliminate polio, I am proposing that climate change be added as an overarching focus area because it impacts all six of Rotary's focuses.

Our commitment to **Peace** will be impacted because conflict will erupt when people have to compete even more than they may already for clean water, food, safe and viable land and shelter.

As I already shared, our efforts to **fight disease** will be challenged as climate change will negatively impact human health in many ways. **Clean water and sanitation** will be affected by flooding resulting in contaminated drinking water. Additionally, a warmer planet is drying up many water sources.

Rotary's focus area of **saving mothers and children** will not be possible if women and children lack the basics – access to clean water and food. Similarly, **education** and **economic development** will not be a priority if people must spend more of their time searching for safe drinking water, enough food to feed their families and shelter from increasing heat and violent storms.

I realize the concept of climate change is still controversial with a contingent of people who deny climate change exists or that it is caused by humans. However, according to research by the Yale Climate Opinions Map 2016, 69% of United States adults believe global warming is happening and 69% believe it will hurt future generations. Studies continue to show climate change is effecting and endangering our food and water sources and supplies, human heath, energy, transportation, people's livelihoods and homes and the planet's ecosystem. It is an issue not to be ignored!

According to an article on the Rotary International website, Rotary International Immediate Past President Ian H.S. Riseley made the case at the 2017 International Assembly that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service. Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said. "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern," So, what can we do as an organization to address climate change? Starting at the club level we can partner with organizations that are focused on the issue. We can invite speakers with expertise in the subject to speak at our club meetings. The club I belong to, University District Rotary, invited a speaker with knowledge on climate change to talk about what our members can do to avoid contributing to the problem. We learned that everyone can make small changes such as turning off the tap when brushing your teeth, using cold water when washing clothes and decreasing the number of car trips we make on a regular basis by riding the bus, biking to our destination or carpooling.





Be Brave. Be Inspired. Be a Volunteer.

The Special Olympics USA Games will take place in Seattle in July 2018. From July 1 - 6, 2018. More than 4,000 athletes and coaches from all 50 states and the District of Columbia will descend upon Seattle and the surrounding region.

If you can give of the time in your life so that Special Olympics athletes can have the time of their lives,

If you can support Special Olympics, not just as an expression of charity, but as a form of respect for your fellow human beings,

If you can spread the word of volunteerism because, in giving, you receive so much more in return,

Then, join us.

We're building a powerful team of 10,000 volunteers to celebrate athletes with intellectual disabilities, transform lives through world-class competition, and deliver an inspirational Pacific Northwest experience of inclusion.

From sports competition and special event assistance, to emergency management and behind-the-scenes operations, volunteers of every skill and experience level will contribute to the success of the Special Olympics USA Games.

Positions available from June 29 - July 7.

https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/

Please let Lisa Latchford, University District Rotary, know if you would like to volunteer for the opening ceremony.



Continued from page 5... Climate Change: A Threat to Rotary's Work

The speaker also shared the huge impact wasted food has on climate change from farmers, grocery stores, restaurants and the average person. Food waste is responsible for 135 million tons of greenhouse gases every year, or about 1.5 percent of all emissions. ARotary clubs can partner with food banks, soup kitchens and other organizations that serve food to those who need it and link them with grocery stores and restaurants. I'm proud that a member of the University Rotary club partnered with others to create Rotary First Harvest, an organization that collects excess produce from farmers in Eastern Washington and brings it across the state to Food Lifeline in Western Washington to be distributed to food organizations. Other clubs can emulate the model and set up their own food collection and distribution programs.

Clubs can also recognize or incentivize members who use alternate means to get to meetings. For example; every time a member takes the bus, rides their bike, walks or carpools to a meeting they are entered into a monthly drawing to win a prize.

At the district level, we can apply for a grant for projects that address global warming. The district leadership can also be a cheerleader for decreasing members' and club's environmental footprint via its newsletter, if there is one, and club visits by the district governor. The organizers of the district conferences can include speakers who are experts on climate change. There can be breakout groups to discuss how the changing climate will be addressed at the local, regional and international level.

Further, as with the district conference, the international conference can include speakers with climate change expertise and breakout sessions to tackle the topic.

And most importantly, as I stated before, Rotary can adopt climate change as an overarching focus for the six focus areas. New RI president Barry Rassin seems to agree with this concept. In the July 2018 President's message he stated, "This year, I ask all of you to *Be the Inspiration* for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It's time to move past seeing environmental issues as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water and land are essential for healthy communities — and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for."

As President Rassin states, we must continue to advocate for efforts to address climate change. We simply can no longer ignore the issue of climate change, especially if we want to end polio. Our warming planet is an increasingly serious threat to the fate of humankind. Rotary can be a change agent to get the issue the attention and focus it needs.

¹ Data sources: NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NOAA National Climatic Data Center, Met Office Hadley Centre/Climatic Research Unit and the Japanese Meteorological Agency.

² http://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/ycom-us-2016/? est=happening&type=value&geo=county

³ https://www.rotary.org/en/rotarian-conversation-your-health-risk

⁴ https://www.npr.org/sections/thesalt/2011/10/07/141123243/how-that-food-you-throw-out-is-linked-to-global-warming



Results of Packing Party at District Conference Now Being Distributed

Seattle Rotarians and Seattle City Rotaractors teamed up to deliver 250 hygiene kits for at-risk youth served by YouthCare, and to plant a peace pole in 8 languages as visible, tangible evidence of Rotary's commitment to building peaceful, tolerant and welcoming communities.



Woodinville Rotary delivered the box of Hygiene Kits to Camp Unity. They are planning to use them as Shower Bags to distribute to all their residents and love them! Jill Dolan will receive 2 boxes to take back to Haiti.



More TRF Awards Delivered by DG Alex Hopkins

DG Alex Hopkins continued his club visits to recognize each and every Rotarian for their involvement in making TRF 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). The awards are for the most recent full Rotary year.



University District Rotary - Polio Recognition Award.



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Ballard Rotary Club has moved to the new Nordic Museum!



Opened May 5th with dignitaries from Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland in attendance, this is the largest (maybe only?) Museum in the US devoted to Nordic culture and history. An architectural marvel, this \$52 million museum received rave reviews in the press worldwide. The plain grey façade

along Market Street gives way to soaring ceilings and galleries high on two sides reminiscent of the fjords of Norway. One side displays the history of the countries and, crossing a bridge, the North American immigration on the other side. Between hang huge glass birds created by Faroese artist Trondur Patursson.

On the ground floor, next to the café and gift shop are meeting rooms where the Ballard Rotary Club started meeting June 12. We focus on basic needs, health and education locally and worldwide.

Our **District Grant** this year will be supporting the new Compass Broadview permanent housing building with 59 apartments for people low income and those with disabilities. The Broadview-Thompson Elementary School, where we already support the Global Readers teams, is across the street. We are excited that the Compass apartment building will offer an after school program where members of the Ballard and partnering Clubs will have the opportunity to tutor and assist in their activities. **Please let us know if you would like to partner with us. email:** info@rotaryclubofballard.org

Ballard Rotary meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday for lunch. The Nordic Museum is located at 2655 Market Street. Check-in starts at 11:45; the meeting starting promptly at 12:00, ends at 1:00. Tell the registration desk that you are coming to the Ballard Rotary meeting.

Please come and enjoy the start of a whole new chapter in the history of Ballard Rotary, and let your Ballard and other friends know they are welcome! Fun fact: What is the difference between Nordic people and Scandinavians? Join us and find out! www.rotaryclubofballard.org/



SEATTLE ROTARY ONLINE

Video of Seattle Rotary Programs are **available online** (click here) thanks to the generous support of Seattle Rotary Online Sponsors.

Special thanks to our Gold Level Sponsors, Ken Hamm of First Choice Health and Bob Alexander.

In addition to supporting Seattle Rotary, becoming a Seattle Rotary Online sponsor brings may benefits. To learn more, **click here**, or contact David Endicott.



DGE Alan Merry and AG Howard Cohen taking about Rotary on KBFG 107.3 (May 22nd)

Mercer Island Rotary funded 10 tiny houses through a district grant. Their members helped build and paint them in late May.





LONDON MALARIA SUMMIT 2018



Seattle #4 Past President, Nancy
Osborne represented Rotary
International at the London
Malaria Summit 2018 on April 19,
2018. Ms. Osborne founded
Rotarian Malaria Partners (RMP) in
2009 to commemorate Seattle
Rotary's Centennial and to engage
Rotarians in the eradication of

malaria. Since 2009, RMP has joined over 50 Rotary Clubs worldwide to collaborate in malaria control.

The London Malaria Summit is part of the British Commonwealth Heads of State meeting which includes leaders from 53 Commonwealth nations as well as the private sector and NGO's. Commonwealth citizens account for one-third of the world's population, but more than half of all malaria cases and deaths globally.

Among other global leaders, Bill Gates and HRH Prince Charles addressed the Summit.

At the close, the Summit leaders committed:

- Reduce by half the burden of malaria across the Commonwealth within five years which will prevent over 350 million cases and save 640,000 lives.
- Pledged financial, political and scientific commitments worth over \$4 billion

These commitments demonstrate the importance of

collective leadership and signal renewed global attention and action against malaria – a disease with no borders so eradication work must also transcend national boundaries.

The Summit focused on a high-level discussion of funding and innovation. Rotary, however, will be essential to the implementation of the varied strategies at the community level. Our successful history in the delivery of healthcare to remote areas will be critical to the ultimate eradicate of malaria.

Rotarian Malaria Partners also renews a commitment to work with global leaders, government programs, and other NGOs to engage the Rotary network internationally to join local Rotary Clubs within the Commonwealth and elsewhere to work toward the eradication of malaria.





*** Since its founding, RMP has facilitated the partnering of over 50 United States Clubs and African Clubs. RMP has active projects in Zambia, Tanzania, Uganda, and will begin work in Ethiopia in the fall of 2018. For more information see www.rotarianmalariapartners.org.

Navi Bains - Continues to Do Good Work!



Last month I was honored to be a delegate to the World Health Assembly at the World Health Organization (WHO). The policy statements we worked on were read on the floor at the Assembly. Yesterday, I sat just 2 chairs away from the Director General of WHO as he talked about the efforts on malaria elimination to achieving Universal Healthcare. Additionally, witnessing the signing of a declaration focusing eliminating malaria in the Greater Mekong Sub region before 2030 was truly a highlight. I am so blessed to have this opportunity to represent as part of my delegation. — at <u>Palais Des</u> Nations, UN Headquarters in Geneva.





Your Rotary Club Can Join the Fight!

Grant Opportunity

If your Rotary Club would like to join a grant opportunity in the fight against sex trafficking, please consider joining the HealthCare Alliance. From talking to survivors, we know that 88% of them go through an Emergency Room at some point. This grant will help educate doctors and nurses to notice the signs of trafficking and how to respond appropriately. If you're interested, please contact Cathy Gibson our District Peace Builders Chair by clicking on the blue box below.

EMAIL CATHY FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Jackson Park Men's Golf Club

Inaugural Charity Classic

Benefitting Rotary First Harvest

Tuesday, June 12th - 1 pm

Price:

\$ 60 Everyone Welcome

Includes:

Green Fee & Prize Fund

Format:

4-person Scramble
No Handicap Required

Register:

Pro Shop or Online Individual Entries Welcome

Entry Deadline:

Sunday, June 10th, 5 PM

Co-Sponsors: Rotary First Harvest & Seattle Northeast Rotary



darvest provides millions of pounds of fresh fruit & produce to our food banks each year.

Thank you for your support!



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- Check-in 11:00 am
- Shotgun Start 1:00 pm
- Raffles & Prizes! Carts & Range additional
- · Sign up Individually or as a foursome

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A Truly Special Event By Life Enrichment Options

Join us on August 11th - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

at Discovery Elementary, Sammamish, WA

by Debbie Moore



This gravity car race allows those with mental or physical disabilities the experience of a thrilling soapbox derby-type race while riding in a car piloted by a typically developing driver who is 10 years old or older. The codriver is a racer with mental or physical disabilities (no taller than 5'2" and 130 pounds or less).

Two cars, propelled by gravity, race down the street to the finish line. Each racer has the opportunity to race multiple times during the event. Lunch and an awards ceremony full of smiles complete the day of fun. This FREE event is designed for the whole family, and every child is a winner! There will be two race sessions: 9:00-10:30 am & 10:30 am to noon

Visit www.lifeenrichmentoptions.org (LEO) for race information. There are **TWO** ways to register: **1)** Send an EMAIL to rsvp@lifeenrichmentoptions.org and give us the name of the co-driver, which race location and session you'd like he/she to race in. Waiver to be filled out onsite. **2)** Print form from the LEO website, fill it out and return by email or send the form by regular mail to: LEO, PO Box 117, Issaquah, WA 98027-0006

If you would like to **volunteer** or **sponsor** this event, please contact Kristina Williams at kristina.williams@sammamishrotary.org.

Produced by the Rotary Clubs of Issaquah & Sammamish Location: Discovery Elementary School (2300 228th Ave SE, Sammamish, WA) - Sponsorship Proceeds Benefit Life Enrichment Options



2018 Big West Rotaract Institute July 20th – 22nd, 2018 in San Jose, CA

GROWING ROTARACT STARTS WITH TEACHING OUR FUTURE LEADERS OF OUR CLUBS. THE ROTARACT INSTITUTE IS AN ANNUAL TRAINING WEEKEND FOR ROTARACT LEADERS.

On July 20th – 22nd, 2018, Big West Rotaract will be hosting its fifth annual training weekend for Rotaract leaders to learn about leadership, conflict resolution, event planning, sales, marketing, delegation, recruitment, retention, and much more!

Known as the Big West Rotaract Institute, the BWR Institute has received praise from leaders of all levels. While the curriculum is intensive and packs over two decades of Rotaract leadership knowledge into less than 3 days of training, the BWR Institute also serves as an unique opportunity for Rotaract leaders on the west coast of the United States to meet one another in-person. The networking and fellowship that comes with attending a BWR Institute is within itself priceless and often a game changer for many of our leaders.

This year's Big West Rotaract Institute includes three different curriculum tracks: President Elect Training Session (PETS), Governor Elect Training Session (GETS), and Board Elect Training Session (BETS). The PETS track is designed for incoming or new Rotaract club presidents and vice presidents. The GETS track is designed for incoming or new District Rotaract Representatives (DRRs) and their fellow Rotaract district leaders. The BETS track is designed for incoming or new Rotaract club officers. All sessions begin on Friday, July 20th, evening at 5 PM and run until 3 PM on Sunday, July 22nd.

This year we have also added on a fourth track for Rotarians who are Club or District Advisors for Rotaract.



YOUTH SERVICE NEWS - June 2018

RYLA, YOUTH EXCHANGE & INTERACT ROTARACT ROTARY





Susan Beals Youth Service Chair

YOUTH SERVICE LEADERSHIP TEAM

It has been a great pleasure to serve as the District 5030 Youth Service Chair for the last three Rotary years, and I want to thank our outstanding leadership team for the work they have done collaborating, supporting and growing our youth programs during this period.

Thanks to their leadership, we now have 7 fabulous Rotaract clubs, 20 amazing Interact clubs, a thriving Rotary Youth Exchange program that provides life-changing international experiences to students, and a wonderful RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) program with District participation that has doubled.

We have terrific Rotaract and Interact liaisons, Youth Exchange Officers, and RYLA Coordinators in our clubs who are dedicated to providing youth in our communities with opportunities to serve others and introduce young people to Rotary values and beliefs. We have established a District youth protection policy for our young Rotary participants and we publish and distribute a monthly newsletter for all Rotary youth program supporters. We have many more Rotaract and Interact members at our District conferences than ever before and we are continually bringing more young people in to our Rotary family, thanks to these exceptional Rotarians:



Mike Madden Rotaract Chair



Josh Gerstman Hal Beals RYLA Chair Rotary Yo



Hal Beals Rotary Youth Exchange Chair

NEW ROTARY YEAR 2018-2019

On a going forward basis, Mike Madden will be stepping in to the District Youth Service Chair position, and I will stay active as the Interact Chair. Josh and Hal will continue to serve as our RYLA and Youth Exchange Chairs.

We are recruiting for a new Rotaract Chair, so now is the

time for an exciting new challenge for one of you! And we also have opportunities to join our RYLA and Interact committees. If you enjoy working with young people, this is your chance to make a difference in their lives, and to help them develop as our future Rotarians.

Susan Beals District 5030 Youth Service Chair (206) 619-5809

RYLA

RYLA NW 2019- What is turning 50 and filled with so much youth, vigor, and enthusiasm? RYLA NW! Planning for the 50th edition of RYLA NW 2019 is underway. Dates, speakers, and program updates will be confirmed and shared at www.rylanw.org and @RYLANW on Facebook.

The steering committee met on May 23rd to review the 2018 session, including participant evaluations from students and feedback from Rotary Observers, and assess the overall weekend. If you have heard any specific feedback, success stories or recommendations from your RYLA participants, please let us know. We also presented at the 5030 District Assembly on June 2nd. At this session, we shared overall information about RYLA.

Now is a great time to learn about the program, about volunteer opportunities, and share any other questions or concerns that you or your club may have. We're also looking for more steering committee members and to extend the network of RYLA coordinators and advocates throughout the district.

The Steering Committee meets on a quarterly basis, usually at a midway point for Districts 5020 and 5030. In addition, we'll be having monthly conference calls, as needed, to work on planning and the program for 2019.

If you'd like to get involved in planning for next year, please contact Josh Gerstman, 5030 committee chair at Josh.gerstman@gmail.com or 206-550-8105.

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