

Meet Jim Stevens

Introduction by Jan Levy

If canoeing, cave exploration, hiking, and scuba diving appeal to you, then you have a great deal in common with our newest member, Jim Stevens.

Jim is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley where he provides financial services and advice to families and institutions.

Jim grew up just outside of Albany, New York where both his parents worked for New York State – his dad is an econometrician and his mom was a lead budget examiner. He attended Kenyon College in Ohio where he received his bachelor's degree in political science and English. Upon graduation, Jim travelled to Turkey where he spent time in Ankara studying the language and seeing the country.



Jim returned from Turkey and moved to the Washington, D.C. area where he worked for CHF International, an international development NGO, where he monitored small and medium sized enterprise lending and microfinance institutions in the Middle East, reviewed loan proposals, and managed financial requests from field offices.

The experience at CHF was great preparation for Jim's next position as a research associate for the Capital Markets Group at Cambridge Associates in Arlington, Virginia. In this position, Jim managed a team of ten in providing research and analytical services to investment consultants.

Jim "got hooked" by the Northwest when he came out to visit a friend teaching at the University of Oregon. He says the best thing about living here is the great outdoors. The worst? Our traffic!

I asked Jim what got him interested in Rotary. From his early days as an Eagle Scout, and as an assistant scoutmaster, Jim has always sought out opportunities to give back. He sees Rotary as a logical next step for getting more broadly engaged here in our region.

On the personal side, Jim is engaged to be married. His fiancé Kim is the athletic trainer for the Overlake School. He proposed to her on a cruise to Alaska, and their wedding is next summer. In addition to the great outdoors, Jim loves cooking, spending time with friends and playing trivia. Something you won't see in his resume is that he sang in the Choir of Men and Boys at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. Rotary Rogues, you might have a new addition!

Please join me in thanking Jim's nominators, Joel Ferrell and Charley Dickey, as we welcome Seattle 4's newest member, Jim Stevens!