

Meet Dan Ketchel

Introduction by Connie Miller

I have the great pleasure today to introduce to you our new member Dan Ketchel. When Dan first showed up at our interview last Friday, his enthusiasm was infectious. He smiled, sat on the edge of his chair, earnest and eager to share. His bright energy and practical mind were impressive.

Dan grew up in the Midwest part of America, got his degree in business at the University of Michigan, and began working for Delta Air Lines 9 years ago. He has been happy there taking on management projects that moved him from Minneapolis, to Atlanta, then New York and now Seattle.



Currently he is the General Manager focused on developing Delta's new hub at SeaTac, which has grown from under 40 peak day departures in 2013 to over 160 flights each day this summer. His strategic planning role requires building cross-functional support within Delta and establishing relationships with corporate sales partners like Amazon, Microsoft and Boeing as well as non-profit organizations.

He is eagerly working with other airlines along with the Port of Seattle to break ground on a new International Arrivals Facility, creating infrastructure at SeaTac to support the idea that Seattle should be seen world-wide as a great global city.

Dan is especially proud of the non-profit projects he has had the opportunity to participate in with Delta, including:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Seattle Humane Society
- American Cancer Society
- And United Way in which he created a global scavenger hunt for Delta employees.

You might imagine that there are great benefits to working for an airline, and Dan has enjoyed that aspect of his job. Some of his favorite destinations he's traveled to: Istanbul, Hong Kong, Peru and several of our own national parks. This coming autumn

he and his bride, Samantha, will be taking their honeymoon trip to South Africa. Dan loves living in the Northwest, especially the opportunity we all have to get outside. He enjoys hiking, biking, camping and kayaking. He told me he's looking forward to finding a niche - with other Rotarians to inspire youth to get outside. I expect he will quickly find kindred souls here in our club.

With great thanks to his proposers, Corinne Cavanaugh & Cathy Gibson, please join me in welcoming Dan Ketchel. Classification, Travel & Leisure - Commercial Aviation