

Meet Eu-wanda Eagans

Introduction by Jan Levy

Multi-faceted, multi-talented, and very smart are just a few words I would use to describe our newest corporate member, Eu-wanda Eagans, Chief Operating Officer for Northwest Harvest.

Eu-wanda is a local – she attended Rainier Beach High School before heading to Atlanta to attend Spelman College and Georgia Institute of Technology where she earned dual bachelor's degrees in industrial engineering and mathematics. Eu-wanda was a NASA Scholar at Spelman, meaning NASA paid for her education, and worked summers at the Johnson Space Center on several projects. Her most memorable was working on the drag chute project which was very new at the time.



After earning her undergraduate degrees, Eu-wanda put her skills to work at Energizer Battery Company, where she held various responsibilities including creating a college recruitment strategy for Spelman College and other historically black schools in Atlanta. She then moved on to General Motors where she had several leadership roles, and was the recipient of a General Motors Fellowship, allowing her to attend Columbia University in New York where she received her MBA in General Management.

Eu-wanda left General Motors in 2009 to return to the northwest, where she accepted a position with the State Employment Security Department, first as Deputy Assistant and then Assistant Commissioner, where she had responsibility for workforce development through the state WorkSource system. After 4 years with the State, Eu-wanda accepted her current position as COO at NW Harvest where she oversees warehousing and logistics as well as partner program support for the over 375 pantries, meal programs, and high-needs schools that Northwest Harvest provides food for.

Eu-wanda had limited knowledge about Rotary until she was introduced to Seattle 4 by former club member Shelly Rotondo. Our mission of “Service Above Self” resonated deeply with Eu-wanda and she also appreciated the close relationship between Northwest Harvest and Rotary First Harvest. After attending some meetings, she found she loved our programs, the friendly, welcoming atmosphere, and the sense of common passion within the membership.

No stranger to community service, Eu-Wanda serves on the board of Zeno – a non-profit that works in several counties inspiring kids to love math through fun and relevant programs. She is also on the Executive Board of the Bellevue Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and (I’m proud to say) a member of the current class of Leadership Tomorrow.

Eu-wanda is very active at her church, the Church by the Side of the Road, where she used her love of dance to start a Dance Ministry where she serves as Chair and Choreographer. (Remember, I said multi-faceted and multi-talented!)

Eu-wanda is married to Jae Eagans and has five stepchildren. They love to watch movies and travel, and they spend every wedding anniversary in Mexico.

Please join me in thanking Tom Betts and Lisa Mayfield for supporting Eu-wanda's nomination, and let's give a warm Seattle 4 welcome to Eu-wanda Eagans, COO, Northwest Harvest.