

Meet Evan Steinruck

Introduction by Kim Moore

Fellow Rotarians and guests. Today it is my pleasure to introduce our newest Rotarian, Evan Steinruck. Steinruck is Middle High German for a person who lived close to a stony ridge.

Evan began attending Rotary at the age of 7 with his father Jim Steinruck, a 34 year member of Lake Stevens Rotary and Jim is here today, please stand Jim. Evan has fond memories of helping with the annual fundraiser which sold rubber ducks for \$5, loaded the ducks into a front loader and then dumped them into a creek. The purchasers of the first five ducks across the finish line won special prizes. Evan learned work, life and faith balance from his father who was always there for Evan's games and recitals. He played piano for 8 years, as well as football, soccer and basketball. In college Evan focused his athletics on football as a punter for the UW Huskies where the highlight of his career was beating Nebraska in the 2010 Holiday Bowl.



I assured Evan that at least one or two Rotarians were around in the 1940's when his grandfather, Merlin "Boody" Gilbertson, was a standout in Husky basketball and baseball. Other good things happened at UW where Evan was a business major. He led a group called Young Life, a Christian ministry where he worked with middle schoolers and also met his wife, Jessica. They have been married just over a year and enjoy time with family throughout the Puget Sound region.

Careful research as well as willingness to start at the bottom four years ago have launched Evan in a very competitive industry. Today Evan is an associate broker at CBRE, the largest commercial real estate company in the world. Faith continues to be a cornerstone of Evan and Jessica's life. Now she leads the Young Life group at the UW. Evan is a member of C3 – a Christian business organization that meets bi-monthly to focus on faith, family and factory (or work). Evan and Jess attend Bethany Community Church in Green Lake and live in South Lake Union where close friends are within walking distance. Thanks to his father, Evan was well grounded in the 4-Way Test as a child and as a young man, he has chosen a life that exemplifies Rotary's values. Please help me thank Evan's proposers Nancy Cahill and Jim McCurdy and give Evan our warmest welcome.