

# Meet Nicole Klein

*Introduction by Gerry Maurer*

Fellow Rotarians, it is with great pleasure that I introduce our newest Rotarian, Nicole Klein, classification Education.

When I first spoke with Nicole, it was apparent that this would be a memorable introduction. She told me she was unloading her car “which is really where I live,” then “I’m a single mom with two kids”. Whooooee! A homeless single mom, living out of her car. Our membership committee is doing some great recruiting!!!



Soon it became clearer. She doesn’t actually live in her car, it is just easier to keep her files, computer, etc. all nearby as she is usually away from her desk. She is managing the fundraising effort to restore the “Old Shell House” at the University of Washington. It was built during the final months of WWI by the Navy, was home for the UW crew, and housed George Pocock’s shop. “The Boys in the Boat” lived there while preparing for the 1936 Olympics where they beat Der Fuhrer’s “Master” Crew for the Gold medal.

Andrew, age six and Jason, age two, are her children. They are a handful but definitely worth it. Nicole describes herself as open, honest, hardworking and does her best to have no one remain a stranger for long. One of her favorite questions in a new situation is “who’s not at the table and why?”

Nicole grew up on the Oregon coast in Coos Bay. She is a Duck, having received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in art at Oregon. While there, she played rugby because she “wanted to know what it felt like to tackle.”

When she’s not selling people on her current project, Nicole runs her 100-pound black lab, works out with a personal trainer, and has learned to row to help her “understand the language.” Nicole believes “it starts with me,” “our best work is done together,” and “we create impact.” Committee Chairs, stop drooling.

We thank Nicole’s sponsors, Mike O’Byrne and Kim Moore. Let’s all give a warm welcome to the newest member of our Rotary family, Nicole Klein, classification Education.