

Meet Rebecca Hellman

Introduction by Kim Moore

Today it is my great pleasure to introduce our newest member, Rebecca Hellman.

When asked, “why Rotary?” Rebecca said she had excellent role models as both her brother and a business partner were Rotarians.

But my favorite reason is, given what is happening in the world today, Rebecca finds Seattle #4 welcoming, inclusive and non-judgemental.



Rebecca grew up in Michigan where she was the youngest of six and remembers getting along with everyone!

In college at Michigan State Rebecca studied science and then business because she liked math better.

In the 1980's when economic times were challenging, Rebecca followed a friend to Seattle and fell in love with the Pacific Northwest. She took a position as an assistant 22 years ago in a boutique financial services firm and when her partner retired, Rebecca took over the practice she had helped build.

Why is financial services a great fit for Rebecca? She saw how her widowed mother and others with no background in finance struggled to navigate life events. It bothers her that people without knowledge feel helpless and may be taken advantage of.

Rebecca enjoys financial services because it is never boring, no one knows everything and with constant change, there is always something new to learn.

Because Rotary is a welcoming place, Rebecca feels comfortable sharing that she is fiscally conservative yet has no problem paying taxes for services we all benefit from like well-lit streets, public education and the public transportation which Rebecca uses everyday.

Rebecca and husband Steve Shippert have recently completed the remodel of their home in Meadowbrook in the North End after taking it down to the studs.

They love film and their home is filled with hundreds of movie posters and their beloved dog, Buster Keaton, a Siberian husky mix. Steve and Rebecca also enjoy stepping out to see local bands and theatre.

Please help me give Rebecca our warmest welcome as well as show our appreciation to proposers Kathy Williams and Cindy Runger.