



# District Newsletter

## September 2021

Howard Cohen  
District Governor

Rotary  
District 5030



SERVE TO  
CHANGE LIVES

### RI's Special Observance Month: Basic Education and Literacy

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#### Newsletter Deadline

##### Articles & Club Ads

**Send to:** [carmamckay@gmail.com](mailto:carmamckay@gmail.com)  
**Deadline: 1st of each month**  
 Submit Email or Word.doc  
 Limit to 300 words or less.  
 Font: Calibri 10 pt.  
 Ads: .jpg format.

#### District Governor's Message

Welcome to September's Education and Literacy Month! This month is a personal favorite of mine, as my home club, Emerald City Rotary, is dedicated to the future of our community by serving the educational needs of young people. I take this aim a step further by emphasizing the necessity of adult literacy. Parents should be able to help and support their children's education. Consider forming a partnership with a local group that provides adult literacy services. Members could mentor adults who need to learn or enhance their literacy.

So, what is literacy so critical? Let us consider these facts:

- Literacy is crucial in economic development as well as individual and community well-being.
- Our economy is enhanced when learners have higher literacy levels.
- Learning to read in the first years of primary school is critical for retention and success in future grades.
- Literacy is the cornerstone of development. It leads to better health, better employment opportunities, safer and more stable societies.
- A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.
- If all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people can be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

Consider working with clubs and other groups on collaborative initiatives locally and globally to increase literacy levels as our district tries to break down Rotary Club silos.

Clubs and their members may assist education and literacy initiatives in their communities and throughout the World in various ways. Our newly re-energized District Literacy Committee, led by

Judy Ginn of the Seattle International Rotary Club, collects Books for the World to be distributed throughout the World to areas where books are scarce. This initiative will offer so much delight to those people and children because they will put their new literacy abilities to work by reading books they have never had the chance to read before.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Rotary Club of Maple Valley to present my District Governor talk to the club. While reading through their many outstanding projects on their website, I came across their sponsored Interact club's project. "Reading to a Rescue" is a good example of a project where our youth give service in a truly unique manner. "Reading to a Rescue" provides an opportunity for elementary school children to read books to rescue animals. This allows the students to read out loud with no judgement. Each student goes home with two books that day – one selected for their grade level, and one of their choice.

Another excellent club project to consider is to continue/revive distributing the beautifully hardbound, illustrated dictionaries to third graders in your area's school district(s). Although modern technology allows students to access words and their meanings, these dictionaries are a gift they will keep for the rest of their lives.

Similarly, collaborating with other Rotary Clubs across the World would be a fantastic way to expand your worldwide influence. Following the TEACH protocol established by Rotary International, it would be a tremendous start to join forces with other Rotary Clubs across the World to help children receive a high-quality education that will benefit them in the future.

As Nelson Mandela says, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world," **Let's SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES!!!**

Howard Cohen, DG

"EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD."  
NELSON MANDELA



## District Conference Cancelled



I want to take a moment to share with you the latest update on the 2021 Rotary District 5030 District Conference, scheduled for October 1-3, 2021 in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

I am deeply sorry to inform you that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Coeur d'Alene event in October.

Historically, the annual Rotary District 5030 conference has been a magnet for Rotarians to hear from nationally-noted keynote speakers; to learn from experts in their fields; to meet new friends, re-connect with old friends; and to simply have a good time with fellow Rotarians. That is why I am deeply sorry to inform you that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Coeur d'Alene event in October.

The significant negative impact of COVID on our conference plans cannot be overstated. Over the past ten days, the team that has worked tirelessly for nearly a year in planning the conference evaluated the covid-related news and the concerns

expressed by members in our district and keynote speakers. We conclude that canceling the conference is best for its members and the district.

Please join me in thanking our Conference Planning Team, headed by Co-Chairs Diane Tebelius (Bellevue Rotary) and Trent Mummery (Seattle 4), for their dedicated work to create what would have been an absolutely outstanding conference!

In place of the conference, the district will start promptly to plan for events during the remainder of the Rotary year that will bring together Rotarians from around the region, covering multiple areas of focus.

For those who have registered and paid for the conference, you will receive a second email with instructions on refunding your registration fee.

Your health and safety is, and always will be, our priority! I wish you all good health!

**WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER**  
endpolio.org | #endpolio

Rotary  

As World Polio Day approaches, the Rotary community is getting ready to amplify our message about eradicating polio to protect the world's children from this devastating disease.

**Inspire action** - Take action for World Polio Day by promoting the importance of polio eradication, raising funds, and planning events. Let's engage our communities in the fight against polio — because as long as polio exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

**Use the World Polio Day Toolkit** to find resources and tips for planning activities and promoting a polio-free world. Inspire others to join us by hosting virtual and community events, creating fundraisers, and sharing posts on social media.



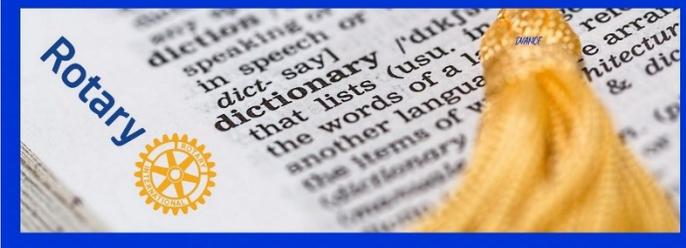
### On behalf of DG Anita Daniels (D5190), DG Howard Cohen and PDG Alan Merry

The horrendous Dixie fire has ravaged over 928,000 acres and is still going strong. This monster blaze ignited July 13 in the northern Sierra Nevada and southern Cascade Range is only 59% contained. The Dixie Fire is the second-largest [California wildfire](#) on record. Only last year's August Complex was larger at 1,032,648 acres.

The entire community of Greenville has been wiped out. John Banks, the President of the club and another Rotarian have lost their homes.

We want to share with you that a GoFundMe site has been set up by the Rotary Club of Greenville to benefit the fire victims and start to rebuild Greenville. For those that would like to donate to help victims of the Dixie fire, please go to: <https://gofund.me/c7dd6aee>

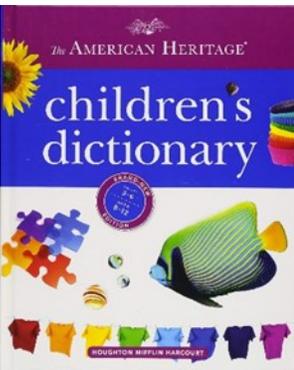
## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month



## Literacy Survey of Clubs

Be on the lookout for a call from a member of the District Literacy Committee. We are surveying all clubs in the district to find out what they are doing in literacy. Perhaps there are projects that clubs can join together to accomplish. Perhaps there is a project one club is working on that other clubs will want to replicate. We are eager to learn about what is happening with literacy in your club.

## District Literacy Committee



This new committee is looking for people who are wild about literacy—or love literacy—or who are passionate about literacy! If you are one of those, we want you! If you know someone in that category, that's who we want! Don't be shy. Please contact Judy Ginn at [rjginn@juno.com](mailto:rjginn@juno.com) or 206 280-2406 to join or to give us contact information for someone who may want to participate.

Members of the Literacy Committee thus far are Shirley Kinsey (Mill Creek), John Sheller (Maple Valley), Gary Cohn (Kirkland), Mia Harris (Rotaract), Karolyn Streck (Mercer Island), Judy Ginn (Seattle-ID), Christy Clausen (Northshore School District) and Lindsay Anderson (Sno-Isle Libraries)

## Dictionaries for Third Graders

For the last two school years, it was challenging to give dictionaries to third graders in District 5030. However, some clubs managed to find ways to do so. This year it looks like school will be in person and Rotarians might be allowed to deliver dictionaries in person.

Not every child has access to a computer. Even those with computers may not be using them for looking up words or randomly looking through an online dictionary. Kids with this dictionary read it. We have reports of kids taking their dictionary to recess and on field trips. Many parents who are learning English use it to further their English skills. It's gone to college. It's been the reason adults wondered why the children were being so quiet.

The price for Rotary clubs is \$11.13 each which includes tax and shipping. The same book retails for \$21.99 + tax. The book offers 896 pages of pictures and features that make the book visually appealing and engaging. The only other cost to your club will be the cost of creating book plates with the Four-Way Test and a place for the student's name.

The way it works is that you determine the number of books you need. Contact Judy ([rjginn@juno.com](mailto:rjginn@juno.com)) with the number of books, the name of the school(s), and where you want the books sent (your home or business are the most common). I will send an invoice to you by return email. When your check arrives, I will place the order, and the books will arrive in about two weeks. Then you put in bookplates and arrange to deliver dictionaries to the students, acquainting them with using this dictionary—Covid permitting.

For Seattle Public Schools, rather than choosing a random school, please check with me to avoid more than one club approaching a school which may cause unnecessary confusion. The information on the number of third graders will be available after October 1 when schools have completed student counts.

## Books for the World Warehouse Needed

We have a problem. At District Governor Howard Cohen request, we plan to do Books for the World this year. In the past we have been able to use Northwest Harvest's warehouse for packing and preparing the pallets of books for shipping. Because of Covid, they aren't allowing any volunteers in their warehouse. Our problem is that we need a new site. Because boxes of books are heavy, they must be properly packed, placed on pallets, and wrapped for shipping. For that, we need a warehouse or space with the following features:

- A loading dock so the pallets can be picked up by a truck for shipping.
- A forklift to move the pallets
- A large open space where we can sort books and pack boxes on Packing Day
- A machine that wraps the pallets of books in plastic for shipping (this can be done by hand, but it is much more secure when done by the machine)
- Optional but helpful – a place where we can temporarily store books until Packing Day

Please put on your thinking caps. Ask around. Contact Judy Ginn with leads. The Literacy Committee will follow up. To leave a message, email Judy at [rjginn@juno.com](mailto:rjginn@juno.com) or call her at 206 280-2406 or 206 232-7527.



Click on the Logo to go to the Rotary Action Group



**SEATTLE - INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT'S BIG DAY OF PLAY!**

On August 21, the Seattle - International District Rotary Club was a sponsor in the Seattle Parks & Recreation's annual Big Day of Play. Families and kids gathered outside for a day of music, inflatables, food, freebies, and fun at the Rainier Community Center & Playfields.

WELCOME!



NEW MEMBERS

**New Member Orientation and Social**

**Tuesday, September 21st, 5:00-6:00pm, on Zoom**

Welcome to Rotary! There is so much to learn about this amazing organization! Join us a one-hour overview of Rotary beyond the club level and to meet other new Rotarians from across District 5030. Leave with new knowledge and a fantastic resource deck. Hosted by District Training Coordinator Wendi Fischer.

Link to New Member Orientation and Social on Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96399042166?pwd=c3FmUFBOZXVINTNnd0c4T0pPeU5aZz09>

Welcome to  
**The Hope Factory**



**A Partnership**



Build TINY HOUSES with fellow Rotarians every 3rd Sunday from 9 AM to 2 PM starting September 19. Maximum limit of 15 people\*. Email DG Howard Cohen to sign up. [hcohen@cliseshotels.com](mailto:hcohen@cliseshotels.com)

*\*Must be vaccinated and wear a mask.*



What happens when the District Governor and 3 PDG's get together? A tiny house is built to get one more person off the street here in Seattle. L to R—Alex Hopkins, Jesse Tam, Howard Cohen and Alan Merry.



Today (9/11) is a very special and meaningful day to work closely together with Rotarian friends to build tiny home for the local homeless people. Rotarians are part of the solutions. ~ Jesse Tam

PEOPLE OF ACTION — TOGETHER WE'RE

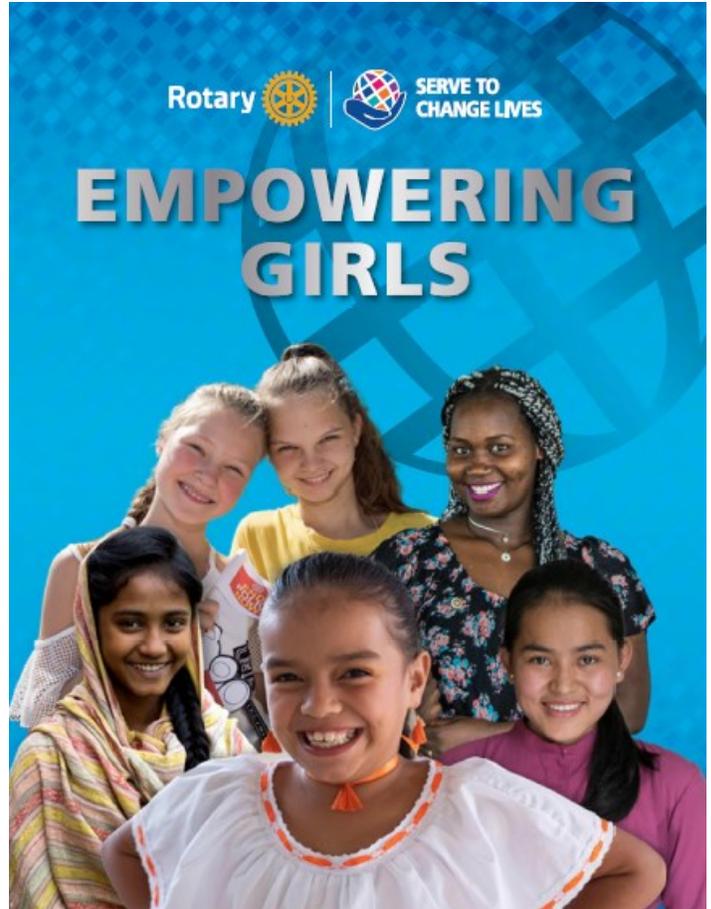
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FOR  
BLOOD



Please donate blood at your nearest Bloodworks location. Tell them Rotary sent you so we get credit. It's simple. Just give them the code **5030** at check-in.

Click the link to schedule your appointment.

<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/Default.aspx>



### What is Your Club Doing to Empower Girls?

District Governor Howard has responded to International Rotary President Shekhar Mehta's challenge to all Rotary Clubs to empower people—especially girls and women—through Education by establishing an Empowering Girls Committee for our District. He has requested that I lead that effort. During my career as an educator, I have seen how education has empowered girls and women in this country as well as in Iran and Afghanistan. Your club will soon be contacted by a member of this committee to collect the information indicated below about your current or planned activities in this area.

~ Suzanne M. Griffin, Ph.D.

- Your Club Name and Location
- Name of Activity
- Dates
- Number of Girls
- Age Range
- Outcomes and Comments

**Kent Sunrise Rotary**  
**GOLF TOBERFEST**  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 AT MERIDIAN VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

You can get a foursome in the golf event, sponsor a hole, contribute a raffle item/event, or purchase raffle tickets.

For more info and to register, visit <https://kentsunriserotarygolftoberfest.golfgenius.com/>

Environmental  
**Rotary**  
Club of Puget Sound

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
CONTACT  
[kimberlykae@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlykae@gmail.com)



## 2020-21 ROTARY CITATION



for helping **Rotary open opportunities** in the lives of people all over the world.

*Holger Knaack*  
Holger Knaack  
President, Rotary International

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 10 Rotary clubs in District 5030 earning the Rotary International Citation for completing at least 13 of Rotary International's goals last year.



**Ballard**  
**Duvall**  
**Edmonds Daybreakers**  
**Fremont**  
**Kent**  
**Renton**  
**Seattle #4**  
**University District**  
**University Sunrise**  
**Vashon Island**



## West Seattle Rotary's Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

### *History's Important Lessons*

As a global humanitarian organization, Rotary, strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Rotary values diversity, equity and inclusion and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds. If you have any questions please contact: Christine.peak1@gmail.com

In October we will be hosting speakers who will share with us a sampling of Washington's History, Cultural Wisdom, Environmental Education and West Seattle's Indigenous Roots.

### **Tues., October 5: 12:00 noon Zoom Meeting (1st Tuesday)**

Chief Seattle and the Town that Took His Name. David M. Buerge, Teacher, Historian and Author.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85933548399?pwd=UzdSSmNMcU9OenIzQW9KVEordWsYQT09>

Meeting ID: 859 3354 8399

Password: WSR1stT

### **Tues., October 19: 12:00 noon Zoom Meeting: (3rd Tuesday)**

West Seattle Log House Museum History and Culture. Michael King, Executive Director of Southwest Seattle Historical Society.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87535573274?pwd=LzIzQW9KVEordWsYQT09>

Meeting ID: 875 3557 3274

Passcode: WSR3rdT

## Books Across the Sound

Rotaract Clubs around our district are coming together this winter to host a community auction. Our auction is focused on increasing DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusivity) literacy in our local school districts. For more information, contact District Rotaract Representative Mia Harris.

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**District 5030 Rotaract Committee Presents:**

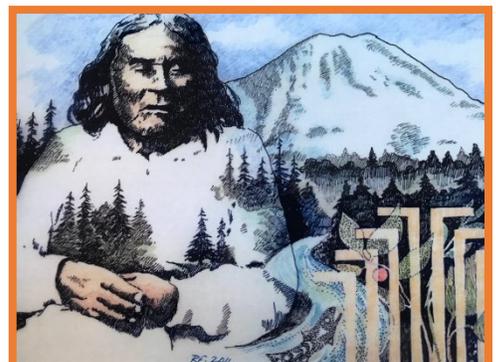
COMMUNITY  
ROTARACT AUCTION

*"BOOKS ACROSS THE SOUND"*

DECEMBER 10th & 11th, 2021



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**Rotary**  
Club of Seattle  
International District

**Ming-Ming  
Tung-Edelman**  
*Executive Director*  
Refugee Artisan Initiative



**THURSDAY, SEPT 16**  
**11:30AM-1:00PM**

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/sidrclub2122>

**Save the Date**

RYLA Northwest will be  
**June 8 - 11, 2022**  
at YMCA Camp Colman!  
\$415/Student



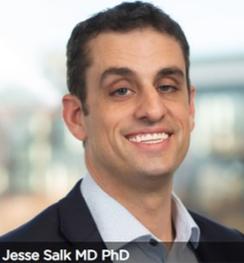
Students must be in grades 10 & 11 (age 16 & 17) and may not be 18 years or older on June 8, 2022.

**What's different about the 2022 RYLA?**

- No limit on the # of students a club can send
- Students will be sleeping in cabins
- Outdoor experiences (such as ropes courses) will further enrich the leadership experience
- No refunds will be allowed per our agreement with the YMCA

More info will be available on the RYLA Northwest website, [rylanw.org](http://rylanw.org), including informational Zoom calls for Parents, Students and Rotary Clubs!

**Puget Sound Passport Rotary Club**  
**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 5:00PM**



You are invited to attend our Club meeting to hear the Grandson of Jonas Salk. Jesse will introduce his company, TwinStrand Biologics and the fascinating science they are doing locally. Jesse will spend time talking about his grandfather and the awesome accomplishments of discovering the Polio vaccine.

Please RSVP to [psrotarypassport@gmail.com](mailto:psrotarypassport@gmail.com) and the Zoom link will be forwarded to you. Please extend this invitation to anyone you think would enjoy this special program.

**Jesse Salk MD PhD**  
Chief Executive Officer, Chief Scientific Officer, Board Member

Dr. Salk is a molecular biologist, clinical oncologist, and a cofounder of TwinStrand. He invented and developed TwinStrand's core Duplex Sequencing Technology with colleagues at the University of Washington. Jesse has authored more than two-dozen peer-reviewed publications in cancer biology and genomics, and has more than 50 issued and pending patents. In addition to his executive and scientific leadership role at TwinStrand, Jesse is an Affiliate Clinical Faculty member at the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and sees cancer patients part time at the VA Puget Sound in Seattle. He is Board Certified in Medical Oncology and Internal Medicine. Jesse is a volunteer teacher in science and medicine for students from middle school through post-doctoral levels. He holds an MD/PhD with honors from the University of Washington and a BS in Biology *Summa Cum Laude* from Brandeis University.



On March 26, 1953, American medical researcher Dr. Jonas Salk announces on a national radio show that he has successfully tested a vaccine against poliomyelitis, the virus that causes the crippling disease of polio. In 1952—an epidemic year for polio—there were 58,000 new cases reported in the United States, and more than 3,000 died from the disease. For promising eventually to eradicate the disease, which is known as "infant paralysis" because it mainly affects children, Dr. Salk was celebrated as the great doctor-benefactor of his time.

**The Rotary Club of Renton invites you to join retired Seattle Seahawk Doug Baldwin for an update on his passion for the new First Family Community Center.**

This new facility will be next to Cascade Elementary School in Renton's Benson Hill Neighborhood

Host: Rotary Club of Renton  
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021  
Time: 12 Noon to 1:30 PM  
Where: Fairwood Golf and Country Club  
Cost: \$15 admission, includes lunch  
RSVP: [RentonRotarySecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RentonRotarySecretary@gmail.com)




**Rotary** Club of Renton  
<http://www.rentonrotary.org>  
[RentonRotarySecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RentonRotarySecretary@gmail.com)

**Ballard Rotary Presents:  
International Night featuring two grants**

**September 28 5:30-6:30 PM**

**Join by Zoom:**

[https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org//Click/?uid=800496028&\\_ctid=1928987&redirect=https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81801028716?pwd=UlhqVW1rWWRpZ1NESOU0TWJ4RTBGZz09](https://www.ismyrotaryclub.org//Click/?uid=800496028&_ctid=1928987&redirect=https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81801028716?pwd=UlhqVW1rWWRpZ1NESOU0TWJ4RTBGZz09)



### Renton Rotary Club Grant

Gloryland Missions International, Nairobi, Kenya presented by Pauline Kamanja, Founder and CEO and Renton Rotarian. Topic includes:

- Empowering Homeless Women:
- Forming solidarity groups
- Training in financial literacy Developing independent income generating skills

### Lake Forest Park Rotary Global Grant

Train Teams to remove mines left from the Vietnam War. Educate children and families to recognize unexploded IED's

Build schools, gardens, and Communities in demined areas

Presented by Crystal Oswald-Herald, Program Manager at Peace Trees Vietnam



### D5030 International Service Committee (ISC) Chairs Zoom meeting Sept 22, 2021

**Have you ever wanted to participate in an international project but don't know where to start?** Come hear about some projects being developed by D5030 clubs in Guatemala, India, Kenya and other countries; and learn about technical and financial support available for projects.

**Do you already have an international project but need to find additional partners to help fund your project?** Come and share your project with like-minded Rotarians who may be willing to support you.

**Or does your club have some funds available to help another worthy project?** Bring your pocket book - there are several great projects for you to choose from.

Interested Rotarians and Rotoractors are invited to join our D5030 ISC Chairs Zoom meeting on Sept 22, from 5:30-7:00pm.

In addition to hearing from projects seeking financial support, we will review the status of the Rotary Foundation matching funds (World Funds) and District Matching Funds (DDF).

Contact Larry Logue at [ltilarry@gmail.com](mailto:ltilarry@gmail.com) to receive a Zoom link for the meeting.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF RENTON  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US:

## BACK IN THE SWING

OUR 55TH ANNUAL CAPER DINNER & AUCTION  
WITH ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE SWING YEARS  
CAPER - COMMUNITY AUCTION PROMOTING THE ENDEAVORS OF ROTARY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021  
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING.  
RENTON PAVILION  
233 BURNETT AVE S, RENTON, WA 98057  
PUBLIC PARKING ACROSS FROM THE PAVILION



Your Public Image Team is running a Rotary Campaign in coordination with the Rotary Theme Months, as established by Rotary International.

This marketing campaign will maximize our efforts with RI, District and club efforts. Your club's Public Relations/Public Image Chair will receive a template at the beginning of each month to assist your club in promoting your related projects.

This month is focused on BASIC EDUCATION and LITERACY. Here are some tools you may want to use to promote your Education/Literacy projects in your community.

- An education/literacy template to assist you in the promotion and recruitment of new members. This template is ready to use as a PRESS RELEASE. You fill in the blanks or alter to fit your needs. It is, of course, optional.

Click Here: [Template](#)

- An education/literacy video that you can download for your club and use on Social media accounts... show it to your club and post.

Click Here: [Two Ed. videos](#)

Let us know if you're interested in knowing how to BOOST a FB post. Public Image Team Chair, Robin Roat 206 390-1261

## The Lessons of Ubuntu: District 5030's Fall PeaceBuilding Book Club

I hope you will join me for a VERY special fall book club read.



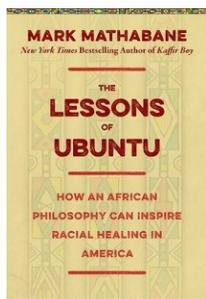
*Jessica Bhuiyan*

Ubuntu. I am because we are. The universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity. This fall, let's come together for a very special PeaceBuilding Book Club selection, *The Lessons of Ubuntu* by Mark Mathabane.

We will offer book club discussions virtually in October.

<https://www.simonandschuster.com/books/The-Lessons-of-Ubuntu/Mark-Mathabane/9781510712614>

Spread the word to your fellow Rotarians. If you are interested in joining our fall book club gatherings, email Jessica at [RotaryPeace5030@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryPeace5030@gmail.com)



## SeaTac-Tukwila Rotary Says THANK YOU!

Firefighters arrived at Tukwila's Maple Crest Apartments just after 5 am on Tuesday, August 17, to battle a blaze that would cost three lives. The building's steep hill location not only hindered access to the fire, but mud and debris from the water fighting the flames then threatened a landslide.

In line behind Tukwila's amazing firefighters was an immediate rallying of the community offering to help the 32 families who had just lost their homes and belongings. The SeaTac -Tukwila Rotary Club reached out to Governor Howard Cohen, who, in turn, reached out to all of you. In true Rotary fashion, we saw a regional outpouring of kindness and generosity from individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs all across the district.



In the coming days, contributions poured into the sanctuary-turned-donation-hub at the Riverton United Methodist Church. Countless individuals gave money, clothes, kitchen goods, bedding and more. Then, countless individuals gave their time to help sort and distribute the offerings.

Many organizations came to offer support including Tukwila Children's Foundation, Kids Without Borders, Riverton United Methodist Church, The Tukwila Pantry, Lowe's, BECU, Tukwila Police, Tukwila Fire, Tukwila City Employees and hundreds more. You, my fellow Rotarians, joined in this effort, individually and as clubs, and made a true difference that inspired donations in abundance.

The results were so enormous that we will be able to share not only with these 32 families but with the 70 families that in July lost everything in a fire in SeaTac but are still in need.

After helping the victims of these two fires, we hope to offer resources to new neighbors expected from Afghanistan.

Rotarians, you have touched the hearts of many. Your actions have shown that when a crisis occurs, Rotarians show up.



## Need a Great Speaker for Your Club?



Did you know that Harvest Against Hunger is the longest-operating and largest Rotary District 5030 project? It's true! So when we help our neighbors in need have enough healthy food to eat, we lift up all Rotarians (along with our additional supporters).

We love having the opportunity to connect with our fellow Rotarians, community members and supporters to share more about what we're working on. We at Harvest Against Hunger would be happy to come speak at your upcoming club meeting, either in person or virtually.

Long time supporters and new supporters alike tell us that they are amazed at all the good that our little staff is doing for our community after hearing a presentation. Clubs can choose from the following presentation foci:

- Harvest Against Hunger overview and latest news
- Harvest VISTA program
- Farm to Community programs update

To arrange for a Harvest Against Hunger presentation, email [david@harvestagainsthunger.org](mailto:david@harvestagainsthunger.org) or [lori@harvestagainsthunger.org](mailto:lori@harvestagainsthunger.org). Hope to see you soon!



## Social Justice Virtual Presentation by Wyking Garrett

Sala Sweet and Jeff Werthan of University District Rotary Club invite to a virtual weekly ad Hoc Social Justice Group Session every Saturday morning for an hour at 9am.



Our September 18th speaker is Wyking Garrett of Africatown Community Land Trust.

Come join us along with Rotarians from several different clubs. If you are interested, please email Jeff at: [jmwdog@gmail.com](mailto:jmwdog@gmail.com) and he will send you the link.



## Music Mends Minds

Our District Project Supporting People with Dementia. Learn how Rotarians are using the power of music to help seniors through Music Mends Minds by clicking the link below.

[Music Mends Minds](#)

*This is Amy Huggins of the Vashon Rotary Club and our ambassador to Music Mends Minds. Thank You Amy!!!*

## Join Woodinville and Seattle NE Rotaries for a volunteer farm day at 21 Acres!

**Sept 18th - 10 AM to 1 PM.**

21 Acres Center for Local Food and Sustainable Living  
13701 NE 171st Street, Woodinville, WA 98072



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[register online here](#) for the desired date Sept 18th

**Check out what is happening around us**  
Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group  
<https://www.esrag.org/>

Rotary Climate Action Team Network  
<https://rcatnow.com/>

## WHAT IS INTERACT ?

Interact Clubs are clubs sponsored by Rotary Clubs that are made up of high school students (grades 9-12) for the purpose of humanitarian service, networking, building goodwill, and promoting peace around the world. Interact on the international scale includes more than 23,000 Interact Clubs in 159 countries!

The Interact Club of Northshore was founded in 2019 and has since participated in several service projects including several food and clothing drives, Operation Warm Coats, virtual craft times, and other events with their **sponsoring club, Woodinville Rotary.**

They meet every week to plan fundraisers, campaigns, and drives so that the community can be aided year-round and issues around the area can be addressed.

Northshore Interact is comprised of **five high schools** in the Northshore School District and beyond, a history-making club! With committees created through the input of all members, this is a club that promotes inclusivity and values the input of everyone. Visit their website at: <https://www.northshoreinteract.com/>



## Kirkland Downtown Partners with Interact

The Rotary Club of Kirkland Downtown (RCKD) partnered with the Juanita High School Interact Club to participate in a Children of the Nations' (COTN) food packaging event held at the Mill Creek Foursquare Church on August 14.

COTN's mission is "Raising Children Who Transform Nations," taking a holistic approach to support children and young adults in many countries. They do this through partnering events like this, packaging food for hungry bellies, facilitating direct sponsorship of children, and various fundraisers. This one-day event packaged 50,000 meals that will be shipped to Sierra Leone in West Africa, where approximately 5.1 million people are estimated to lack sufficient nutritious food to live a healthy life. Each meal packaged provides 6 servings, is nutrient rich with rice, lentils, dried vegetables, and vitamins, and helps children get what they need to grow normally.



*Anne Kuchera of RCKD, and 2 Juanita HS Interact Students.*

RCKD hopes to hold its own COTN food packaging event, partnering with Juanita High School Interact Club and inviting the local community to participate, later this year, if Covid mandates allow. COTN offers a great opportunity for Rotary Clubs to sponsor food packaging events, and they do much of the heavy lifting! Check out the COTN website at: [www.cotni.org](http://www.cotni.org). Contact Andrea Krook with COTN directly at 206-963-1534 for more information about how to schedule an event.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Magnolia Rotary Tennis Ball Roll

The Rotary Club of Magnolia (RCM) ran their 2021 annual Key Bank Tennis Ball Roll on Sunday August 29 at the hill west of the Recreation Center Tennis Courts in Magnolia Neighborhood of Seattle.

The Club members sold tickets to purchase a ball to be race in the event during the weekly Magnolia Farmer's Market. Tickets were \$5 a ball or 5 for \$20. Over 1,000 tickets were sold over the course of this past summer. All tickets were assigned a number ball in one of five preliminary heats. The first 20 balls that reached the end of the funnel were identified. Those ticket holders were then assigned a new ball for the final heat.

One hundred balls were rolled in the final heat with the top ten identified and awarded prizes. The winner represented by ball 99 was Greg Fuller of Magnolia, who won grand prize of \$250.00 and his name on the perpetual trophy that is on displayed at Key Bank Magnolia. Second place was Mindi Schautz, a new Member of the Rotary Club of Magnolia. The next 8 places received gift card from Starbucks, Nutty Squirrel Gelato, Café Appassionato donated by members and merchants.

Special thanks to Rotarians Walt Zierman and Bryce McWalter for ticket sales, Tom Powell for organizing and tracking tickets, ball assignment and running the computer. All of the club members participated in the success of the Tennis Ball Roll.

Our next event is "Just Shred It" on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 Am to 1 PM. Just Shred It is held at the Key Bank Magnolia Parking lot at 34<sup>th</sup> Ave W and W. McGraw St. This is an opportunity to safely dispose of no longer needed sensitive documents and records.





## Rotary Club of Duvall Beer and Wine Garden

Summerstage Concerts were back and so was the Rotary Club of Duvall Beer and Wine Garden! For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, Duvall Rotary Volunteers were back in action at McCormick Park serving beer from Valley House Brewery, Sangria from Feliciano Winery, and a selection wine. The proceeds and donations from the four concerts raised \$7,500 for charities in the Snoqualmie Valley. Last year the Rotary Club of Duvall donated over \$18,000 in Emergency Food Relief and Scholarships.

Come to Duvall on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 5:00 for the dedication of the new cedar plank signs being installed on Main Street. The Rotary Club of Duvall will host the Beer and Wine Garden. Our location will be near the Police Station – come down and say hello!

## Lake Forest Park Rotary Back-to-School Event



On Saturday, August 21, over 20 Lake Forest Park Rotarians volunteered at the Shoreline Schools annual Back-to-School event. Over 1,000 students are provided with backpacks, school supplies and hygiene items. The Lake Forest Park Rotary Community Services Committee contributed \$1,500 to purchase backpacks. It was the club's biggest in-person volunteer event in over a year!



*written by Oklahoma City Rotary club summarizing Healthy Start program supported by Rotary Global Grant initiated by the Rotary Club of Sammamish.*

## Healthy Start Program in Guatemala

The World Service Committee is pleased to report continuing support of the Rotary/Agros International Healthy Start program in Guatemala. Our Club first participated in this program in its inaugural year during 2020. We joined 11 other clubs from Washington, California, Colorado, Guatemala, and China. An interesting fact is this is the first project that a China club (Macau) was permitted to participate in outside of China.

The Healthy Start program is operating in the Ixil region of Guatemala which was severely disadvantaged during the decades long Guatemalan civil war. The program is focused on reducing chronic child malnutrition. The primary strategies of the program include:

- Establish a network of Community Health Brigadistas to actively work in the villages to provide and promote health measures
- Provide prenatal care to pregnant women and early childhood care to children, such as immunizations
- Provide nutritional supplements in villages where food scarcity occurs
- Increase food production from local gardens for both local use and for agribusiness

The Healthy Start program was off to a successful start when two severe hurricanes hit Central American within two weeks in November 2020. Agros had team members on the ground assisting the Healthy Start communities recover from the damage, and to their credit were able to achieve the program's first year goals despite the hurricane setbacks.

The impact of the program has gained attention in Guatemala and Agros was recently invited by the Guatemalan government to present the details of Healthy Start to key members of Congress and the Ministry of Food Security and Nutrition. Partnership and support of the government is a key long-term strategy to increasing the scale of the program and impact across the impoverished regions of the country.

## Maple Valley Rotary

Paint By Tunnels is a community event where Maple Valley history is painted onto the walls of tunnels that cover some of the walking paths in Maple Valley. We supported this event through volunteers and contributions.



## Fremont Rotary Troops Project

In August, Fremont Rotary sent 27 care packages to the 1-173 Infantry Battalion troops deployed in Syria.

Club Members collected and packed items for the troops. Each package included a personalized note from a Fremont Rotarian and personal hygiene items, snacks, candies, gum and drink mixes for water. Rotarian Rudy Pantoja Jr. coordinated support for this project with donations of items from Safeway, free mailing supplies from the USPS and contributions from KVI listeners after KVI radio spot highlighting the Fremont Rotary project.



## Edmonds Rotary Supports Senior Lunch Program

The Rotary Club of Edmonds has contributed \$1,850 to the **Senior Lunch program** at the Edmonds Waterfront Center (EWC). "One in seven seniors are considered food insecure, meaning that they do not have reliable access to a sufficient amount of affordable and nutritious food," said Michelle Reitan, Director of Health & Wellness programs at the EWC. "We are serving between 35 and 50 senior meals each day as part of our Community Café model where the community can also come in and dine."

Maggie Peterson, President of the Rotary Club of Edmonds delivered the check at the EWC, along with Club secretary and EWC Board member, Carol Kinney. "Edmonds Rotary is a proud supporter of the new Edmonds Waterfront Center. In addition, Edmonds Rotary also supports Washington Kids in Transition, Clothes for kids, YWCA Trinity Place Housing, CASA, Rotary Harvest Against Hunger and the Edmonds Food Bank. We're proud supporters of Mika's all-inclusive Playground, Youth Scholarships and so much more. And we just broke ground on a critical literacy project in rural Gambia."



From left to right: Maggie Peterson, Michelle Reitan, Carol Kinney, Daniel Johnson  
Photo by: Leslie Amman



## Rotary Club of Kent-Kent Food Bank and Door Dash Program

Several members of the Rotary Club of Kent give their time every Monday afternoon to pack bags of food at the Kent Food Bank. In an hour or less volunteers pack about 180 bags – 60 bags of non-perishable food with some produce, bread and a pastry in it. Another 60 bags has fresh food like milk, cheese, butter, meat or eggs. The last 60 bags that we call the PPE bag contain items like toilet paper, goggles, or masks, cereal and juice. After the bags are packed some volunteers help distribute the bags to Door Dash drivers who deliver to those in the community that need the food. Others help restock the bagging stations, break down cardboard boxes and sweep the floors. The volunteers also help the Food Bank with other special projects like sorting and organizing donations that are given from the community.

This program has been going on since January 2021 and those that volunteer really enjoy making a difference. We also have community members, other Rotarians from different clubs and family members also volunteer.



International Day of Peace is September 21

**WORLD POLIO DAY IS 24 OCTOBER**  
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Rotary

**Has Your Club Planned an Event?**

## Issaquah Rotary Pub Nights are a Success!

Rotary friendships, fun, and service are the key goals of our Pub Nights. They have made us more visible to our community by sharing the good things we are doing as Rotarians and demonstrating that Rotary is fun. It also supports our many members who can't make traditional lunch meetings. The casual setting repeatedly catches the eyes of pub guests, helping us land added community support and even some new members.

We restarted our twice-monthly Pub Nights in June at Big Block Brewing's outdoor patio and had a fantastic turn out. We also held our Turning of the Wheel there with a delicious BBQ dinner honoring the previous leadership and welcoming the new team.

Service becomes fun at these meetings by doing "pop-up" mini projects. We recently ran projects supporting the Issaquah Food Bank by collecting food for the Issaquah Sammamish Food Project and packing goodie bags for (often bored) kids who visit the food bank with their parents.

Pub nights are also great for hosting programs in a more casual and interactive environment. The setting gives us a great opportunity to get to better know our longer-term Club members while doing their "Classification Talks 2.0" in a very relaxed setting. Outside speakers have included David Bobanick from Rotary's Harvest Against Hunger.

We openly invite and look forward to visits from other district Rotarians at the Pub. Please come join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, 5:30 pm at **Big Block Brewing, 3310 East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, Sammamish, WA 98075.**



## Did you know?

### Famous Rotarians

Below are just some of our world famous Rotarians. Can you guess who they are? For a much larger list, visit this website.

<https://www.charlotterotary.org/400famousrotarians.html>



### Jerry Burtenshaw 1934 - 2021

Jerry Burtenshaw, a longtime Seattle 4 member passed away on September 2nd. Jerry was a member for 34 years and as of 2017 (maybe longer) had perfect club attendance.



## District 5030 Committees

Are you interested in getting involved with a District committee to serve all clubs within District 5030? We have many from which to choose. Each committee already has a chairperson, but we need talented, committed individuals like you.

If you would like more information, send an email to [RotaryDistrict5030@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryDistrict5030@gmail.com). Be sure to put the name of the committee in your email and it will be forwarded to the chair of that committee.

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- District Visioning
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- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
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- Empowering Girls
- Literacy
- Vocational Service

*Did you know that Rotary District 5030, representing all of the Rotary Clubs in our District, received the Seattle-King County Realtor's **First Citizen Award** in 2012? This was only the second time that an organization was selected instead of a citizen.*