

Amy Orr President's Report 2018-2019

This year was a year of invigoration for the Seattle-International District Club, thanks in large part to Jesse Tam, our Membership Chair. We welcomed 5 new members into our club this year, with 4 more member applications received in June, and likely to be inducted at the beginning of the 2019-20 Rotary year. We moved back to 900 S. Jackson Street for our bimonthly meetings, as parking at 605 7th Avenue no longer supported our club and visitor attendance growth.

Judy Ginn and the Seattle University Rotaract Club organized our first SU Rotaract – SIDRC dinner social. The Rotaract Club reserved a room on campus, prepared lasagna and garlic bread, our club provided salad, and we spent the evening getting to know each other. We also funded 8 Rotaractors' registration to the joint District Conference in Spokane, where we were able to celebrate SU Rotaract Club President Darby Martin, who was honored as "Rotaractor of the Year" for our District.

Other social and fundraising events included a summer barbecue at Amy Orr and Eric Stone's house, a holiday lunch party in December, and the Empowering Communities fundraiser in April.

We awarded 5 scholarships to high school seniors this year. Of special note is that one was designated a 'Social Justice' scholarship, in honor of Phil Ginsburg, a charter member of our club whose life revolved around creating a more just world, and who passed away this year. The Philip Ginsburg Social Justice scholarship has separate criteria from our standard scholarship, focused on social justice volunteerism and ideas on social justice issues.

There were 12 organized volunteer activities; 4 Gatzert Elementary-Mountaineer events, 2 meals served at Youthcare's Orion House, third-grade dictionary deliveries to 2 schools (Bailey Gatzert and Wing Luke Elementary), 2 District-wide events (The Interurban Trail Cleanup and Bloodworks Blood Drive), the annual International District Spring Cleanup, and a club Rotary First Harvest Packing party. Three of those events were organized by new members, Tim Lee and Henry Wong, and the other events by longtime members, Judy Ginn, Stan Miner, Bert Cehovet, and me.

Shannon Woodman, Saida Saleh, and Stan Miner spearheaded a project to supply public toilets to Saida's hometown of Mlalille, Zanzibar. Saida provided a grant application to our club for one location, and, through hard work and networking, Shannon and Stan raised enough funds to supply toilets for 2 locations.

Other projects we supported this year:

Donation to LIHI to build a tiny home.

Refugee Artisan Initiative Program

Asian Council and Referral Service Job Readiness Program

Seattle Parks and Recreation Specialized Programs - Yoga

Ekari Foundation (student support program in Malawi)

TINFA Global Grant (Training teacher in rural Guatemala to use technology in the classroom)

Addis Ababa Sanitation in School Global Grant

Our club also met the EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) initiative challenge again this year, with every member donating to Rotary International's Annual Fund.