

the wave



Beach cleanup

A few goodhearted members took part in the beach cleanup at the Edmonds waterfront. This is a good hands-on activity that also gives visibility to our club, and actually does something really good for the community. No, those were not our members in scuba gear going a little extra for the cause. But they are a part of the community that I'm sure appreciated the efforts of the likes of Valerie Claypool, Paul Albers, Libby Freese, and Scott and Monica James. Thanks guys!



July 19 — Picnic in the Park with the Daybreakers





As the photos show, we have welcomed a few more new members: Justin Foltz, top left, is introduced by Pat Shields; Mike Kealy welcomes Jim Gregory and Ryan Svendson; Pat introduces Debbie Denakis. Give them all a big welcome. Meanwhile, Elise Hegrat headed up the Book Project for the kids at Trinity Place, and got a little special financial help for the project from Shari Ramm. Darlene Stern sent in a photo to remind us to say thanks to the Daybreakers Rotary Club for lending us a hand at this year's Waterfront Festival. With nothing but sunshine this year, we are anxiously waiting to hear the results of this year's effort. Many thanks to all who did their part, and special thanks to Richard Okimoto, who did his best to make sure that we did!



Message from President Beth

Dear Rotary Family (I've chosen that word as that is what you've become to me, family) –

I wanted to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for making my year as President such a wonderful experience. In all honesty, I am sad my “reign” is coming to an end. If you wish to remain calling me your majesty or your highness, I will continue to answer. Ha! 😊

In all seriousness, I've enjoyed getting to see your beautiful faces each week and getting to know some of you better at our monthly social events. Thank you for making them a success. For those of you that haven't attended one yet, please come on down and get to know your fellow Rotarians. They are really a lot of fun (the event itself and most importantly, the people); Bring your spouse, family member or friend. I feel it has added greatly to the growth of this club. In addition, it has brought about a heightened sense of camaraderie within our group. You can't buy that.

Thank you to all of the “seasoned” Rotarians for your input, wisdom, knowledge and support throughout this year and thank you to each and every new member that has joined since July 1st 2015 for your eagerness, positive attitudes and willingness to become a part of such a great organization. And to All of you – thank you for your time and commitment to Rotary and for laughing/groaning at my jokes each week and for remaining during this past year of relocation and growth.

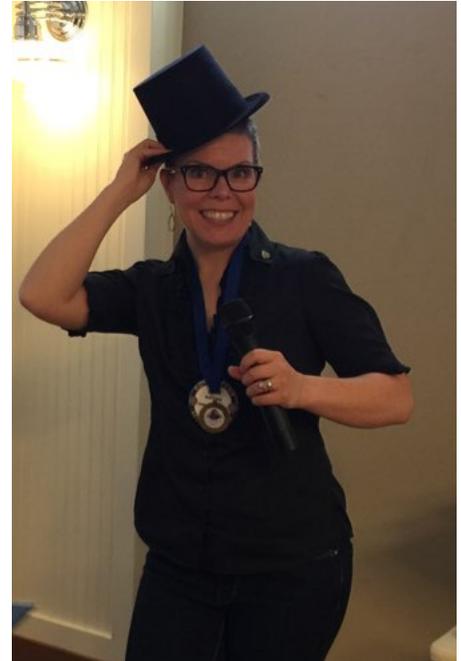
I sincerely appreciate each and every one of you. You all make me proud to be a part of Rotary and I am excited to continue to serve alongside you.

To Doug Lofstrom, you are going to ROCK your year! The retreat this past weekend was the best ever and if it is any indication of what is to come for the Noon Club, your term is going to be legendary!

I hope to see you tomorrow at my official last lunch meeting and the following Tuesday at the Demotion Party. You get to roast me. I am a little scared, but I can take it. But remember, I do have a long memory....

Let the sunshine in,

Beth



Demotion Party

June 28 – 5:00pm
My Sister's Place, at Five Corners
(no noon meeting)

Come help us finish Beth's reign in style! Bring a good joke - or a bad one - along with a story to roast our outgoing President, or just your good humor and friendship.



Recent speakers at our meetings at Salt & Iron have included Larry Dolan, who presented some good information on legal issues affecting the elderly. Loyce Mbewa returned to give us an update on the Mwanzo Education Center, Rabuor Village, Kenya, which has been a part of our ongoing International Community Service effort.

From the Editor...

Three items of note this month...

Last week we had our Club Retreat at My Sisters Place in Edmonds. It was a good turnout, and we spent some productive time analyzing different leadership styles, personality strengths that we each bring to the club. Through the facilitation of Wayne Ottum, we talked about how to utilize and moderate each of our own personal strengths, and perhaps be sensitive to the strengths of other members, to better serve the club, as well as our professional and private lives. It was a good session. Following on that, President-Elect Doug Lofstrom hopes to put another session together, either through Club Assembly or Fireside, to discuss basic goals for the coming year, particularly in the areas of Membership and Fundraising. Hopefully the discussion will be as enthusiastic... People, put your strengths to work!

On the international level, you may have read recently that the polio virus has been found in India, a country that was declared polio-free in 2014. While no cases of polio have been reported there yet, there is concern, and Rotary and the World Health Organization are upping the efforts in immunization to make sure the disease does not resurface there. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only 2 countries where the virus is still endemic, but this discovery in India makes it clear that the fight is not over until this disease is no longer a threat to ANYONE ANYWHERE! As we start our new Rotary year, remember the goal of EREY: Every Rotarian Every Year. Your donations to the RI Foundation are important.

Lastly, Many thanks to President Beth Westenhaver-Kealy for a job well done, and our very best wishes to President-Elect Doug Lofstrom for a great year ahead!

*Pat Thorpe, Editor
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