

Rotary Club of Edmonds

the wave



April 2017

Come join us in Portland for the District 5030 Conference, April 21 - 23, at the Portland Hilton. There is still time to register on the District website. Many folks will be taking the train roundtrip. Check with President Doug for details. To get in the mood, you might want to catch a few episodes of Portlandia on Amazon before you go.



Ongoing projects: Beth Westenhaver-Kealy and Elise Hegrat, left, show the packet of gifts that are given to each new resident at Trinity Place. At right is the recent snack packing party for Washington Kids in Transition.

Dreams

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.
Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow

~Langston Hughes

Club Retreat - May 5 - 6, 2017

La Conner Country Inn in La Conner
Call 360-466-1500 for reservations

**Photomathon
September 9, 2017**

Spotlight on Jose Longoria

Jose was born and lived his early years in hot and dry South Texas. His grandfather had a Spanish land grant, but whatever he acquired, he lost to wine, women and song! Jose still has about an acre of land in Texas. He was the 13th of 15 children, 9 of whom survive. He went to a Land Grant College, graduated and taught math for four years in Corpus Christi, TX. He married Yolanda in 1971 and in 1977 he was offered a job for the non-profit League of Latin American Citizens, heading up their educational programs in Washington, DC.

In 1991, he was offered a position with the Hispanic PR division of Pepsi Cola and moved to New York. (Side note: Pepsi was developed by a pharmacist in North Carolina in 1889 and if you have been watching the "Feud" Series on



REELZ, Joan Crawford was MRS PEPSI and all they say about her is true!!)

In 2004 Jose and his wife moved to Plano, Texas, to join the government affairs division of Frito-Lay, and they remained there until his retirement in 2014. At that time his son, who lives in Ballard, encouraged him to "move west", so they moved to Edmonds in 2014. He and Yolanda went to China a couple of years ago with a group from Edmonds led by Valerie Claypool, and met so many nice people. They both now love the Edmonds area, even the weather!. He volunteers at the Cascadia Museum as well as the Edmonds Historical Museum and the Edmonds Senior Center.

He is enthusiastic about Rotary, and says "life is all about compromise." Welcome Jose!!

~Submitted by Linda McCullough



At left is Camille Gates, Student of the Month, with counselor Heather Neumann from Meadowdale High School. At right, Janet Jensen receives her Red Badge.

Below, Maggie Peterson with sponsor Joan Longstaff, receives her Blue Badge; Karen Conaway and Brenda Brown receive Blue Badges as Valerie Claypool looks on. In honor of St. Patrick's Day Michael Kealy warmed our hearts with the fascinating tribute to an Irish immigrant - his father.

Save the Date!

The Magic of Edmonds

Club Auction

October 21

at Holy Rosary Church



Spotlight on Dori Glass

"I am an artist at heart and people are my medium" begins Dori when she is describing her varied passions. Born in Long Beach California, and raised in Southern Orange County, Dori received a B.S. in Environmental Design from The University of California Davis. Her first job tossed her into the California celebrity scene where she worked as a project manager for high-profile Hollywood events, movie premieres, and celebrity parties. She went on to work in education at FIDM (The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising), as an Interior Design Department Chair. She met her husband Richard while crossing a street in Manhattan Beach, CA - both enjoying a carefree single lifestyle. They soon married, and started a family—first came a girl Emilia and then a son Nathaniel. Her husband grew up in Seattle so



they made the move to Washington state. Their first project was a renovation on Richard's parents' home in Edmonds, and they later bought the same home. Dori has owned and operated a part-time art business for the past few years. The business, "ArtWise NW" features special programs for children in school as well as art camps. When choosing to go back to work full-time Dori joined the Real Estate industry with Keller Williams Greater Seattle. Here she has turned her passion for helping people and visual design into a full-service brokerage team entitled "Six Degrees Real Estate". Their emphasis is on connecting people, building community and giving 6% of commission back to charitable organizations with every transaction.

We are indeed lucky to have such a passionate and dedicated woman join our club. Welcome to Rotary Club of Edmonds, Dori.

~Submitted by Carol Kinney

We recently heard
Classification Talks
from new members
Ralph Sanders, Sue Mac
Donald, and Len Hagen.



Spotlight on Katie Kelly

Though she was born in Seattle, Katie has loved living in Edmonds since 2007. After graduating from Oglethorpe University in Georgia, with a degree in History, Katie returned home and began working in Georgetown at a hardwood flooring company, doing administrative work. Katie enjoyed working at a salmon cannery in Alaska during summer breaks while at Oglethorpe. She did mostly administrative work, but enjoyed the more challenging aspects of the cannery in her down time. This was a place Katie felt very comfortable, as her dad was in the fishing business and she spent summers in Alaska when she was a child.



Growing up with 3 brothers (2 older and 1 younger), the only thing to say about that was "it was interesting". They are very close as they all still live in the area. She's happy to be "KiKi" to her four nieces.

So how did she end up as Director of the Edmonds Historical Museum? In late 2008, a group of close

friends decided to travel abroad - a good time to quit her job and travel. While in the Dublin airport, she got the news that the economy crashed! After her panic subsided, she realized it was time to pursue her dream. She literally googled "Museums in Edmonds" and found the Historical Museum.

She started as a volunteer working in Collections, and has been the Director since July of 2015.

Katie continues to play volleyball, after coaching for 8 years following college. All of the lovely posters you see from the museum - she creates them. She winds down by watching TV - mostly "good" comedies. What would people be surprised to know about Katie? She took lessons and rode horses as a young girl. She also competed in volleyball tournaments in Spain.

Though shy, once you get to know her, you'll realize what a kind, dedicated and hardworking woman she is - and we're lucky she's now a part of the Edmonds Rotary family.

~Submitted by Carol Kinney

From the Editor...

Our Club membership has grown very dramatically in the past year or so, which is great. It is always interesting to ask of new as well as "old" members, "Why are you in Rotary?" The March edition of The Rotarian magazine included an interview with RI President-elect Ian Risely. He was asked what he would say if a young person asked him why he or she should join Rotary. He offered four reasons as his answer, which I will try to summarize here, and add a few comments of my own.

*First is **FRIENDSHIP**. Rotary offers the opportunity to meet people and share common interests, all while achieving good things. Attending meetings of other clubs, even outside the USA (because we have those attendance requirements, remember?) affords opportunities to meet a vast diversity of Rotarians and build friendships along the way. There are even Rotary Fellowships to connect with others who might share your hobby or interests. (The March edition also had an article about the Birdwatching Fellowship.)*

*Second is **PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**. It's a friendly environment "to get experience speaking, running meetings, motivating people, all that sort of thing" according to Risely. With focus on "Service Above Self", the opportunities to lead and be part of a team are endless. And all in a supportive environment where "We are all volunteers here".*

***BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** is the third element, one that is too often overlooked. In fact, concern about the lack of ethics in early 20th century business dealings was one of the key reasons Rotary was founded. We tend to discourage self-promotion in Rotary; Classification Talks are intended in part to acquaint other members with your professional profile. But while some may call it networking, getting to know and make friends with other professionals whose ethics and skills you trust should certainly be a part of the Rotary experience.*

*Finally, the most important reason to consider membership in Rotary, Risely points out, is the **CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**. Working together as a club and as part of a worldwide network of clubs to solve problems produces very powerful and positive results. Think Polio Plus, or projects dealing with water or literacy for example. Rotary is unique among many organizations in stressing attendance; that is because being connected is important to staying engaged in the ongoing efforts of the good work we do.*

During my earlier years in Rotary I remember someone telling me that it's easy to become a member of Rotary, but becoming a Rotarian means involvement. Over the years I've come to appreciate that comment. There are many reasons one joins Rotary, to be sure. What's your reason?

Pat Thorpe, Editor
c'est finis

Joining

People join together to be part of something bigger;
Working next to others can infuse our veins with vigor.
Keeping to yourself is fine, but then you are deprived
Of camaraderie, which gets our eagerness revived.

A book club or a quilting class, the army or marines,
The PTA or Rotary or pool league that convenes,
A dating site or any place our numbers make us strong;
It's fun to flock with others, well-aware we do belong.
We sign our names or pay our dues or even make a
pledge

That we will follow all the rules; our bets we will not
hedge.
And then we proudly claim to be a member of the tribe,
Adherent of the practices to which they do subscribe.

Though lots of folks fly solo, many more link with a
group,
Becoming an ingredient in some delicious soup;
For adding to the broth, we each bestow our special
spice
And often, that's a recipe for something mighty nice.

~ Ilene Bauer

APRIL is

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

Doing a little research, we found that many Rotary Clubs have had energetic poetry contests, going back at least as far as 1947 even. Then we remembered our own Club had a Limerick Contest for members years ago. We couldn't find any examples of the results of that competition, but thought maybe we could produce some fun results with a new contest. So here are the rules:

Your entry can be serious or humorous, iambic, haiku, or limerick... whatever. Beyond that it must be original and not offensive. (As good Rotarians, you can interpret that on your own!) Okay, family members may submit also if they are so inclined. Email your entries to pmtbroker@comcast.net.

Winners will be announced by President-elect Scott James at the Club Retreat, and President Doug might even buy the winner a drink !

