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A flash from the past

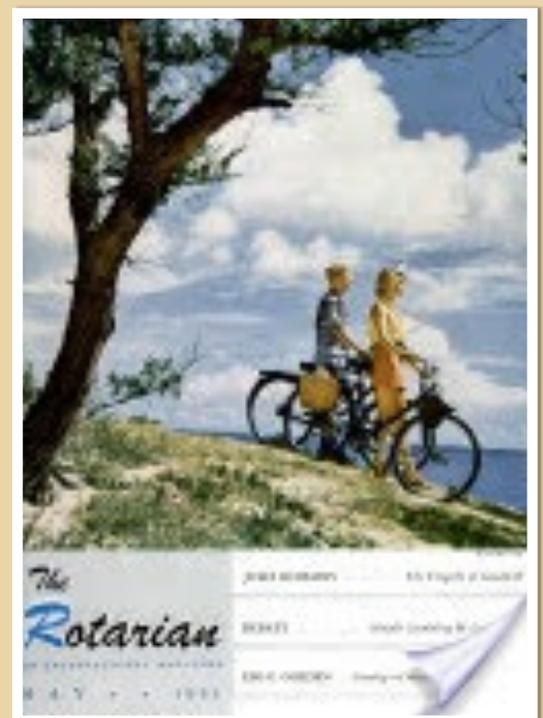
Before we go forward with 2018, let's stroll through the Rotary "scrapbook". This month's masthead photo is of Rotarians on their way to the first National Rotary Convention in 1910. (Note: Rotary was then 5 years old, but the first *international* club was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916) The photo bottom left is of members from the first year of Rotary who were still active members in 1924. Paul Harris is seated in the middle of the front row. A nice wholesome looking group of white fellows, right? How Rotary has grown — and changed! Bottom right is the cover of The Rotarian Magazine, May 1951, the month the Rotary Club of Edmonds was chartered. You can read the entire magazine online. By then Rotary had grown to 347,000 members in 7,290 clubs in 83 countries. Today there are over 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs in 165 countries. That doesn't even begin to speak to the diversity of membership today which is inclusive of minorities and women throughout the world.

THE 1905 GROUP—THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHICAGO



Members of Rotary Club of Chicago during its first year who were still living and members of the club in 1930.

Back Row: Jensen, Sullivan, Lawrence, Tweed, Arritzen, Wolf, Fletcher, Hawley, Schneider, Goldenberg, Neff.
Front Row: Chapin, White, Schulte, Harris, Douglas, Newton, Coffey.



Recap

It's been rather quiet since the Christmas Party at Scott's Bar and Grill. The last meeting before Christmas was full of caroling with Skip Erickson.

Lamin Manneh presented Jean Eastman with a special crystal recognition for her commitment as a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation. For those who don't know, a Benefactor is one who has committed to a legacy donation from their estate.

We kicked off the month of January with a special lunch meeting and tour of the Edmonds Center for the Arts. Thanks to Michael Kealy and Eموke Rock for organizing it.

By the way, Eموke has been sending timely summaries of upcoming programs and events to members, so watch for them and let her know if you do not receive them.



Spotlight on Donna Stanton

Donna is originally from Michigan, and moved to Washington 22 years ago with her husband John, by way of California. Donna and John (who passed away in 1995) have two girls: Jennifer works for Washington Energy, and Kathy works for Mondelez International (maker of Oreos!) Since retiring in 2004 she enjoys biking, traveling, and golfing. She also enjoys being a super Grandma to her 4 grandchildren: Every time one graduates from high school she takes him/her on a trip... She went zip lining at the age of 69 with Joanna - what a spitfire! She also hiked the back side of Half Dome in Yosemite. A little secret about Donna: Look carefully in a holiday movie called "Switchmas", with Elliott Gould. She's the grandma in yellow at the Miami Airport. Welcome to the club Donna!



~Submitted by Maggie Peterson

Mark the Dates ~



District 5030 Conference - Tulalip Resort

April 27 - 29

Go to the District website to register.

Rotary International Conference ~ Toronto

June 23 - 27

There's still time to sign up for this year's RI Convention. Toronto is a beautiful city, and if you've never been to a worldwide gathering of Rotarians it is a truly amazing experience. They come from over 165 countries to share stories and ideas and fellowship. There are excellent and inspiring speakers, but it's also a great opportunity to make new Rotary friends, see close up the results of Rotary's efforts around the world, and get inspired for the steps ahead.



There is always work to be done~

I recently attended a Board meeting for our club, which I haven't done in some time. It was after work and lasted until 7pm. A lot of good and serious discussion took place. There were especially lots of issues concerning the Waterfront Festival and the Auction, issues that are not easily resolved. Two thoughts: If you have helpful ideas or opinions, share them with Board members. No matter what decisions are made on behalf of the Club, no doubt at least some members will disagree. So secondly, don't forget to say thank you to those who donate their time to help guide the club forward. Same goes for those who chair committees and do more than their share of the work. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.



From the Editor...

"My New Year's Resolution List usually starts with the desire to lose between ten and three thousand pounds." **Nia Vardalos**

The notion of starting the year with a list of goals that may not be achievable is maybe not the best way to improve our self esteem. So instead, in the spirit of **Rainer Maria Rilke**, who said *"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been,"* may we offer a list of ideas to make the days ahead more fun, more interesting, and more satisfying. Many you may already have planned, but if one or two inspire you, my work is good:

~ Have you been to the Cascade Museum in Edmonds yet? Focusing on Northwest artists, it offers a real taste of talent close to home. A step further, how about an adventure to the Seattle Art Museum? The Andrew Wyeth just finishing today was a treasure; sorry if you missed it.

~ How about music? You could take in an evening with the Cascade Symphony, or venture out to enjoy the Seattle Symphony, or a special concert at Marymoore Park or the Zoo or even a local school.

Or the theater. Lots of choices in Edmonds, and in surrounding communities. Maybe stretch to see something different from your usual preferences. How long since you've been to the movies? they cost more, but you can reserve your seat, and some now have recliner seating... just like watching tv! How about a new tune on your phone that the "youngsters" are crazy about?

~ Okay, okay, these are all about the arts, so maybe some other areas...

Read a book. Any book. Or maybe write a book. Or maybe just a few paragraphs about some life experiences that you can share with loved ones as a legacy. Or a note to a friend who is ill, or a real thank you. Or a call to someone you haven't seen in awhile.

~ Try something new. Learn something new. Or you might take a class offered at our local community college, or through the Senior Center, or even a lecture on a topic you always wanted to know more about. You never know where it will take you.

~ Visit another Rotary Club. In our own District 5030, or in a town far away while traveling. New friends and new ideas await you.

~ Take a ride on the ferry... as a walk-on. Or check out anything in the community that you really haven't "seen" or appreciated in awhile. Been to the library lately? Taken a walk in the park?

~ Do something that makes you feel better about yourself: take a walk, smile at a stranger (but don't be creepy!), push away from a second helping, clean a closet... or just a drawer. I read recently that making your bed each morning first thing can give you the satisfaction that you have already accomplished something for the day.

~ Donate something (perhaps from that closet you cleaned out?) to someone or some organization you believe will make good use of it. Needless to say, the Rotary Foundation, or our own Club Foundation would be good options. Or donate a little more of your time. You're a Rotarian, you already give time, but is there more you can do?

~ Make a new friend. Seriously, you don't need to stalk someone at Starbucks, maybe just say hi to a neighbor. Loss of community is one of the things that divides us these days. Say thank you to someone... the grocery clerk, a waiter, the policeman who gave you that ticket (maybe not)... say it like you mean it and you will be surprised at the reaction.

~ Smile. Smile. Smile. There are days when it is difficult to find something to smile about, but we all know even if you force yourself, it can change how you feel. Even better, help to bring a smile to someone else's face; You will surely feel a little smile in your heart.

~ Finally, *"Living in the moment means letting go of the past and not waiting for the future. It means living your life consciously aware that each moment you breathe is a gift."* **Oprah Winfrey**

Happy New Year!

Pat Thorpe, Editor

c'est finis



Wind From the Sea, by Andrew Wyeth