BALLARD ROTAGRAM

Member Notes



September 15th Club Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our September 15th club meeting! We were happily surprised when a long-time past member, Wacek Domaradzki, stopped by to say hello. Come back again anytime, Wacek!

And this was the meeting where Wil Barrett generously prepared barbecue brisket, chicken, and mac & cheese. It was definitely a hit, as attested by members going back for seconds, and then preparing an extra plate to take home! Well done, Wil!

Attendance Total: 16
Members: 13
Guests: 2 (speakers Jess and Jen)
Visiting Rotarian: 1 (Lisa Edwards)

Meeting Pix


Wacek Domaradzki chats with Daniel Foe.

Club Calendar



Fifth Tuesday Outing September 29th details:



- **TIME:** 6:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** Conor Byrne Pub, 5140 Ballard Ave NW
- **NOTES:** We will be joining Ballard Solidarity for their happy hour! Ballard Solidarity's mission is to make Ballard a place where neighbors know each other, help each other, and work together for the common good. They are committed to making Ballard a supportive, safe, and resilient place for all. Sounds like they are kindred spirits, so let's get to know them!

October 6th Club Meeting details:



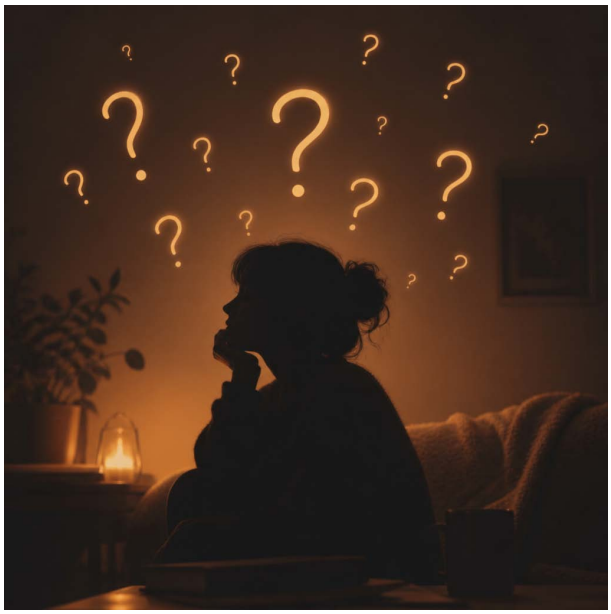
Derick & Nancy Pasternak chat with Alana Morris.



Speakers Jen and Jesse chat with club president Wil Barrett.

September 22nd President's Social

It was a pleasure to chat over a brew at the President's Social on September 22nd! Meeting



- **SPEAKER:** To be announced
- **Topic:** TBD
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
- **NOTES:** If you know of a great speaker, let David Rice know! There are rumors of a couple of different possibilities for speaker for this date, so stay tuned!
- Pay for your lunch ahead of time: https://bit.ly/4qOoJl1. And don't forget, you can park for free in the parking lot at Leif Erikson Lodge, as well as in the underground parking lot at QFC (across the street from Leif Erikson Lodge)!

October 13th Club Meeting details:



- **SPEAKER:** King County Council Member Jorge Barón
- **Topic:** Councilmember Jorge Barón will update us on current and trending issues being faced by the Metropolitan King County Council and timely topics of interest specific to Ballard, including voting, homelessness, and public transit, especially the Ballard Link Extension. Come with your questions, as this is a great opportunity to communicate with your elected representative!
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Zoom
- **NOTES:** If you haven't received your Zoom link by Tuesday morning, send a text request to ????.

October 20th Club Meeting details:

at Rough & Tumble Pub on a sunny evening, attendees enjoyed cooling down with a drink while enjoying R&T's excellent pub food. Sports were the dominant topic, including Huskies, Seahawks, and more. Total fun, folks, and too bad for those of you who missed it!

Attendance Total: 7

Members: 6
Visiting Rotarian: 1 (Ryan Maxwell of Lake Union Rotary)



Andree Hurley, James Raptis, Mark Stewart, Ryan Maxwell



Wil Barrett



- **SPEAKER:** Chris Kaimmer, Director of Corporate Partnerships at Seattle Sounders FC
- **Topic:** Chris will be speaking to us about the newest ventures in the soccer world! Chris lives and breathes soccer, is a co-founder of Ballard FB, and loves to talk with anyone working and thinking creatively about soccer, sports, sponsorships, and partnerships.
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
- **NOTES:** Pay for your lunch ahead of time: https://bit.ly/4qOoJI1. And don't forget, you can park for free in the parking lot at Leif Erikson Lodge, as well as in the underground parking lot at QFC (across the street from Leif Erikson Lodge)!

September 15th Program: Jesse and Hot Mess Express



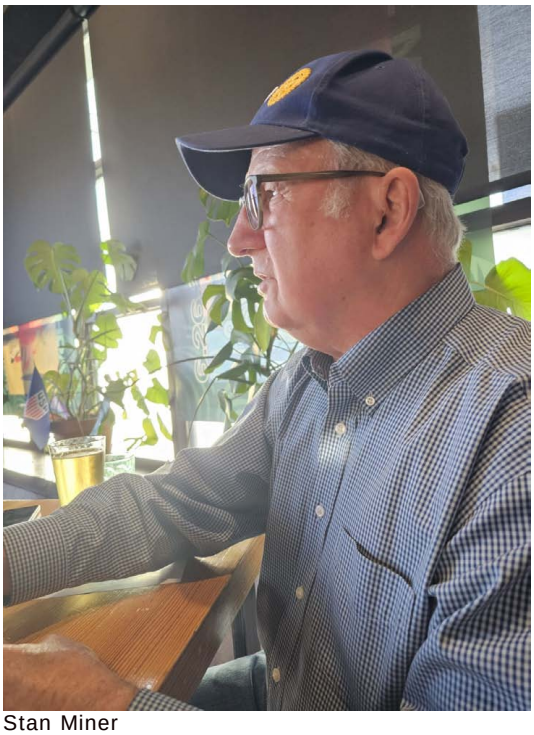
Jesse Gibbs


Ryan Maxwell

The September 15th club meeting featured Hot Mess Express, a women-led nonprofit with affiliates across the U.S., with the purpose of helping local overwhelmed women and moms. Volunteers go to the homes of women in need, and with no judgment, help with cleaning, laundry, dishes, organizing meals, restoration of household balance, and offering a fresh start. Jesse Gibbs is an administrator for Hot Mess Express in the Seattle area, and she spoke about the need for the nonprofit, because our homes and lives are not perfect and Martha Stewart-esque. It is a little more fun to clean and organize when you have partners, friends, and people that show up to help you out.

Their process is to receive nominations for individuals who need their services. Upon approval, they next schedule a Zoom meet-up with the nominee. While nominees can be anybody from any background, life, experience, or situation, frequently they are survivors of domestic violence. Most of the volunteers know first-hand about being exhausted while trying to get things done and the laundry just piles up. There are a lot of tears and a lot of love in that first meeting.

Next, they go to the nominee's home, and do a walk-through of the space. They analyze the chaos and what can be accomplished with the volunteers they have. They make a game plan, prioritizing tasks. Do they need bins? boxes? what specific cleaning supplies are needed? Do they have to deal with allergies? Sometimes furniture is needed, and they are good at finding furniture for little to no money. One thing they do NOT do is hoarder's homes. Those are special cases that need more than what Hot Mess can provide.



Stan Miner



Mark Stewart



On a mission day, the volunteers meet at a local coffee shop first thing in the morning. Then they go to the client's home and start working. At the end of the day, they haul away what has been designated as not-to-keep. What has been designated as still useful is taken to thrift stores. What is designated as garbage is tossed. And then everyone goes home and collapses as result of the emotion, the highs and lows, the sweating and exhaustion.

They accomplish what they do because the volunteers have passion and a willingness to roll up their sleeves. The volunteers are at the heart of the organization. Hot Mess Express has celebrated its 5-year anniversary and is now a 501(c)(3) non profit. They do use an Amazon wish list occasionally, depending on the situation.

Jesse used her slides to illustrate a few clients, describing the challenges, showing the before and the after. It was heartwarming to see the impact of their efforts on the lives of the families they helped, and the amazing good they accomplished.



James Raptis

Traveling Rotarian



While traveling recently in Slovenia, David Rice spotted this Rotary International clock in the city of Ljubljana. An awesome find, David, thanks for sharing!! And we look forward to David's report on his travels, especially since he took several club flags to exchange there.

Celebrate!



Jen Winckler

Jen Winckler, an administrator at Hot Mess Express, also spoke of her experiences at the organization. She described herself as the "keeper of the spreadsheet", and the crier, and talker, and the doer. She tracks the volunteers and their hours of availability. She expressed the emotion of their experiences with their clients and how rewarding the work is.

In terms of how Ballard Rotary could help, financial help is always welcome. Volunteering is also very welcome. Wish Lists are super helpful. Follow them on social media and share the news about Hot Mess Express.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/hotmessexpressseattlepublicgroup
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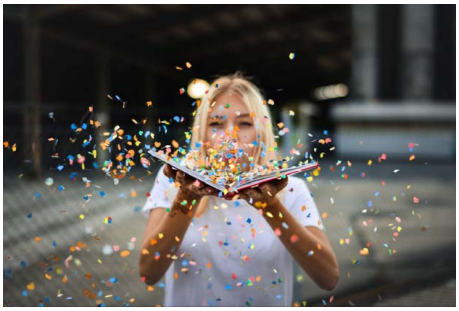

BIRTHDAYS: Heartfelt happy birthday greetings to the following club member celebrating his birthday in October. Be sure to give your congratulations at our next club meeting!

Member	Birthday
Fred Finkelstein	18 October

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES: Congratulations to the following club members on their anniversary of joining Rotary Club of Ballard. You make our club special! We hope you will remain members for a very long time to come!

Member	Years
James Raptis	13
David Rice	8
Frank Airey	6
Brian Dang	4

Club Leadership 2026-2027

Please join us at our lunch club meeting at noon every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of the month. On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday we meet in person at Leif Erickson Hall, 2245 NW 57th in Ballard and the cost of lunch is $20. The 2nd Tuesdays are online via Zoom. Request a link to the Zoom meeting from our club president.

On 4th Tuesdays, join us for an informal after-hours social at 5:30 PM at familiar pubs and breweries in Ballard. Check the newsletter for the location!

Excursions on 5th Tuesdays are changeable in location and time so be sure to check our FB page or our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

District 5030 Rotary Foundation Gala
Friday, October 16, 2026



In Memoriam: Alan "Moose" Clausen



Alan "Moose" Clausen
1938 - 2026
It with sadness that we report that Moose Clausen, a long-time member of Ballard Rotary, passed away on September 14th. He was 88 years old. A native son of Ballard, he graduated from Ballard High School in 1956. He graduated from Central Washington State University with a degree in Economics and is on the Central Washington University Athletic Wall of Fame. Upon graduation, he served in the U.S. Army.

After his time in the Army, Moose went on to build a successful 14-year career with New York Life Insurance, where his achievements earned him the President's Board Honors. In 1982, Moose became director of sales for the Seattle Mariner Baseball Club. In his 28 years with the Mariners, he has done it all, from group sales to season ticket sales to lining up the singers for the National Anthem. Moose is remembered for making the Mariners and their fanbase feel less like a professional sports franchise and more like a neighborhood community.

Moose was very active in the community, which included membership in the Ballard Rotary Club, President of the Ballard Exchange Club, the Washington Athletic 101 Club, the RBI Club, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hope Heart Institute, the Central Washington University Foundation, and the Ballard High School Foundation.

He was named to the Central Washington University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001 (Meritorious Service), honored by Ballard High School in 2002 as the recipient of the Captain William Ballard Award for meritorious service, and was a Ballard High School

DoubleTree SeaTac Ballroom
Doors Open: 5:00 p.m.
Register at district5030.org/event-tickets.

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Board of Directors
President (2026-2027)
Wil Barrett
President-Elect (2027-2028)
TBD
Immediate Past President
Alana Morris
Club Service Chair
James Raptis
Secretary
Nick Rogness
Treasurer
Pete Scott
Community Service Chair
Nick Rogness & Terry Collings
Membership Chair
Fred Finkelstein
The Rotary Foundation Chair
Stan Miner
Public Image Chair
Kathleen Linscott
Peacebuilders Chair
Val Gaifoulline
Programs Chair
David Rice
International Chair and Grants Officer
Alana Morris & Derick Pasternak
Family of Rotary
William Barrett
Vocational Services Chair
[TBD]
Youth Committee Chair
Mark Stewart
Environmental & Sustainability Chair
Andree Hurley
Ballard Rotary Foundation Directors
Director: Stan Miner
Secretary: TBD
Treasurer: Pete Scott
Member: David Rice

Support Your Club





Brown Bear Car Wash is the official car wash of the Seattle Seahawks!

Wall of Recognition Inductee in 2009. His involvement with many charitable activities was recognized when the RBI Club of the Seattle Mariners named the award THE AL "MOOSE" CLAUSEN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD that is given annually to such ball players like Edgar Martinez and others for their service to the community.

A celebration of life is scheduled for October 1st at First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach at 3 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to First Lutheran of Richmond Beach, 18354 8th Ave NW, Shoreline, WA 98177.

Rotarians Are People of Action!

September Service Project



James Raptis, Kathleen Linscott, Andree Hurley, Mark Stewart

Andree Hurley arranged a trash pickup around the area of the 24th Ave NW Street End Park on the 22nd and several folks rallied to the cause! Thanks to all the volunteers (Andree Hurley, Kathleen Linscott, James Raptis, Mark Stewart, and Ryan Maxwell)! It was a gorgeous day for such work, with sunny skies and a comfortable temperature. Andree provided trash grabbers and trash bags, and the cleanup left the area along 24th Ave NW from the canal to Shilshole Avenue looking very good. And the effort only lasted 30 minutes! Then the group walked the short distance to Rough & Tumble Pub for the President's Social and to celebrate their efforts.



Support our club by purchasing Brown Bear car wash tickets! The price is only $10 (retail is $12) so it is a bargain for you that benefits the club. Send your check to James Raptis, and he will mail your tickets to you. Or you can purchase the tickets at a club meeting, just ask James Raptis!



Buy a peace car flag and support Ballard Rotary! International Peace Day is September 21st, the perfect time to display these flags on your car. Peace car flags are available for the low price of $10 each, with $5 going to Ballard Rotary. The flag attaches to your car window, and when the window is closed, the flag flies just above the roofline of your car. Thank you to Rotary Club of Bellevue and Nancy Pasternak, who had the flags printed and made them available to us. To purchase, contact Derick Pasternak, by email or phone.



Purchase a Ballard Rotary baseball cap and wear it proudly, especially when attending service projects! The cost is only $20! To purchase, contact James Raptis.



No need to bring cash or credit card, if you use these handy links to pay for your club meeting payment needs:



Happy Bucks

Kathleen Linscott, Andree Hurley, Mark Stewart, Ryan Maxwell



Andree Hurley, James Raptis



James Raptis, Mark Stewart

October Service Project

https://bit.ly/4a1tsQm



Raffle Tickets
https://bit.ly/4qw5y5z



Lunch Ticket for 1
https://bit.ly/4qOoJI1

Just fill in your payment information, and then click the **Pay Now** button. Easy-peasy!

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Ballard Food Bank
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Our service project for October is being planned for later in the month, when we will be volunteering to help at Ballard Food Bank. The exact details are not yet locked down, but this is expected to be a hands-on activity. So stay tuned!