BALLARD ROTAGRAM

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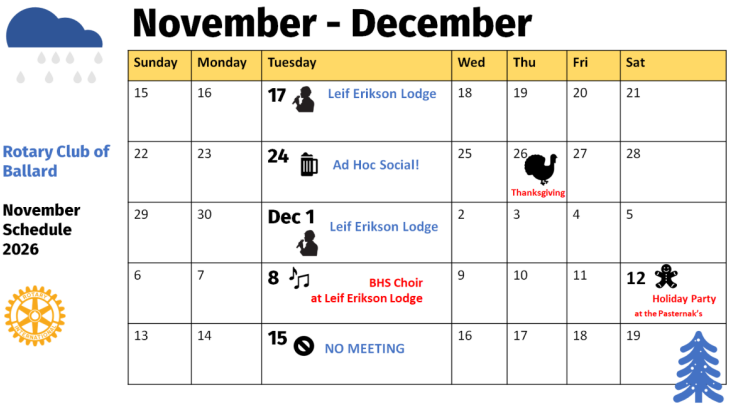
Club Calendar



November 17th Club Meeting details:



- **SPEAKER:** Noel Gilbrough of Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group (MSFEG)
- **TOPIC:** Noel is a board member of the Mid-Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group, a Seattle-based nonprofit that partners with communities to restore salmon habitat in the central Puget Sound watersheds through volunteer work, education, and habitat projects. Noel is a Seattle native who has worked for the US Corps of Engineers most of his life, 15 years of which were spent working on salmon ecosystem restoration projects on the Green, Duwamish and

Stillaguamish Rivers. Noel is an avid outdoorsman, having hiked Mt Rainier 15 times, kayaked the British Columbia and Alaska coasts (all the way to the Arctic) many times, and serves in the Ski Patrol at Crystal Mountain.

- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
- **NOTES:** 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)!

November 24th Details: Ad Hoc Social!



Due to this being the week of Thanksgiving, President Wil is opting out of an “official” Prez social this week. Instead, he is encouraging club members to invite each other out for coffee or drinks. This week is the perfect time to just have a simple one-on-one with another member. Another option is to join up at the Conor Byrne and hang with the Ballard Solidarity folks. Wil Barret plans to do this, and invites club members to join him. So two options, and both are great! Make your plans now!

December 1st Club Meeting details:



- **SPEAKER:** Nancy Pasternak
- **TOPIC:** Nancy summarized the story of her life for the Rainier Club recently, and decided why not share that effort with Ballard Rotary! Before she joined Ballard Rotary, Nancy served many years in the Rotary Club of Bellevue. She studied at DePauw University, University of San Andres, Bolivia; Stanford University; and the University of New Mexico. Nancy is extremely well-traveled and has lived a life of service, joy, and creativity. We look forward to new insights into what makes this energetic member tick!
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
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December 8th Club Meeting details:



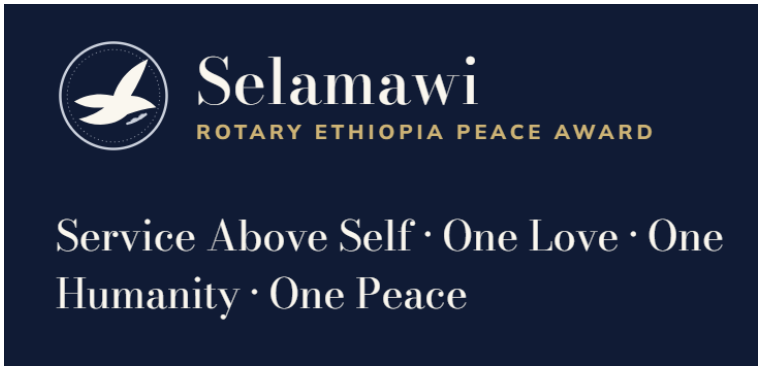
- **PROGRAM:** BHS Vocal Jazz Choir Holiday Performance
- **NOTES:** Members, friends, and family are invited to Ballard Rotary's annual tradition of Ballard High School Vocal Jazz Choir performing holiday musical favorites! Led by Director Courtney Rowley, the choir will sing a combination of modern melodies and holiday classics. This is such a special event, you won't want to miss it! If you feel inspired, come dressed in holiday attire, to add to the festive air of the gathering!
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
- **NOTES:** Pay for your $20 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)!

December 12th Holiday Party details:

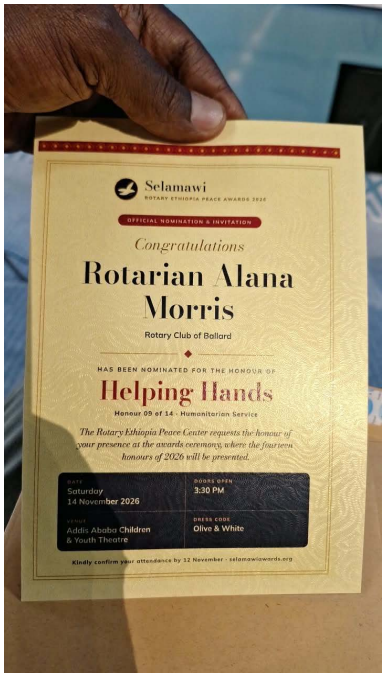


- **EVENT: Ballard Rotary Holiday Party 2026**
- **DETAILS:** Derick and Nancy Pasternak will be opening their home again to the club to celebrate the holiday season! Hurray! Nancy will be making her classic chili (both hot and non-hot varieties), and drinks will be on offer as well. Please bring a side dish of your choice - veggies, hors d'oeuvres, chips, dessert! We hear that David Rice will be bringing cornbread, just FYI. Come dressed in casual comfort, holiday-themed is optional. Arrive ready to eat tasty food and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Rotarians and their family.
- **NOTE:** This month is Rotary Foundation month, so if you haven't donated yet this Rotary year, this party is a good time to do it!
- **TIME:** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** Home of Derick & Nancy Pasternak, 10264 Richwood Ave NW, Seattle

Alana Morris Honored with Rotary Ethiopia Peace Award!



We are so proud to announce that Alana Morris was honored at the 2026 Selamawi Rotary Ethiopia Peace Awards on Saturday November 14th in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia! One of 14 honorees, she was awarded the Humanitarian Service Helping Hands 2026 award in recognition of her service for the relief, health, and care for people in crisis. Alana was notified live from the event via phone from attendees, who sent a short clip of the event which we plan to air at the December 1st club meeting.



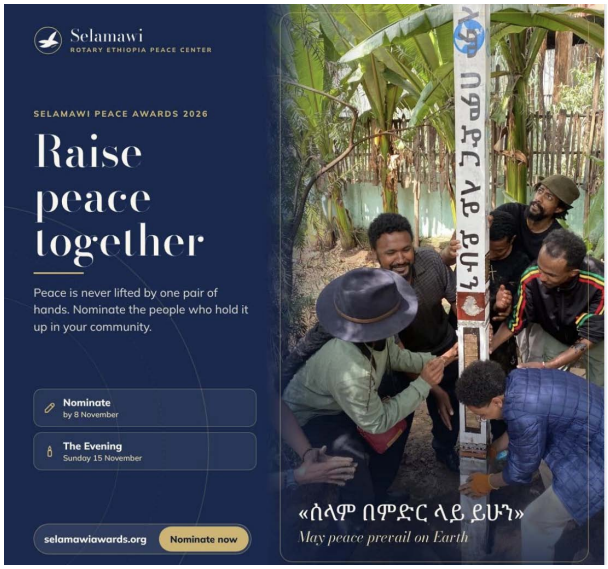


The Selamawi Rotary Ethiopia Peace Award is a prestigious annual recognition for individuals and groups whose service, creativity, compassion, and fellowship build peace in Ethiopian communities. The 2026 ceremony was a sunset-to-starlight program with a coffee ceremony, conscious reggae, a kite flight, the Peace Pledge by candlelight, and the peace torch for a lifetime award. The audience included Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, partners, artists, youth leaders, and guests. There were 14 categories of awards, including a lifetime achievement award:



Selamawi is hosted by the Rotary Ethiopia Peace Center, the Life & Peace Institute and Timret Lehiwot Ethiopia, together with Rotary clubs in Addis Ababa and Seattle, Rotaract, Interact, Rotary fellowships and partner organizations: thirty-five organizations in all.

So deserving of this recognition, Alana was instrumental in securing the peace grant that initiated all the peace activities planned and executed by Rotarians in Addis Ababa. As our club's Peace Chair, she traveled to Addis Ababa and met with many of the Rotarians involved in the project, making friends for life. With her strong support, the grant drew in other contributing Rotary clubs from our area. Congratulations, Alana, and congratulations Ballard Rotary!!





November 10th Program: Frank Stern & Rotary Club

of Bergen



At the November 10th club meeting, Ballard Rotary met virtually to discuss a potential sister-city collaboration with the Bergen Rotary Club in Norway. Lori Ann Reinhall, immediate past president of the Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association, facilitated the discussion by asking Frank Strand, current Secretary of the Bergen Rotary Club about his club's 100-year history and current operations.

Frank explained that the Bergen Rotary Club, founded in 1924, currently has 68 members and is part of Rotary District 2250, which contains 43 clubs. His professional background includes media, shipping, and the oil and gas industry. Frank noted he has a personal family connection to Ballard, as his uncle emigrated there in 1956.

Recent international projects mentioned by Frank included support for East Timor, youth programs in Chechnya, and aid to Ukraine, specifically through the Lviv International Rotary Club. Several Ballard Rotarians chimed in to outline our club's international projects, including work in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, and India, and local projects like supporting Edible Hope Kitchen, Mary's Place, and Ballard Food Bank.

Potential collaboration ideas were discussed, including exchanging newsletters, sharing tourism information, potential youth exchanges, and coordinating international projects in Ukraine. Implementing the installation of peace poles was offered as a way to promote global peace and conflict resolution. Finding a way to participate jointly in Ballard's Syttende Mai celebration in May was also suggested as a natural way to cement the bond between the two clubs. It was suggested that our club could host members of Bergen Rotary Club for Syttende Mai, and then the following year members of our club could visit Bergen.

Frank concluded by saying he would take all this information back to his club at the next board meeting. He feels optimistic that Bergen Rotary Club would be on board for this relationship. Wil remarked that the connections between our two cities are very strong, and we hope to make them even stronger. Well said!



Rotarians Are People of Action!

November Service Project



Our November service project was going to be volunteering at Edible Hope Kitchen, but we have a sudden change of plans! Edible Hope Kitchen informed Wil Barrett that their volunteer list is full for now and for the next few months. With that project deferred, Wil is exploring the possibility of having our members volunteer at Julefest at the National Nordic Museum the weekend of November 21-22. Be watching for an email from Wil for more details as they develop.

Ballard Senior Center may need volunteers for their Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale, which is the same weekend. Check their website (https://ballardseniorcenter.org) or call 206-297-0403 to inquire!

Member Notes



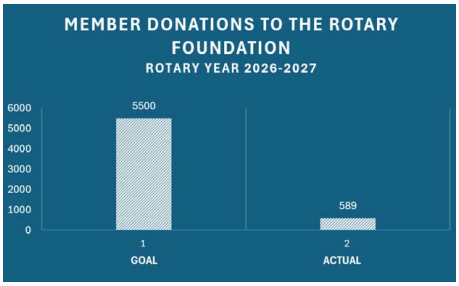
November 10th Club Meeting

Thank you to all who attended our online meeting this past week! It was great to start

a conversation with a member of the Bergen Rotary Club about becoming sister clubs! And a special thanks to Lori Ann Reinhall for moderating the discussion.

Attendance Total: 15
Members: 13
Guests: 2 (speaker Frank Strand and Lori Ann Reinhall)

The Rotary Foundation Needs YOU!



Friends! November is Rotary Foundation Month!Our club's goal for donating to The Rotary Foundation this Rotary year is $5,500. To-date we are well below that goal at $589. So get focused! Make your donation today online by going to https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/ways-to-give, and click the Donate button. Or you can hand a check to our Foundation Chair, Stan Miner.

Rotary International designates November to celebrate and promote The Rotary Foundation's mission and achievements. We urge each member of our club to contribute to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and the Endowment Fund to sustain Rotary's humanitarian work. The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the world's most effective charitable organizations, consistently earning top ratings for financial stewardship.

The Holiday Happenings in Our Neighborhood

Take advantage of extra holiday cheer with these local offerings.



Event: Ballard Senior Center's Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale
Dates: Friday and Saturday, November 20-21, 2026
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Location: Ballard NW Senior Center, 5429 32nd Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107
Cost: Free admission
Purpose: Fundraiser supporting senior center programs and services



Event: The National Nordic Museum's Julefest

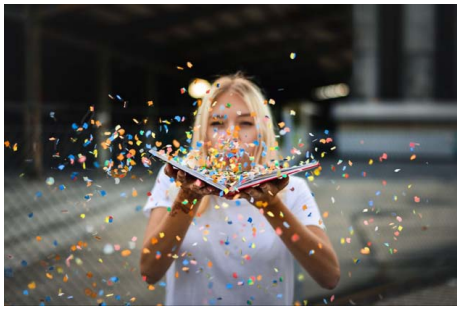
Time: **Friday, November 20, 5–9 PM** 21+ Friday Night Market, which includes full weekend access. $20 online, $25 at the door.
Saturday & Saturday, November 21–22, 10 AM–5 PM $12 online, $16 at the door. Youth $5, kids under 12 free, museum members free.
Location: National Nordic Museum, 2655 NW Market St

There will be over 45 local vendors at the Outdoor Nordic Christmas Market. Enjoy Nordic treats like æbleskiver with lingonberry (Sat & Sun), plus volunteer-baked krumkake and rosettes The Beer garden (for 21+) will serve glögg, mead, and beer all day. Local Nordic performers will be performing on the Fishermen's Sun Terrace. And families take note, there will be Santa photos and ornament crafts too!



Event: Rain City Voices & Sound Harmony Holiday Show: Santa's Sleepless in Seattle
Date: Dec 12, 2026
Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Location: Quest Church, 1401 NW Leary Wy, Seattle, WA 98107, USA
Tickets: Santa's Sleepless in Seattle - Rain City Voices & Sound Harmony Holiday Concert

Celebrate!



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

Member	Birthday
Steve Stansfield	16 November

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
Kathleen Linscott	10
Derick Pasternak	7+
Gary Borjan	0 (new!)

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 Convention
April 15-18, 2027
Marcus Whitman Hotel
Walla Walla, WA
Register at Ignite Your Rotary Spirit | 2027.

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
Gary Borjan
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

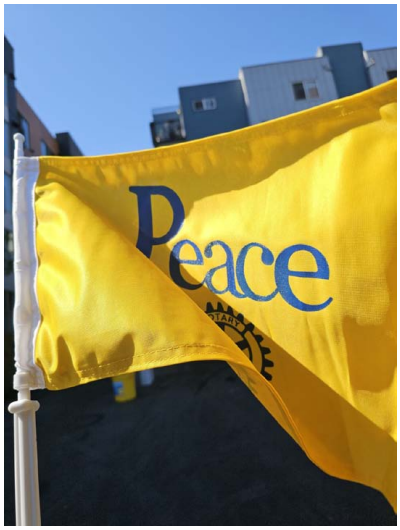
Support Your Club





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

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.

Pay Online!



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



Happy Bucks
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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