



# BALLARD ROTAGRAM

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## Member Notes



## March 24th Social



The March 24th President's Social took place at Maritime Brewery in south Ballard, not far from Trader Joe's. It was a small, but cheerful and friendly gathering, with delicious eats and refreshing drinks enjoyed by all. Camaraderie was in abundance, and a special surprise was the attendance of a guest. We were joined by Kyle White, a patent attorney at the University of Washington, who is also a member of Seattle 4. He attended the recent club fair hosted by Chamber of Connection at the Nordic Museum. He lives in Ballard, right across the street from the Leif Erikson Lodge! Perhaps with time we will be able to lure him away from Seattle 4, who knows? But it was great to get to know him and we hope he visits Ballard Rotary often.

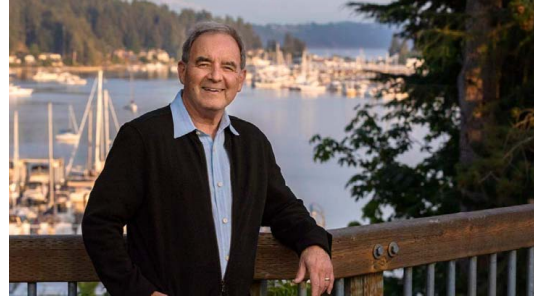
### Attendees

Members: 5

Guests: 1 guest

## Club Calendar

### April 7, 2026: Don Pugnetti, Author of Book on Norwegian Resistance in WWII



TIME: 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St

Journalist Don Pugnetti Jr will speak to us about his book, "A Coat Dyed Black". This historical novel tells the story of a young farmer who transforms into a courageous resistance fighter during Nazi Germany's five-year occupation of Norway. Based on true events and the real experiences of family members, it details the brutal, oppressive tyranny of that time.

Don completed the book after retiring from his 42-year career in journalism, and the book has garnered critical recognition, including:

- Finalist, 2023 Pacific Northwest Writers Association's Nancy Pearl Book Award
- A Kirkus Reviews' Best 100 Books of 2022
- 2021 PNWA Literary Contest Finalist in Historical Fiction

Be sure to attend. This sounds like a great story you won't want to miss!

Pay for your lunch ahead of time: (Lunch Ticket for 1)

<https://bit.ly/4qOoJl1>

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)!

### April 14, 2026: TBD



TIME: 12:00 Noon



Alana Morris



James Raptis and Kathleen Linscott



Pete Scott and Andree Hurley

## Counting the Days to District 5030 Conference



The District 5030 Conference in Walla Walla is less than two weeks away in mid-April (April 16-19), and it's sold out! Several Ballard Rotarians will be attending the conference,

**LOCATION: Zoom**

Our Programs chair, David Rice, has returned from his trip to Europe, so hopefully we will know soon who our speaker will be for the April 14th meeting. We know that he has a number of excellent prospects, so expect it to be an informative and inspiring program. Just be sure to save this date and this time and remember to Zoom in!

## April 21, 2026: Who Will Be Our Speaker?



**TIME: 12:00 Noon**

**LOCATION: Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St**

Our Programs chair, David Rice, is working on getting compelling and interesting speakers. We know he is working on multiple leads. In any case, we look forward to hearing who will be our speaker at the April 21st meeting. Stay tuned! And in the meantime, if you know of a great program, let David know!

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## April 28, 2026: President's Social

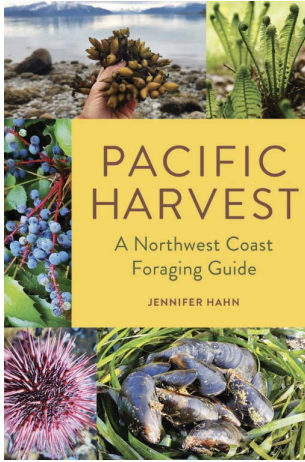


**TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 PM**

**LOCATION: Chinook's at Salmon Bay, 1900 W Nickerson St**

including Alana Morris, Stan Miner, Kathleen Linscott, and James Raptis. They are looking forward to an inspiring event. And some of Walla Walla's most celebrated wineries will be offering conference attendees exclusive tasting experiences and special discounts. Attendees will have the option to explore local vineyards, meet the winemakers, and enjoy the spirit of Rotary hospitality in every glass.

## April 30th WWT Fundraiser Dinner



Club member Andree Hurley is Director of Washington Water Trails, and she invites you to attend an April fundraiser event titled DINNER, FORAGING & FEASTING with Jennifer Hahn. The event will include a dinner with foraged food and salmon, followed by Jennifer's presentation. The event will take place on April 30th, 5:00 PM, at the Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Avenue, North Room #140, Seattle, WA 98103. Here is a link to learn more and purchase your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1985477018209?aff=oddtcreator>

All proceeds from the ticket sales benefit Washington Water Trails!

**UNITE FOR GOOD**

## Celebrate!

It's time for Ballard Rotarian camaraderie, with a drink in your hand and maybe a snack too! You are all invited to the President's Social on April 28th. This month features Chinook's at Salmon Bay, the very popular seafood restaurant that faces Fishermen's Terminal. Their Happy Hour menu has bargain-priced items, including seafood and drinks, and is definitely worth checking out. Or order from their regular menu if you are hungry for a full entrée. And you can't beat the view of the fishing fleet in their moorings. We hope to see you there!

## Rotarians Are People of Action!

### April Project: 24th Avenue Street-End Park Cleanup

#### 24th Ave NW Street End Clean-up for Earth Week

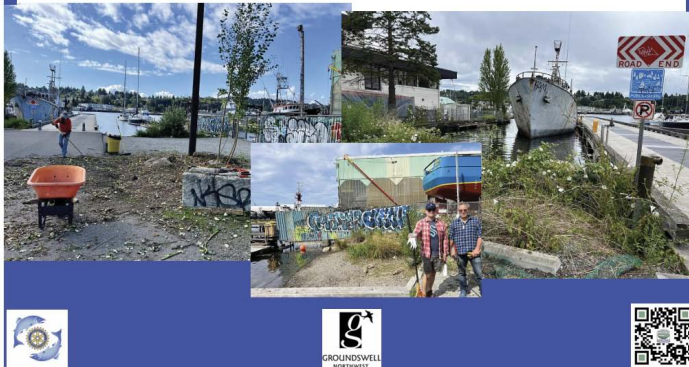
Join the Rotary Club of Ballard, Groundswell NW and Washington Watertrails for an Earth Week clean-up and beautification project at the 24th Ave NW Street End!

Bring water, gloves and any tools you may have to help pull blackberry roots and other noxious weeds.

We will also pick-up any trash we see on the street and the beach.

Date: April 25th

Time: 11:00 - 1:00 (or later)



**Date:** Saturday, April 25th

**Location:** 24th Avenue Street-End Park, 24th Ave NW at the Ship Canal (adjacent to Pacific Fishermen)

**Time:** 11:00 AM

## Visit to Cascade Women's Program



**BIRTHDAYS:** Heartfelt happy birthday greetings to the following club members celebrating their birthday in April. Be sure to give your congratulations to these wonderful members at our next club meeting!

Derick Pasternak	April 21
Steve Markov	April 23
Mark Stewart	April 29

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:** Congratulations to the following club members on the anniversary of their joining Rotary Club of Ballard. May each of you remain a member for a very long time to come!

Alana Morris	5 years (+6 years at Lake Union Rotary)
Jorge Restrepo	3 years

## Club Leadership 2025-2026



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. Use this Zoom link to join the meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846939804?pwd=fNtCut0FAqGbewY6FoEOzDiZ59ttra.1>

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

**2026 District 5030 Convention**  
 April 16–19, 2026  
 Walla Walla | Marcus Whitman Hotel



On March 31st, the club took the opportunity to tour the Cascade Women's Program in the Cascade neighborhood, immediately south of South Lake Union neighborhood. Giving the tour to nine club members were Bella Nasman, Program Coordinator at Cascade Women's Program, and Raquel Brewster, Case Manager.

Before the tour began, Bella and Raquel gave an overview of the program, and invited questions. When all questions were answered, the tour of the facility began, which has three floors. A unit consists of a bed frame & mattress, bedside table, armoire, and small fridge. Bathrooms and kitchens are communal. The current residents range in age from 18 to 70+.



Raquel and Bella welcome Ballard Rotary.

<https://www.igniterotary2026.com>

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

### Board of Directors

#### President (2025-2026)

Alana Morris

#### President-Elect (2026-2027)

Wil Barrett

#### Immediate Past President

Stan Miner

#### Club Service Chair

James Raptis

#### Secretary

Brian Dang

#### Treasurer

Pete Scott

#### Community Service Chair

Terry Collings

#### Membership Chair

Fred Finkelstein

#### The Rotary Foundation Chair

Stan Miner

#### Public Relations Chair

Kathleen Linscott

#### Peacebuilders Chair

Val Gaifoulline

#### Program Chair

David Rice

#### International Chair and Grants Officer

Kathleen Davis

#### Family of Rotary

William Barrett

#### Vocational Services Chair

Derick Pasternak

#### Youth Committee Chair

Nick Rogness & Mark Stewart

#### Environmental & Sustainability Chair

Andree Hurley

#### Ballard Rotary Foundation Directors

Director: Stan Miner

Secretary: Brian Dang

Treasurer: Pete Scott

Member: David Rice

**Pay Online!**



Raquel Brewster



Bella Nasman



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/4a1tsOm>



**Raffle Tickets**

<https://bit.ly/4qw5y5z>



**Lunch Ticket for 1**

<https://bit.ly/4qOoJl1>

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



At the end of the tour, attendees were able to help themselves to tasty refreshments of fruit, cheese, crackers, and drinks.

Club members were impressed by the facility and by the management of it. Residents are treated with respect and warm-hearted support. Opportunities for projects by Ballard Rotary with Cascade Women's Program are being explored, as there is plenty of need by the residents for uplifting activities and connection with others. This was a great outing. Thanks to Cascade Women's Program for inviting us, and thanks to David Rice, program chair, for arranging it!

## Support Your Club



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.