



BALLARD ROTAGRAM

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Club Calendar

April 14, 2026: Who's On Zoom?

Member Notes



April 7th Club Meeting

We were happy to gather this week at the Leif Erikson Lodge to

Attendees

Members: 14
Guests: 9

- speaker Jerry Pugnetti
- Jerry's wife Wendy Pugnetti



- Eric Stavney, who taught biology at Edmonds Community College for twenty years, and is currently an instructional designer, the co-host of the Scandinavian Hour radio show with Doug Warne, and a contributing writer to the Norwegian American newspaper.



TIME: 12:00 Noon
LOCATION: Zoom

Programs chair David Rice has still not divulged who our speaker will be for the April 14th meeting. Someone may step up to the plate at the last minute. We sure hope so! Just be sure to remember to Zoom in and be surprised!

Use this link to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846939804?pwd=fNtCut0FAqGbewY6FoEOzDiZ59ttra.1>

April 21, 2026: Who Will Be Our Speaker?



TIME: 12:00 Noon
LOCATION: Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St

Program speakers continue to be a mystery! So stay tuned! And if you know of a great program, let David Rice know.

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



- Kristine Rogness (no relation to club member Nick Rogness), who lives in Ballard and met Alana at the Nordic Museum



- Robert Loe, head of an independent CPA firm located in lower Queen Anne.



- Tina Aure, manager of Leif Erikson Lodge

in the underground parking lot at QFC (across the street from Leif Erikson Lodge)!

April 28, 2026: President's Social



TIME: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

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

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

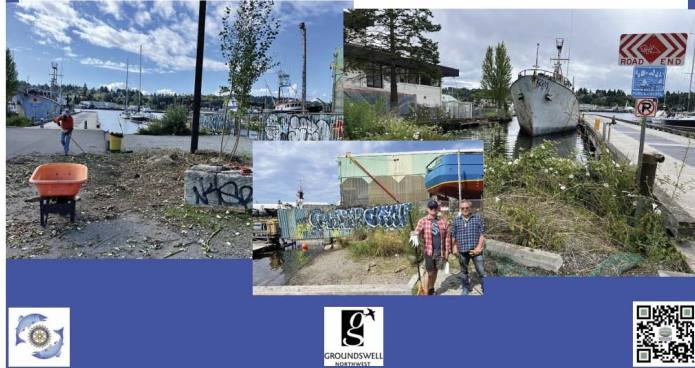
Join the Rotary Club of Ballard, Groundswell NW and Washington Watertrails for an Earth Week clean-up and beautification project at the 24th Ave NW Street End!

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)



Visiting Rotarian Marilee Fuller
(University District club)

- Visiting Rotarian Evan Jacobs
(President of Lake Union Rotary)



- Stella Jacobs, daughter of Evan Jacobs and granddaughter of Marilee Fuller

Remember, this is our club's project for the month of April. So we hope to see many of you there. Let's do a good deed for planet earth, and we look forward to seeing you!

Paul Harris Fellow Recognized



At the April 7th club meeting, Alana Morris and Stan Miner made time to thank Kathleen Linscott for her contributions to the Rotary Foundation. She was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow recognition, with a pin and certificate. Stan explained that our club aims for 100% participation in donations to The Rotary Foundation, and we currently have 14 members contributing over \$4,300 this Rotary year. Stan encourages all members to donate at least \$25 in order to meet our goal of \$5000 and to qualify for matching funds from RI and District 5030 towards our grants.

Kathleen is thankful for the recognition, and considers it an honor to stand with the other Paul Harris Fellows in Ballard Rotary. To-date, Ballard Rotary has produced 139 Paul Harris Fellows (individuals who have cumulatively contributed at least \$1,000). Of those 139 members, 45 have earned Multiple Paul Harris Fellows (a new pin for each \$1,000 donated over and above the original donation of \$1,000). And there are 6 Ballard Rotarians who committed \$1000 or more of their estate to The Rotary Foundation endowment.



Honor Roll of Current Paul Harris Fellows in Ballard Rotary:

- Frank Airey
- Terry Collings *
- Kathleen Davis *
- Fred Finkelstein *
- Daniel Foe *
- Laurie Foehn *
- Kathleen Linscott
- Stan Miner *
- Alana Morris *
- Derick Pasternak *
- James Raptis *
- Jorge Restrepo
- David Rice *
- Peter Scott *
- Paul Sivesind
- Doug Warne *
- Peter Wick *

* Multiple PHF

Celebrate!



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

Program: A Coat Dyed Black



Attracting many Norwegian enthusiasts to the meeting, our speaker at the April 7th club meeting was Jerry Pugnetti, Jr, author of the historical novel, A Coat Dyed Black. The book tells the story of the Norwegian resistance to the Nazi occupation during World War II. Jerry thanked his wife, Wendy, for her support and contributions to the book, which is based on the true accounts of her family in Norway, starting with her father.

Jerry explained Norway's neutrality before WWII, and it's quick fall to Nazi control in April 1940. The Norwegian military fought bravely, but was outgunned and out manned, leading to a quick surrender. Because the Nazi invasion was followed by brutal oppression and tyranny, ordinary Norwegians, including farmers, factory workers, nurses, and students, stepped up to resist the occupation.

Club Leadership 2025-2026



Jerry's interest in the Norwegian resistance was sparked by conversations with his father-in-law. He began researching the topic in the mid-1970s, interviewing family members and resistance fighters. Jerry faced challenges, including language barriers and the reluctance of interviewees to be named. He eventually shelved the project, but rekindled his interest after being contacted by a Norwegian author in 2016.

Jerry's book was published in 2022, and is historical fiction that focuses on the stories of ordinary Norwegians who resisted the Nazis. He was grateful that he captured their stories before the interviewees passed away. The book has received positive responses and critical acclaim. He shared a touching letter from a cousin of Wendy's, who was a child during the war and whose experiences are captured in the book.

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

<https://www.igniterotary2026.com>

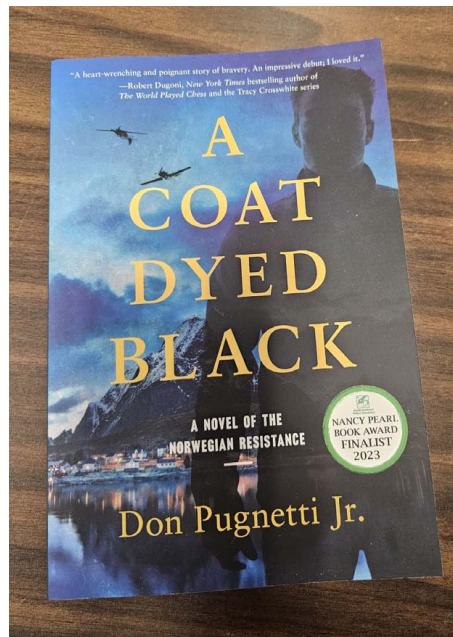


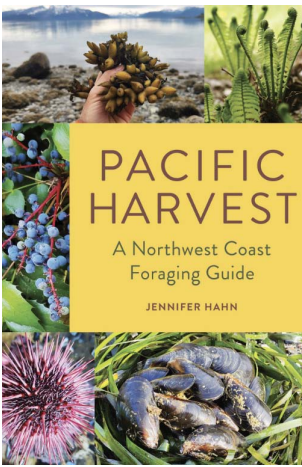
The District 5030 Conference in Walla Walla is less than a week away (April 16-19)! Several Ballard Rotarians will be attending the conference, including Alana Morris, Stan Miner, Kathleen Linscott, James Raptis, and Kathleen Davis. They are looking forward to an inspiring event and a wonderful time! And some of Walla Walla's most celebrated wineries will be offering conference attendees exclusive tasting experiences and special discounts. A special winery visit has been organized by Stan Miner for the Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship, which is not only full, but has a waiting list!

April 30th WWT Fundraiser Dinner



During Q&A, Jerry explained the differences between Norway and Sweden during the war, and the strategic importance of Norway's iron ore mines and the German need for control of the North Sea. Jerry also reflected on the challenges of writing a nonfiction book and the decision to switch to historical fiction. Jerry and his wife will be traveling to Minneapolis soon because of the growing interest in his book.





Support Your Club

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!



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

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

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Stan Miner

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Kathleen Linscott

Peacebuilders Chair

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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

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.



Treasurer: Pete Scott
Member: David Rice

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.