



BALLARD ROTAGRAM

Member Notes



April 21st Club Meeting

It was a cozy club meeting in Kaffe Stua at the Leif Erikson Lodge on April 21st! Our speaker was Kayla Holmes, who spoke about the non-profit "Jack's Basket". We also had a brief update on the malaria project from Derick Pasternak.

Stan Miner reported that we currently have 14 members contributing over \$4,300 this Rotary year. Our goals include: 100% of members contribute at least \$25, and our total goal is \$5000. Those goals end on June 30th, so make sure you have made your personal contribution by then!



Derick Pasternak provided a brief update on the project in Guinea for testing children for malaria. The project started February 12th, and has tested close to 1,800 children. The positivity rate was lower than expected, ranging from 0% to 50%. The project stopped during Ramadan, and will resume soon.

Program: Kayla Holmes &

Club Calendar

May 5, 2026: Nick Gardner and Edible Hope Kitchen



TIME: 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St

Please join us to hear from Nick Gardner, who is the current Edible Hope Kitchen Director (nick@stlukeseattle.org). Nick is looking forward to speaking to Ballard Rotary about Edible Hope Kitchen and bringing us up-to-date about hunger relief in Ballard. After 38 years in the basement of St. Luke's, Edible Hope is at its one-year anniversary at St. Paul's UCC in Ballard (6512 12th Ave NW). EHK is open 8-10 AM Monday through Friday (including all weekday holidays), and the mission remains the same, to feed people in mind, body, and spirit. Consider stopping by to volunteer or grab a cup of coffee!

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)!

May 12, 2026: Ethiopia Peace Project Update



TIME: 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Zoom

Jack's Basket



Kayla Holmes shared her experience as a volunteer with Jack's Basket. The non-profit provides gift baskets to families with new Down Syndrome diagnoses. The baskets include items like bracelets, onesies, and personalized congratulations from volunteers.

Kayla shared her personal story about her son, Kirian, who has Down Syndrome. She discussed local resources for families with Down Syndrome, including the Down Syndrome Center of Puget Sound. Kayla related her experiences delivering baskets and connecting with families.



Meeting Pix

Please join us in a program that will update us on our inspiring peace project in Ethiopia. Several Rotarians from Addis Ababa will join us on Zoom to describe the latest peace activities. The speakers will include Sharon Ashton and Henock Alemayhu. The goal of the grant was to build peace within communities, large and small, through communication, engaging youth and communities, and peacebuilding through positive peace training, cleaning the Akaki River and planting peace trees. Much, much more has been inspired, including many art-related activities. So be sure to tune in, and be inspired!

May 19, 2026: Bryn Bachman on Sustainable Ballard and Meaningful Movies



TIME: 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St

Please join us for a program by Bryn Bachman. Bryn leads the Meaningful Movies Project Ballard chapter, where she curates films and runs monthly screenings focused on community and social issues. She also serves on the board of Sustainable Ballard, a grassroots, volunteer-run organization working to build a more connected and sustainable neighborhood. As a board member, Bryn helps shape the organization's direction, supports programs, and stays closely involved in day-to-day efforts. Meaningful Movies is one of those core projects. The program brings people together through film and conversation to better understand local and wider issues and inspire action.

Originally from the Midwest, Bryn has been volunteering since she was 15 and remains deeply committed to community work. Outside of that, she enjoys sailing, one of her favorite ways to stay connected to the Pacific Northwest.

In her talk, Bryn will share more about the Meaningful Movies Project—highlighting past events, upcoming screenings, and the broader mission behind the work. She will also discuss the May screening of *Join or Die* on Thursday, May 21. She will speak about her goals to strengthen communication across the network by leveraging her background in marketing, including plans to introduce tools like Slack to help bridge gaps, improve collaboration, and support more effective outreach.

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<https://bit.ly/4qOoJ11>

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)!

May 21, 2026: President's Social & Movie "Join or Die"



Alana Morris and Laurie Lund put together a birthday cake for Derick Pasternak!



Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Center for Spiritual Living Ballard, 2007 NW 61st St

Our May social moves to Tuesday, May 21st, so that we can attend the film *Join or Die*, a film about why you should join a club — and why the fate of America depends on it. The documentary tells the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking "Bowling Alone" research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis.

Flanked by influential fans and scholars — from Hillary Clinton, Pete Buttigieg, and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy to Eddie Glaude Jr., Raj Chetty, and Priya Parker — as well as inspiring groups building community in neighborhoods across the country, Bob explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly... What can we do about it?

This is not to be missed! The film will be followed by a community discussion led by Ballard Solidarity (a community of neighbors committed to making Ballard a supportive, safe, and resilient place for all. For more information: ballardsolidarity.org). While the event is free, a suggested \$5 donation to support the screening is appreciated.

To respond that you are going, use one of these links:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CJHDAZtRM/>

Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-screening-join-or-die-tickets-1988271257855>

Website URL <https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/join-or-die-3/>

Rotarians Are People of Action!

April Project: 24th Avenue Street-End Park Cleanup

Thank you to all the volunteers who took time from a very gorgeous Saturday to work hard at improving Ballard! The work party met at the 24th Avenue NW Street-End Park, and worked for several hours removing blackberry plants (roots and all), picking up trash in the park and along adjacent streets, and removing invasive species on the shore. Participants included members of Ballard Rotary, Washington Water Trails, and Groundswell NW. Several family members also worked on the project, and a guest of Ballard Rotary, Theresa Geiger, also helped out.

It was hard work, but it was rewarding! Special thanks to Alana Morris, who stopped by with refreshments in the form of donuts, to lift our energy levels!



Kayla and Kirian Holmes and Linda Scott



Kirian's grandma arrives!



At the start of the work party, Dave Boyd talked briefly about the proposed Ballard Waterfront Park.



Cozy club scene at Kaffe Stua



Wil Barrett, Nick Rogness, and Jorge Restrepo



Andree Hurley, Zel Dang, James Raptis, Brian Dang, Derick Pasternak



Rotarians at Work: Derick Pasternak, Kathleen Linscott, Brian Dang, Lorenzo Mensi (exchange student), and James Raptis



Ruth and Arnie Papernick chat with Stan Miner



Fred Finkelstein and Alana Morris

President's Social at Chinooks



Here's the happy bunch of Rotarians who gathered at Chinook's on April 28th for the President's Social.



Some of the tasty items that were enjoyed!



Alana Morris stopped by to provide donuts for the hard-working crew. Yum!



Brian Dang and his son Zel take a break to admire boats.



Andree Hurley, Stan Miner, and Wil Barrett



The final result: a very big chunk of blackberries and their roots, gone. More work is needed, but we'll leave that for another day. Thanks, volunteers!!

May Project: Hygiene Drive for Mary's Place



Date: Saturday, May 23rd

Location: Ballard Town & Country Market, 1400 NW 56th St

Time: TBD

Save the date! It's official, our May project will be collecting hygiene items for Mary's Place on Saturday, May 23rd, at the Ballard Town & Country Market. More information about times will become available as we draw closer to the date. You can expect a Sign-up Genius email at some time in May.

Fun at the District 5030 Convention



Stan Miner

The District 5030 annual conference that took place the weekend of April 16-19 in Walla Walla was a splendid affair, with excellent attendance from the many clubs in the district. Attending from Ballard Rotary were Stan Miner, Kathleen Linscott, James Raptis, and Chris and Kathleen Davis. Missing due to illness was Alana Morris. They had the pleasure of rekindling connections and refreshing their Rotary spark.

And it didn't hurt for the conference to be set in the heart of Washington wine country. It was a weekend where you could step away from the routine and immerse yourself in a weekend designed to inspire, connect, and empower. Keynote speakers included Urs Koenig, who spoke on radical humility; Amy Downs, Oklahoma City bombing survivor with a message of resilience and transformation; and Emily Cantrell, a survivor of the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting, who spoke about this life-altering trauma became a catalyst for change and public advocacy.

There were many wonderful breakout sessions, and plenty of receptions for mingling with your fellow Rotarians. Stan Miner participated in the golf tournament at the Walla Walla Golf & Country Club. There were also two service projects that attendees could participate in, a hunger relief project and a conservation project of planting trees. There were also special winery trips for those ready to explore the region's famous industry.

The weather was beautiful and the opportunity to spend time with like-minded Rotarians was memorable! We encourage you to attend the next one!



Alana Morris, Don, a Rotarian from the Philippines, and Nick Rogness



Alana and Don



Suzanne Griffith and Marilee Fuller, both of University District Rotary



Ballard Rotarians raise a glass at their table

Traveling Rotarians

James Raptis and Kathleen Linscott visited family in the Vancouver, Washington area in early April. And the trip included a visit to the beautiful Waterfront Park in Vancouver, which includes "Rotary Way", built with over \$500,000 in funds from the Rotary Club of Vancouver WA! The park includes many Rotary details, including an amazing Peace Pole (in 12 languages, including sign language), a large Rotary wheel, a plaque and many facts about Vancouver Rotary embedded in the boardwalk. Kudos to Vancouver Rotary! And be sure to visit this wonderful attraction the next time you are in Vancouver WA.



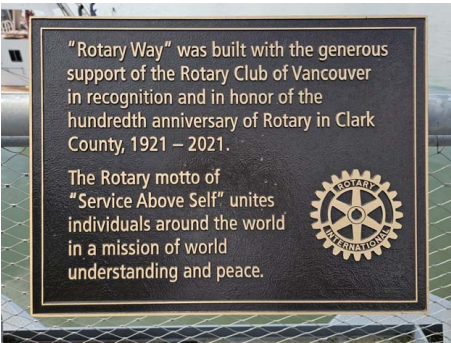
A beautiful Peace Pole in 12 languages!



Woodinville Rotarians could be identified by their glowing shoes!



James Raptis attempts to take a spin, ha!



The sign says it all.



Does the design on this utility hole cover remind you of a certain club's Rotary logo?



Our banner!



The District 5030 Governor's banner is passed from Seattle 4 to Duvall.

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=fNtCutOFAqGbewY6FoEOzDiZ59ttra.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>

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



Kathleen Davis chats with a member from another club.



Stan Miner and Chris Davis

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

Celebrate!



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

Kathleen Linscott	May 1
Ed Robinson	May 30

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!

Wil Barrett	3 years
Pete Scott	38 years
Paul Sivesind	17 years

Pay Online!



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



Stan Miner knows lots of folks at the Rotary conventions!

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.



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!

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Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ballardrotary>



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.