BALLARD ROTAGRAM

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Member Notes



November 3rd Club Meeting

It was a relaxed and cheerful club meeting on November 3rd, as we gathered to induct a new member and hear David Rice present an overview of current US economic trends and market performance. We welcome our new member Gary Borjan who is a Rotary past president from California. He has agreed to be Chair of the Vocations committee, hurray! Check out his story in this issue!

Attendance Total: 15
Members: 14
Guests: 1 (George Lawson)

Meeting Pix


Derick Pasternak, Stan Miner, Wil Barrett

Club Calendar

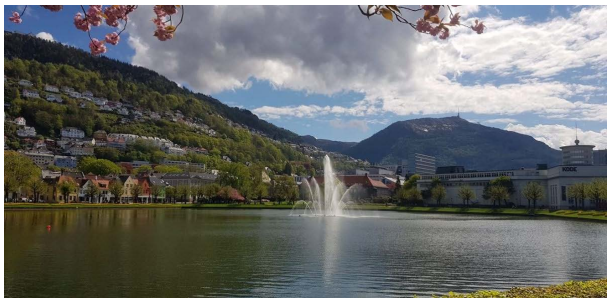
Rotary Club of Ballard

November Schedule 2026

November - December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8	9	10 Zoom	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Leif Erikson Lodge	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Ad Hoc Social!	25	26	27	28
29	30	Dec 1 Leif Erikson Lodge	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 BHS Choir at Leif Erikson Lodge	9	10	11	12 Holiday Party at the Pasternak's

November 10th Club Meeting details:



- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION: Zoom**

- **SPEAKER:** Frank Strand of Rotary Club of Bergen
- **TOPIC:** Frank will speak from Norway about the activities of his club and what it might mean to become a sister-club with Rotary Club of Ballard. Lori Ann Reinhall of the Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association will be on hand to facilitate and bring her sister-city experience to the discussion.
- **NOTES:** Join Zoom Meeting using this link:

  https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82761244109?pwd=CNlfsgaot6E4XDjqJac8RlTadtemGe.1

November 17th Club Meeting details:



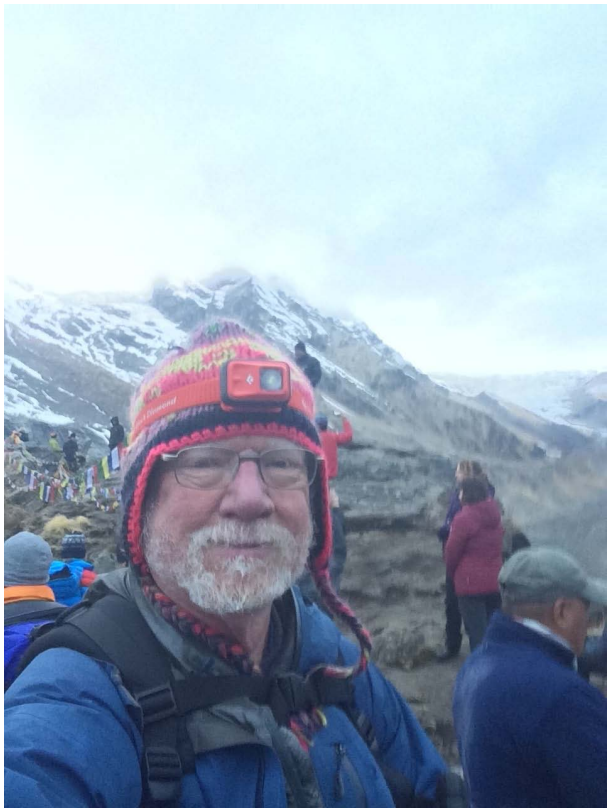
Fred Finkelstein and George Lawson



Nancy Pasternak



Wil Barrett and Fred Finkelstein



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

- **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.
- **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)!

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!

November 3rd Program: David Rice on the State of the Market

The Holiday Season Approaches!

We are getting closer! So be sure these dates are flagged on your holiday calendar. Holiday cheer is coming!



Event: Finnish Holiday Market
Date: Saturday, November 14
Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Leif Erikson Lodge
Step into the spirit of the holidays at Seattle's coziest Nordic market! Whether you're Finnish, part of the broader Nordic community, or simply love the festive season, you won't want to miss this one-day-only celebration.
What to expect: Shop handcrafted gifts from local makers, indulge in authentic Finnish baked goods and coffee, enjoy live seasonal music and kid-friendly activities, bring the whole family!



Event: Ballard Rotary's BHS Vocal Jazz Choir Holiday Performance
Date: Tuesday, December 8
Time: Noon
Location: Leif Erikson Lodge
Be sure to invite your co-workers, friends, and family!



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



At the November 3rd club meeting, David Rice, a financial advisor with Edward Jones, provided a presentation on the US economy. He began his overview of current US economic trends by noting strong stock performance driven by earnings growth. Energy and technology are currently leading, though there is noted infrastructure backlash regarding data centers. He explained how rising interest rates have pressured bond prices while increasing yields for new investments. David advised members to focus on high-quality US-based equities rather than being swayed by political volatility or short-term headlines.

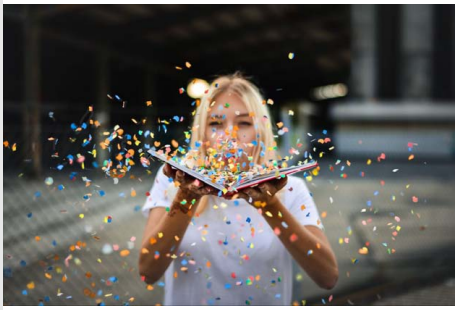
David reviewed economic indicators and policy, including consumer price index (CPI) trends, noting that inflation remains slightly above the Federal Reserve's two percent target. Discussion included labor market shifts, such as slowing job growth and potential impacts of immigration policies on construction staffing. David noted that while unemployment is at 4.2%, job growth slowed in September with non-farm payrolls increasing by only 29,000. Economic resilience was noted through steady consumption levels and low household debt service ratios, despite declining consumer confidence and the impact of tariffs.

During Q&A, the discussion touched upon several global risks, including potential volatility from international conflicts and the long-term sustainability of federal debt and deficits. A member suggested that Rotary could increase its impact by focusing more heavily on wind and solar energy sustainability. The discussion touched upon how greed can drive technological innovation, specifically regarding data centers requiring massive power supplies like nuclear or renewable energy. Participants discussed global challenges such as water scarcity and mentioned desalination and drip irrigation as viable solutions for future resource management.



Event: Ballard Rotary Holiday Party
Date: Saturday, December 12
Time: 4 PM to 7 PM
Location: Home of Derick & Nancy Pasternak

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



Induction: New Member Gary Borjan

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



Membership Chair Fred Finkelstein, new member Gary Borjan, and Club President Wil Barrett

At the November 3rd club meeting, Gary Borjan was officially inducted into the club, and will serve as Vocational Chair on the Board of Directors. Gary works at Mechanics Bank in Ballard as Vice President, Senior Marketing Manager. He has been in banking for about 27 years, three of those years at Mechanics Bank. Gary shared his ten-year history with Rotary, including serving as club president in California, and attending an international conference in Australia. He said that being in Rotary has been an amazing experience and he loves it dearly. He is passionate about Rotary because it is a meaningful organization that does a lot for the community.
We are delighted to have you as a member, Gary!!

Rotarians Are People of Action!

November Service Project



EDIBLE HOPE

Our November service project is volunteering at Edible Hope Kitchen on different

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



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

dates in small groups of two or three. Edible Hope Kitchen needs volunteers to help M-F from 7-11 AM with cooking, cleaning, food prep and serving meals. Breakfast is served from 8 AM to 10 AM, five days a week (Monday through Friday). It's a great way to connect with our community and experience the great work being done all year round. You also get to reconnect with an organization to which we have donated much over the years. Wil Barrett will be sending out a sign-up sheet via email, so be watching your inbox!

Support Your Club

Car Wash Tickets $10



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!

Peace Flags $10



Buy a peace car flag and support Ballard Rotary! 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. To purchase, contact Derick or Nancy Pasternak, by email or phone.

Ballard Rotary Caps $20



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 during a club meeting.