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## January, 2025

## Happy New Year Rotary Family!!

As I look back at this year, I see that we went through what most families go through in a year. Some terrific highs, and some sad lows. We welcomed some amazing new members, and sadly, we lost some beloved members as well. We had some really fun fundraisers, and even the rain could not stop us from having a successful Oktoberfest. We completed a five year project in Gambia that is changing lives as we speak.



We served our community again and again with compassion and love. We honored local students and police. We marched in the 4th of July Parade and made our voices heard. We enjoyed some wonderful speakers and presentations. We even built a couple of houses! I wish you all a peaceful, productive, joyful and meaningful 2025.

> Enjoy your WAVE -Maggie

Member Pride



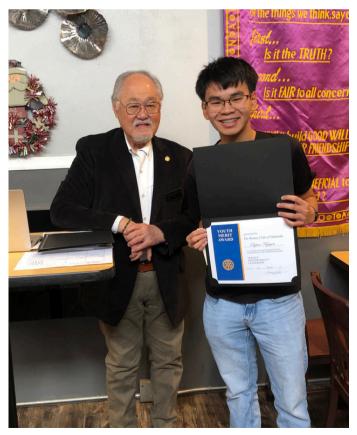
Dom Farmer gets his Blue Badge from mentor Rob Linder. Dom will do amazing things in our club.

## Student(s) of the Month





Duc Le - October



Dylan Nguyễn - November



Mauricio Garcia - December





Loreilee Gomez - Program Senior CASA The Service Committee met on Thursday, December 5 at the home of Suzanne James to gather and sort the toys for children whose families are clients of the Edmonds Food Bank.

> The toys were brought to the food bank the following morning. Thank you Rotary Elves!



"Santa" Jim Welsh bringing donations for CASA Program

For fifteen years, the Edmonds Rotary has been an invaluable partner to our CASA Program, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to supporting children involved in the child welfare system. What began as a heartwarming holiday initiative has blossomed into a year-round partnership that continues to grow and evolve, touching the lives of countless children in our community.



The Rotary Club of Edmonds Service Committee gave \$300 to the Tax Volunteers of Edmonds. This program is a state wide tax exemption program in which homeowners of moderate income seniors and disabled individuals can have their property taxes reduced for a renewable 4 year period, and it is administered by each county tax assessor. Many more people qualify in 2024 since the legislature increased the income threshold (from \$55,734 in 2023) to \$75,000 for Snohomish County residents. Edmonds resident, Theresa Hollis is the administrator of this program.

Pictured is Theresa Hollis in orange vest with her volunteer staff and several of the Rotary Club of Edmonds Service Committee, Suzanne James, Libby Freese, Robert Ha, and Alison Pence.







December 17, 2024

































































The Rotary Club of Edmonds Service Committee recently gave the Housing Hope Madrona Ambassadors a check in the amount of \$352 from their Happy Bucks funds. This funding will stay in Edmonds at the Madrona Highlands apartments where 52 units of low income and unhoused families will live. The funds will be used towards family needs.

The Service Committee plans to continue to serve the Madrona Highlands residents through the Madrona Ambassadors.



Alison presents Carol Megenity of the Housing Hope Ambassadors with a check to help low income and unhoused families who are coming to live in this housing community.



January 6, 2025 Club Board Meeting Maggie Peterson's House All Members are welcome to attend





January 15, 2025 6:00 pm Club Fireside Sally Hyde's House

## January 29, 2025

Club Social T&T Seafood Restaurant 22511 Highway 99 #103 Edmonds

