

# The WAVE

## Special Oktoberfest Edition

September 13 - 14, 2024

On September 13th and 14th, we came together for our much-anticipated annual fundraiser, the Edmonds Oktoberfest and Family Festival. This year's event was filled with fun, laughter, and memorable moments. The Kids Corner was a vibrant success, with families enthusiastically joining the festivities. One of the standout moments was the Pet Parade, where our furry friends—dressed in creative costumes—brought smiles and joy to everyone.

Of course, Oktoberfest wouldn't be complete without an excellent selection of beer and delicious food, both of which were crowd favorites. And the music lineup this year was fantastic, keeping everyone entertained throughout the event. Even though the weather didn't fully cooperate, with rain dampening both days, it didn't stop those who braved the clouds from having a wonderful time.

The success of this event wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of our 2024 committee members. Their dedication, hard work, and the countless hours they put in behind the scenes truly embody the Rotary spirit. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers and the community for coming together to make this event a success, no matter the weather. This year's Oktoberfest was a beautiful testament to what we can achieve when we work together.

Here's to many more celebrations in the years to come!

Shelly





# The Beer

The beer and wine tent was party central! We got to share the excitement of our guests as they got their beverage of choice, while the volunteers bonded through the rushes and chatted through the lulls. During some of the down pouring rain, one of the volunteers suggested that we should serve people in the tents. What a great idea! So Jeff Barnett (Salish Sea Brewing) and I took orders and delivered beers so our guests could stay dry. What a hit that was! Rotary goes the extra mile!



Brian

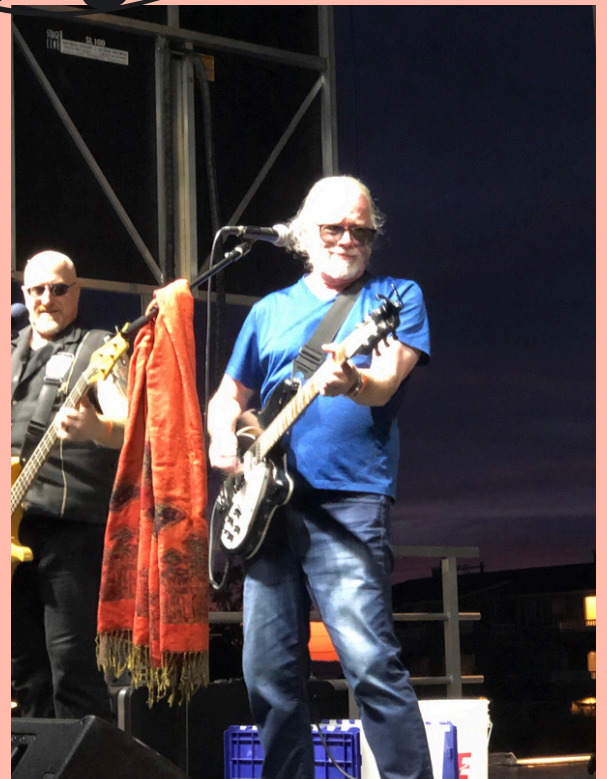


Kadeena with Mike McGoldrick





# The Bands







# The Pet Parade

Pet Parade at Oktoberfest 2024 was a success! We had 25 pets who were registered and attended our parade. I want to thank my Pet Parade committee of hard working volunteers which consisted of both Rotarians and friends we recruited to help. We even had an amazing photographer! I very much appreciated everyone's hard work and efforts from procuring donations for our Pet Parade prizes (shout out to Nancy for lots of help procuring from local businesses), planning, setting up, tech support from Kathy, parading and clean up. Thank you Julie for creating those cute goodie bags (toothbrush, hand sanitizer, and doggie waste bags) to give away to the owners who registered their pet. Thank you to our 3 superb judges: Maggie, Suzanne and Patrick. It was tough judging all those adorable dogs and 1 cat! The judges made their decisions and we awarded 8 prize baskets, two winners per the following categories of best costume, best owner & pet look alike, best behaved and cutest. So much fun and looking forward to making next year a success too!



Ericka Skovran

Photo Courtesy of  
Mindy Woods







Under the dark and cloudy sky  
...they're off



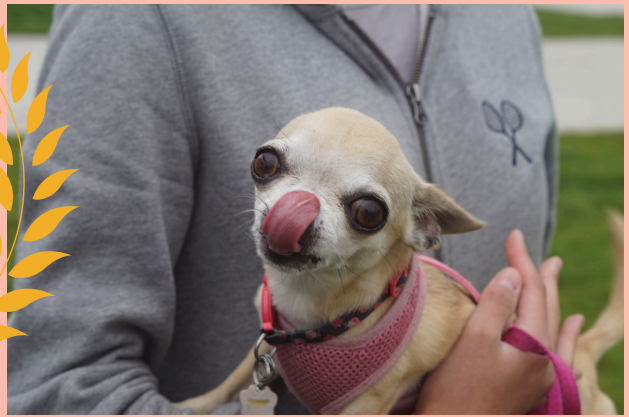




Our animals  
teach  
us...love  
knows no  
bounds







# Some of the winners



The Judges (it was a tough job)





# Fun and Games

Photos Courtesy of Edmonds Beacon







SO  
MUCH  
FUN



# What members had to say:

I loved my first experience of Oktoberfest with our Rotary. The pet parade was fun and funny and Erika was a joy to work with.

Nancy

It warmed my heart to see people dancing in the rain! After all, we do live in the PNW. I saw families playing cornhole with their own rules, children dancing on their side of the fence, dogs with their humans enjoying the park on either side of the fence. The Rotary Club of Edmonds came through despite the weather! Special thanks to the Gumbo people who stuck it out.

Alison Alfonzo Pence

Oktoberfest was an absolute success! Everything came together perfectly, from the amazing beer garden to the fantastic music and delicious food. The energy, community spirit, and generosity were truly amazing! A special shout-out to all the volunteers, vendors, and participants who helped raise funds for our local causes. Prost to all who made this event a success!

I don't have any Magazines lying around, but if you'd like, I can hold on to future ones for you.

Theresa

This was an extraordinary event that made a huge impression on me. I've been to many fundraising events over the years, and this one provided some of the best music, delicious food choices, and creative children's events. And who doesn't love a colorful pet parade? As a volunteer, it was easy to get involved because the coordinators made sure it was efficiently run and highly organized. My husband volunteered, too, and we are looking forward to signing up again next year.

Amy Timmes

