

Rotary

Club of Issaquah



UPCOMING MEETINGS

DECEMBER 2024 MEETINGS

DECEMBER 3RD 5:30 BIG BLOCK BREWERY

PAULA SCHWAN, CHIEF OF POLICE, ISSAQUAH PD

DECEMBER TBD 5:30 ZOOM BOARD MEETING

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 10TH NOON ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS ADMIN

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - LA/SS

DECEMBER 17TH 5:30 P.M. AT BIG BLOCK BREWERY

XANDER KENT, BEEKEEPER AND WINEMAKER

ALVEARE WINERY

HOLIDAY BREAK - SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

JANUARY 2025 MEETINGS

JANUARY 7TH 5:30 BIG BLOCK BREWERY

JESSIE SWISHER SPIERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEATTLE HUMANE

JANUARY BOARD MEETING TBD

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 14TH NOON ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS ADMIN

TODD MYERS

WASHINGTON POLICY CENTER

JANUARY 21ST 5:30 BIG BLOCK BREWERY

KELLY JIANG, PRESIDENT

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAIL CLUB

JANUARY 28TH NOON ISSAQUAH SCHOOLS ADMIN

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MUSIC, DRAMA, AND CREATIVE ARTS

MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH



Newest member of our club, Kate Griswold. WELCOME! We are glad you are here!

Heather Evans of Rotary Club of the Pacific Northwest Partners For Work. They are a caused based club educating the community, and employers, to hire people with developmental disabilities. We are a resource for Rotary clubs in District 5030 and beyond. View their website [HERE](#)





Those who braved the meeting the night of the bomb cyclone. Some of our members sustained serious damage to their homes. You are in our thoughts!



Visiting Rotarian and Pending Member, Chip Shabazian



Students of the Month for STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics



Mathew & Dave received their Paul Harris Fellow Award

What is Thanksgiving?

The dictionary definition is the act of expressing gratitude. For some, that involves the divine for others it is simply a heartfelt acknowledgment that life is good and it is not all our own doing.

Why a Thursday in November?

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated on the final Thursday in November 1863. "I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them ...commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union." This established Thanksgiving as a national holiday for the first time, and it was observed nationally in the United States from then on.

Why the fourth Thursday?

In 1939, during the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt broke with tradition (since 1863 each President declared the last Thursday in November, Thanksgiving), and moved Thanksgiving to the next to last Thursday in November (which happened to be the fourth Thursday since there were five Thursdays in November 1939). Why did he move it forward? The same reason "Black Friday" has been creeping into Thanksgiving night the last several years -- to expand the holiday shopping season. In the midst of the Great Depression, Roosevelt hoped the extra week of Christmas shopping would spur the economy. Back then, it was considered bad form to advertise sales on goods for Christmas before Thanksgiving. To gain political advantage, the Republicans (the party of Lincoln) were outraged by this break with tradition and began calling it "Franksgiving". In 1941, Congress settled on a compromise and with Roosevelt's signature, the fourth Thursday (usually the last and sometimes the second to last Thursday) in November became the official Thanksgiving day from then on.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!