This president's report, for the Rotary Club of Seattle International District and the Rotary year 2021-2022, will be consist of reports from the individual committee chairpersons and concluding comments by myself.

### **Club Service** - Sharon Lee

This is the remarkable group of speakers Sharon scheduled during the year:

- Judy Nishioka, Communities Rise
- Heidi Wong, International Community Health Services
- Claire Younker and Crystal Oswald, PeaceTrees Vietnam
- Howard Cohen, District 5030 Governor
- Ming-Ming Tun Edelman, Refugee Artisan Institute
- Michael Shiosaki
- Minh-Duc Nguyen, Helping Link
- Harvey Hawks, Tuskegee Airmen
- Aisaya Corbray, LIHI
- Estela Ortega, El Centro de la Raza
- Alexandra Bailey, The Sentencing Project
- Rachell Wong, violinist
- Judge Samuel Chung
- Barb Oliver, Sound Foundations NW
- Faaluaina Pritchard, Asian Pacific Cultural Center
- Harneet Grewal, Tusubira School
- Doug Chin, historian
- Annabel Quintero, author
- Steve Rowland and Amiti Bey, Time Out of Joint Project
- Tiffani McCov, RealChange
- Ilona Lohrey and Ahi Martin, GSBA
- Kelly Wolffe, Sunrise Nutrition

#### **Community Service** - David Della

Service category areas: Economic Recovery; Public Safety; Education; Health/Human Services/Food Security; Community Projects

Service Category Community Service Project Amount Expended

Public Safety - Little Saigon Clean up - Partner Organization: · Provided volunteers for two (2) cleanups 3/5/22 and 4/2/22 · Provided breakfast for one (1) first clean-up, 3/5/22

· Will provide volunteers for 4/21 Day of Service \$475 – · Starbucks Coffee, · Cookies · Water

Education - Dictionaries Delivery:  $\cdot$  Wing Luke Elementary – 5/19  $\cdot$  Bailey Gatzert – 5/26 \$1,100 – CS Budget

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Health/Human Services/Food Security - Tiny Homes Project:  $\cdot$  Tiny Homes Construction Day  $\cdot$  Tiny Homes construction donation (joint with Lake Union Club) – District Grant Match.  $\cdot$  Assembled Tiny Homes welcome packets  $\cdot$  Setting up new sites/curtains or other volunteer or donation needs \$2,000 – CS Budget \$2,200 – Individual donations \$500 – CS Budget

Community Projects/Activities - Rainier Valley Day of Play  $-8/21/21 \cdot$  Booth with Activity - games/prizes  $\cdot$  PR - club/membership material CID Night Market  $-9/21/21 \cdot$  Booth or table registration  $\cdot$  Activity - games/prizes.  $\cdot$  PR - club/membership material \$380.00 - PR Budget

Budget Expenditure: Total budgeted from Club = \$5,000; Amount expended = \$4,455; Balance from Club budget + \$545

## <u>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion</u> - Heidi Toppel

Progress on our Action Plan for 2021-2022

- A. Education and Learning Goal
  - a. Outstanding line up of speakers of many different BIPOC community leaders and influencers
  - b. Some participation in District Training on DEI matters pleased to hear that consensus is that we are way ahead of what other clubs are doing
  - c. Created club-centered book group discussions using DEI Reading Guide
    - i. Reading Guide under construction on website
    - ii. Protocol for conducting courageous conversations to be developed
  - d. Consider expanding census details
    - i. More detail on AAPI category
    - ii. Add sexual orientation category
    - iii. Add religion category
- B. Membership Goal
  - a. Added 5 new members this year: all are BIPOC
  - b. 3 of the 5 are under age 35
- C. Internal Club Operations Goal
  - a. All goals and projects in Community Service are BIPOC focused
  - b. Scholarship Committee developed new strategy
    - i. Five local area high schools only
    - ii. BIPOC students

## Fellowship - Amy Orr

Eleven Fellowship Dinners were held. We met at Tai Tung, Hungar home, Humble Pie, Super Six, Bluwater Bistro and Joyale. Each dinner was attended by 10 to 16 people, including members, family, friends and interested guests.

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#### Foundation - Stan Miner

This report is based on numbers as of June 30, 2022. A total of 23 members made contributions during this Rotary year. The report shows the club now with 29 members, which would give us a 79.3% participation rate.

#### Other highlights:

Total club donations last year \$10.659 vs. \$7,123 in 2021-22

Annual Fund Contributions \$7,350 vs. \$6,198 in 2021-22

Average \$ per member \$294 vs. \$238 in 2021-22

Sustaining members (\$100+) 17 vs. 19 in 2021-22

EREY members 23 vs. 18 in 2021-22

Nearly 80% participated and made some donation and we were well above the figures for the previous Rotary year. It is disappointing that six members did not contribute. A few of these would have made contributions, but technical issues with the Rotary website prevented them from doing so.

## **Fund-raising** – Amy Orr

#### Fund Raising

At the strategic planning session in April of 2021, club members voted on the best fundraising ideas. The Board used the preferences to plan for three fun-raising events during 2022-22: a scavenger hunt; a mystery dinner/auction; and a recycling event. As the pandemic intensified, the scavenger hunt organization cancelled, and the board decided for the same reason not to pursue the other ideas at that time. In November we decided to go the membership and ask them to contribute by the end of January. Members and their families gave generously, with the result that the club raised \$25,000 in general funds and \$30,000 in funds dedicated to specific programs.

## The numbers above include ALL the funds that came in, including:

\$1,500 from the Terrewode Women's Fund, which was sent to the Terrewode hospital we supported last year.

\$2,000 from the SIDR Club Operating Account

\$500 from an anonymous donor

\$150 from various other people

#### **International Committee Report – Bill Nagel**

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During the 2021/2022 Rotary year, the International Service Committee of the Seattle International District Club approved grants to fund the following international projects:

- 1. A grant to New Dawn Guatemala in the amount of \\$1,000 to fund clean water projects in the Nuevo Amanecer community of Guatemala. This project was brought to the club by member Heidi Toppel.
- 2. A grant to the Terrewode Women's Community Hospital in the amount of \\$1,500 to fund solar powered clean water and electricity. This project was brought to the club by member Stan Miner.
- 3. A grant to Imagine Scholar in the amount of \\$1,000 to fund technology to support education in the rural Nkomazi region of South Africa. This project was brought to the club by member Judy Ginn.
- 4. Support for a Rotary Global Grant to the Twegashe Primary School to support a project building a rainwater harvesting system to supply clean water and support sanitation. Support was in the amount of \$3,000, and was sponsored by club member Judy Ginn.

#### **Membershi**p – Victoria Do

These five new members were inducted into the club during the year: David Akiyama, Sea Chan, Tammy Do, Mack McCoy, and Terrance Stevenson. Unfortunately, Mack McCoy found that he did not have time to participate and resigned. Victoria Do, Membership chair, also resigned, and long-time member Stan Miner transferred to the Ballard club at the end of June. Total membership is 28, including three members on leave of absence: Christina Davidson, Dennis Su, and Henry Wong.

#### **Public relations and Communication**

During the year I formed a new Public Relations Committee with Sally English, Mack McCoy and Amy Orr. We developed a PR plan, including a decision to increase our community coverage by sending most club notices to our Friends list as well as to our members. Sally has already begun writing news items and placing them in appropriate outlets, including our Facebook page. Amy will continue to post articles on the website as well as keeping it up to date regarding speakers and other club activities. I will continue sending speaker information to Amy and also to the Northwest Asian Weekly's calendar.

To expand information to club members, I wrote eight newsletters during the year.

## Scholarships - Ed Jefferson

Created new scholarship application. New format, new questions, new submitting process. In addition, our committee:

1. Made sure all of our work as a committee addressed DEI

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- 2. Had a good year with the exception of a few missteps due to Covid
- 3. Data collection supported what we did and the recommendation we made to the club foundation.
- 4. Our club's scholarship tuition extension process was used
- 5. Dollars for Northwest Education Access came from the Jim Osborn Memorial for Non-Traditional Education by way of our club foundation.
- 6. Restricted Donation Agreements for Paul Mar Social Justice Scholarship and the Gary Ewing Music Scholarship signed by myself and James.
- 7. Scholarship Winners will be invited to our club meeting starting June 2nd
- 8. On behalf of the club and my committee, I called Paul 's brother Larry and Violet Ewing thanking them for their generous scholarship donations
- 9. Committee plans to fine-tune application to make it a little more student friendly.
- 10. Committee might visit five schools next year to encourage applicants.
- 11. Scholarship dollars have been sent to the respective colleges/universities that students will be attending.

## Youth Services – Judy Ginn

Rotaract members were invited to participate in our Community Service projects. They did not, perhaps because they were busy with their own projects.

Our plan for the year called for planning a dinner meeting with them, but we were not able to contact them to arrange this, nor were we able to have a member sitting on our Board as we had hoped. Covid made the dinner challenging.

We sent a student registered to RYLA. She is a student at Summit Sierra which is in the ID.

# <u>In conclusion</u> – Julie Hungar

This was another re-building year, following on the leadership of Henry Wong as he navigated us through the continuing pandemic in 2020-21. Our committees worked hard and purposefully and we were able to do good work in service to our community, students, and the world beyond. We heard

stimulating and challenging speakers, enjoyed fellowship at dinners and community projects, raised money to support our projects. And generally kept the ship float.

Jim Kern accepted our nomination as president for 2022-23 and began making his innovative mark even before his term began. We expect to thrive and improve under his leadership. We still miss not meeting face to face, but the upside is the ability of our far-flung members to participate.

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I want to say how grateful I am for this truly rejuvenating experience of serving as president once again. I have received gratifying support from all club members and especially the superb committee chairs who each stepped up, as Henry said admiringly of this club, and made this another good year for our club.

There are three people who deserve special thanks to all of us for their faithful and enduring work on our behalf. They are Secretary Judy Ginn, Webmaster and Foundation Secretary Amy Orr, and Treasurer James Woodcock. (In alphabetical order---they all belong on the same gold-medal pedestal.) My deep gratitude to you all.

Yours in Rotary,

Julie Hungar