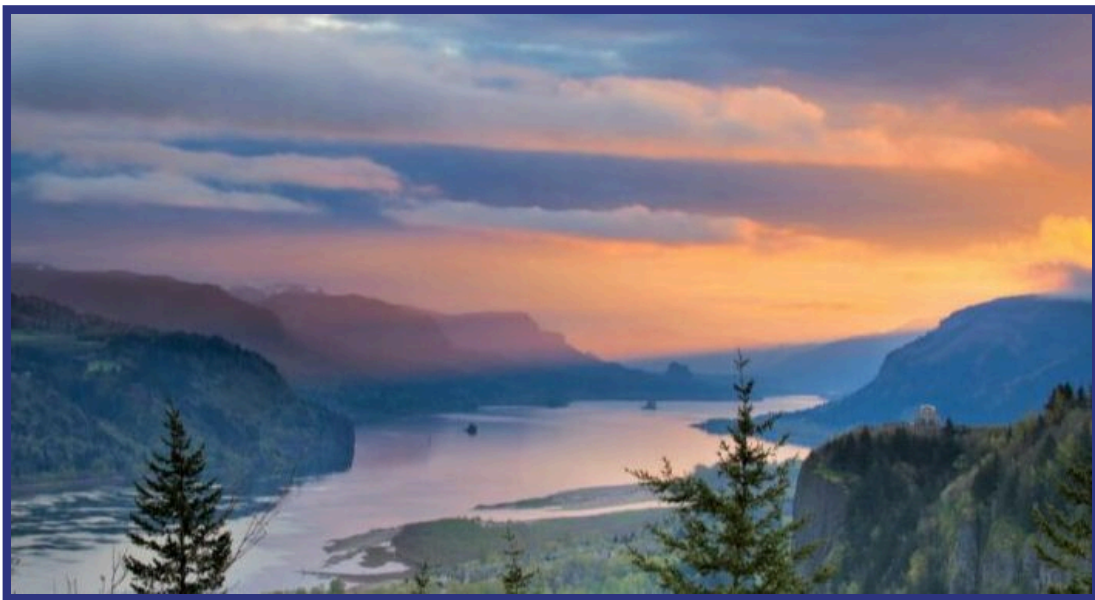




The Gateway

February 4, 2025 Edition



From the desk of President Blaine

A week or so ago, I went and sat on my deck and watched a spectacular Sunset! As many of you know my deck faces South West and this time of year it picture frames the fiery sunset to perfection!

Then it made me think of the people in California that are facing a different kind of fiery sunset. Please look at the disaster relief info from Districts 5280 and 5300 on how we can help.

I then called a close friend of mine from the Navy who lives near Pensacola, Florida and talked about the 6" of snow they had there. His wife grew up there and has never seen that much snow and they said it had not happened since the 1800s.

What this has all reminded of is how amazing it is to live here. We

have a wonderfully supportive community here in Washougal and Camas. We have all our friends here at Rotary! We are blessed.

Judy has a towel on the counter that says Wonderful Days Start With Gratitude. I can't agree more. I am filled with Gratitude for being able to live here in the Pacific NorthWest, here in Camas/Washougal, here with my Rotary community and friends and I am filled with how amazing it is that we support, love and help each other every day!

Welcome to a new year filled with the opportunities for us to help others!

YIRS,

Blaine



Blaine Peterson
President 2024-2025
Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal



FEBRUARY IS

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**PEACE
AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/
RESOLUTION
MONTH**

"The first thing we must do if we are to have international understanding is to realize what is prejudice and what is fact."
Past RI President Will R. Manier Jr. 1936-37



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



**GET TO KNOW NEW ROTARIAN
MIA HEINRICHS**



I was born and raised in Camas and went to college at Central Washington University where I majored in finance and minored in economics (I'm one of those crazy people that likes the numbers).

I did the honors program there and really found my love for financial planning, which is what I do for work. I did my own financial planning through school; I took 21 credits per quarter to graduate in 3 years while working 6-7 days per week to pay for college completely out of pocket and without any debt.

I came to Ameriprise because I am passionate about helping others achieve their financial goals just like I did but without stress that I had through financial planning.

On a personal level, I speak 4 different languages, so I LOVE to travel to utilize them, I also love spending time with friends and being social.

OUR GREAT MEETINGS!
ALWAYS GREAT SPEAKERS, LEARNING AND LAUGHTER



Molly Whitney, Executive Director of the Cascade Forest Conservancy addressed our club on Feb 6 about the efforts of the organization to carefully manage and protect the natural lands of the Gifford-Pinchot National Forest. Thanks to Randal for bringing us a great presentation.

Vocational Service Committee Chair Ron Carlson congratulates the Sophomores of the Month for January 2025, An Luu (Discovery HS) and Henry Logan (Washougal HS). These Sophmores were recognized by their teachers and school staff for their school and extracurricular activities and their exemplary citizenship within their high school community.

Margaret Rice (WHS) and Derek Jaques (CMS) presented the details about local school efforts supporting Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs. Their programs are recognized statewide for their innovation and excellence advocating for CTE career paths.

Thank you, Margaret & Derek

Tony Domine receives his Red Badge and introduction to Rotary Club

of Camas-Washougal from President Blaine Peterson and membership committee co-chair Dave Bussman. Tony is the owner/operator of Detroit Pizza in Camas and Battleground. Welcome Tony to Rotary!

**WE FIND JOY IN SOCIAL GATHERINGS!
IT'S GREAT TO GATHER TO ENJOY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.**



On Saturday January 26, we shared our Rotary story with many other volunteer groups and community members. Very well attended, and

lots of new prospects for both membership and volunteer opportunities.

Barb and Tom Crozier hosted a Fireside meeting at their home on January 14th to discuss Rotary in greater detail for our newest Rotarians. Thank you Tom for your great, informative presentation.

A good time was had by all....

Fifth Thursday Social night at Detroit Pizza, hosted by Tony Domine was very well attended on Thursday, January 30th. A good time was had by all! Tony gave out some door prizes and tickets to a Portland Trailblazers game!

KIVA UPDATE

CW ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIRS: MAX HALL & SCOTT BERRY

The CW Rotary International Committee joined Kiva on January 22, 2018. In the 7 years since, we've contributed \$20,000 in capital and made 357 loans in 29 countries totaling \$62,410, and have supported Kiva with an additional \$10,199. These loans go to entrepreneurs, all poor and many refugees, who otherwise have little access to capital. In this Club year (six months) the Kiva team has made \$6,300 in new loans. Here's a summary of activity, along with a few stories of people we've helped.

- Ecuador, starting in 2018. Loans: 122 for \$26,250. This year: \$1,450.
- El Salvador, first loan in October 2019. Loans: 102 for \$20,650. This year: \$1,075.
- Africa, first loan in January 2021. Loans: 95 for \$11,790. This year: \$2,025.
 - Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Tanzania
- Asia, first loan in August 2023. Loans: 12 for \$2,225. This year: \$525.
 - Cambodia, Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Vietnam, USA
- Middle East, first loan in September 2024. Loans: 13 for \$575.
 - Egypt, Jordan, Turkey.
- Central and South America, first loan in October 2024. Loans: 4 for \$650.
 - Columbia, Guatemala, Peru.

Six members of the International Committee are on the Kiva Team:

Steve Hogan, Ecuador
Cath Alvey, El Salvador
Scott Berry, Africa
Dave Bussman, Asia
Dana McQuire, Middle East
Steve Bourque, South and Central America

PERSONAL STORIES IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

HOPE

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope".

Martin Luther King. Jr.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning".

Albert Einstein

A tip of the hat to Kathy Bussman, who inspired us with thoughts about Hope at our last meeting.

CW ROTARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2025

Feb. 13,20,27 Stuffing 100+ Food Bags at Treasure House
10am-12pm (*contact Diana Rutherford*)

Feb. 13th: (2) Volunteers

Feb. 20th: (1) Volunteer

Feb. 27th: (2) Volunteers

Feb. 23 Volunteer Planting at Steigerwald NW Refuge 1-4pm
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership [Register here](#)

MARCH 2025

March 7 ReFuel Washougal at St. Anne's 3-7pm (4/shift)
(*contact Diana Rutherford*)

1st Shift (3-5p)

2nd Shift (5-7pm)

March 8 Volunteer Planting at Steigerwald NW Refuge 1-4pm
Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership [Register here](#)

March 20 Clark County Food Bank Boxing Day 2-3:30pm
10 volunteers (contact Diana Rutherford)

Meals on Wheels Support by Rotary Club of Camas Washougal



Shifting to Wednesday and a mobile transfer vehicle due to renovation work at the Washougal Community Center, Meals on Wheels Washougal Manager Chelsea Kyle delivers a portion of the meals to George Capacci for further delivery.

SPECIAL NOTE: OUR DELIVERY DAY HAS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAYS WITH PICKUP AT THE OUTPOST IN WASHOUGAL

Q4 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AAC82DA7FF2-50163398-meals>

Meals are delivered on **WEDNESDAY**. Pick-up at 10:15 AM at **The Outpost** (573 30th St., Washougal)



The Rotary Club of Camas Washougal meets
Thursday mornings at 7:00 am, by zoom and in
person at **Orchard Hills Golf Club**
605 39th Street, Washougal

NOTE THE ZOOM LINK BELOW:

or

[Access Online via Zoom HERE](#)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

George Capacci | February 5

Conner King | February 28

CW ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Wendi Steinbronn | 5 years

Benjamin Miles | 10 years



NEED ROTARY CLOTHING, BLING OR SUPPLIES?



You can order a wide assortment of high-quality Rotary-branded merchandise from official RI licensed vendors. The one I use the most because of its variety and great customer service is Russell Hampton, located in Evanston IL, home of RI headquarters. If you browse their catalog at www.ruh.com, I know you will be surprised at all the different items available! We sometimes have a hard-copy catalog available at the registration table.

Another company I've used once is www.awardscalifornia.com. This California company offers a slightly different mix of products.

If you'd like to see the complete list of all these vendors, go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/member-center/licensed-vendors>.

THANKS TO BARB CROZIER FOR PROVIDING HER RECOMMENDATIONS

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMAS
WASHOUGAL

1st Tuesday of each Month - Board of Directors meeting - 5pm Port of Camas Washougal (open to everyone)

1st Tuesday of each Month - CW Foundation Board of Directors meeting 6pm - Port of Camas Washougal (open to everyone)

2024-2025 Club Officers

President: *Blaine Peterson*

President Elect: *Diana Rutherford*

Treasurer: *Cindy Forslund*

Secretary: *Barbara Crozier*

2024-2025 Board of Directors

Club Service Chairs: *Meridee Pabst & Cindy Forslund*

Membership Chairs: *David Bussman & Larry Keister*

Community Service Chair: *Diana Rutherford*

International Service Chairs: *Maxwell Hall & Scott Berry*

Vocational Service Chair: *Ron Carlson*

The Rotary Foundation Chair: *Richard Renton*

CW Rotary Foundation President: *Ron Carlson*

Youth Service: *Kathy Bussman*

Peacebuilder Committee: *Molly Coston*

Public Image chair: *George Capacci*

Immediate Past President: *Ron Carlson*

Sergeant at Arms: *Milt Dennison*

Club Executive Secretary: *Thomas Crozier*

Upcoming Programs

2/13/25 -

DownLow

Chocolates/Valentines for Seniors

2/20/25 - **Sophs of the Month**

#4/Getting to

Know New

Members- Ron

2/27/25 - **East**

Coast Travel for

8th Graders -Scott Rainey

3/6/25 -

Astronaut

Experience - Bill

Williams, Astronaut

3/13/25 -

Skamania County

Search &

Rescue - Ken

Krumpschmidt

3/20/25 - **Sophs of the Month #5** -

Ron

3/27/25 - **Shelter**

Box -Becky

Hanenkrat

4/3/25 - **CW**

Community

Chest - Dave

Pinkernell



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