

Rotary Club of Olympia
The Wheel
Date: 01/13/25

Today's Program: Rotary in Action - Fred Balz Community Grants

Meeting Called to order: President Corrina @ 12:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Bill Latta

Four Way Test led by: Brett Anderson

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guest of Rotarians:

We had a few guests join us today

Announcements:

Monday, Jan 20 - NO MEETING due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The next meeting is Monday, Jan 27.

District Grant - Camp Thunderbird - Bob Wubbena reminded the club that there are more volunteer opportunities to support the project(s) that 6 clubs in our district are funding. If you can volunteer, please join the group this Friday and Saturday. For more information please contact Bob Wubbena.

Dacdb - Sarah Clinton/Colleen Gillespie put together a presentation to educate club members about this very important tool/resource. Dacdb (the District And Club Database) is the database that houses our club's information. You can access the sign in page with the login link on our club's website (top right corner). You can update your password, if needed. Information related to our club as well as Rotary International is available on this site.

Happy Bucks:

Barbara Barney: Just returned from Guadalajara, Mexico where they saw several Rotary friends and Rotary projects. She brought back some books for the Literacy initiative.

Sarah Clinton: Just attended the Washington State Supreme Court swearing in where member and past president Debra Stephens was sworn in as Chief Justice. Sarah was joined by her daughter. They both had a great time, it was very inspiring.

Kelly Green: She applied for appointment to the vacant council position on the Olympia City Council. She is one of 6 candidates who received an invite to interview with the council. The interviews will be conducted tonight. The council will vote to select the new council member tonight and they will be sworn in on Tuesday.

Wendy Holden: celebrated her birthday and her anniversary recently.

Cecelia Loveless: celebrated her birthday in December, excited to be a part of the club

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President Corrina introduced Mark Elliott and Skip Steffen. He and Skip Steffen have been involved with the club Foundation for quite a few years. The focus of the presentation today is on the club grants, not the grants funded by Rotary International. Mark reiterated that these are two important and separate pots of money (with separate funding sources).

Between Fall 2023 and Fall 2024 the club had funding requests for both Impact Grants and Response Grants. Mark and Skip are two members of the Grant Committee. Mark invited club members to join the committee if they are interested. He and Skip thanked club member Curt Andino for being the newest committee member.

Out of the 8 applications for Impact Grants 6 were funded at a total of \$45,000. For the Response Grants the club had 11 applicants totalling \$27,000. The committee funded 5 of those requests at a total dollar amount of \$9,000.

Leslie Baker at the South Sound YMCA joined the meeting to speak about the work at Plum Street Village and the impact that the Fred Balz Community Impact Grant in Spring 2023 had on the residents at Plum Street Village. Leslie shared the YMCA focused on engaging the residents of Plum Street Village to join the YMCA with the goal that they will be able to join and participate in a community activity.

Leslie shared that one of the biggest barriers to participation is a fear of integration, as these individuals worry about how they will be received. Some residents have simply been trying to keep themselves warm. The YMCA works hard to create a welcoming pathway. The Y has launched specific classes for Plum Street Village residents and found ways to provide exercise clothes and equipment. When asked about the specific clothing needs Leslie said that for shoes men's sizes 10-13 and Women's sizes 6-9 are needed, and all types of men's and women's athletic clothes. If you'd like to drop off a donation, please do so directly at the Plum Street YMCA and clearly label the donation for Plum Street Village residents.

The meeting was recorded, if you would like to see the recording, please contact President Corrina.

Mr. Snappy: Susan Mayer won a \$50 gift certificate to Mercato, Roe or Rib Eye donated by The Rants Group.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:24 pm by President Corrina.