



Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Club Meeting

Vancouver Sunrise Meets at Bleu Door Bakery and Cafe
2411 Main St
Vancouver, WA 98660
Time: Friday at 07:00 AM

Speakers

Birthdays

Jane A. Van Dyke
March 21st

Years of Service

Katherine H. Morris
04-07-2017
8 Years

Aliana S. Doar
05-02-2022
3 Years

Chelsea Stearns
04-22-2023
2 Years

Club Leaders



Robert W. Ives
President



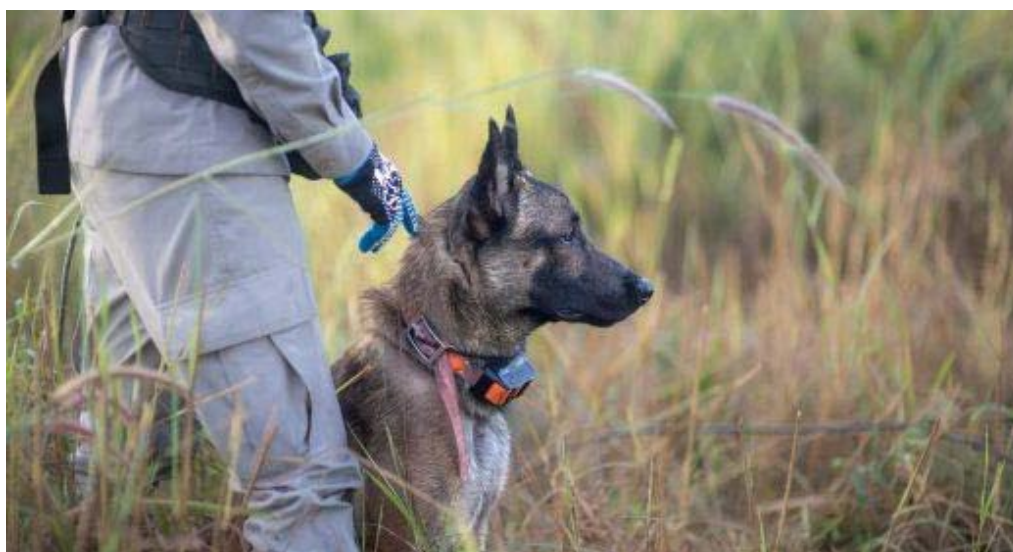
Todd A. Holterman
President-Elect
Club Programs Chair



Corina L. Maser
Secretary

Michelle B.

Our meeting this week: APOPO, mines, rats and dogs



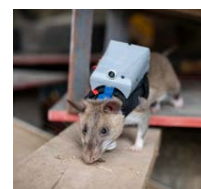
More than 60 countries around the world are contaminated with the detritus of war: hidden landmines and other explosives. These are the hidden hazards of conflicts recent and decades old, that cause tragic accidents and hamper communities from developing their productive land.

Emma Mortiboy, our speaker this week, will be sharing with us the

story of APOPO, an international organization that is saving lives through the deployment of scent-detection animals: dogs and rats.

A dog's scent ability, we've long known about. But rats, which once helped carry the plague that devastated the world, can also be a great partner in helping to detect mines and sniffing out disease.

APOPO animals can help detect another type of plague by bringing a better, faster alternative to the slow and often inaccurate detection methods that make tuberculosis the world's most deadly infectious disease. 10.6 million new people contracted TB in 2022, 3.1 million went undiagnosed, and 1.3 million died from the disease.



Please join us as Emma shares this fascinating story from Great Britain via Zoom. We'll be meeting at 7 a.m. (UTC - 07:00) Friday, March 14, at the [Bleu Door Bakery, 2411 Main Street](#).

If you can't be with us in person, please join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83268428716?pwd=L1JKVFU0Y3ZyY1Y4bDFzeTV0MXRvdz09>

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President's Corner

By Robert W. Ives on Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Hello Rotarians!

Vancouver Sunrise Rotary will meet for breakfast at the Bleu Door Bakery this



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Friday March 14. Emma Mortiboy of Apopo, an organization based in Great Britain that trains and deploys animals to search for land mines and other objects worldwide. This will be an interesting test of our Zoom connection and the presentation will be live from Great Britain. Thanks to Terry Toland for the connection to Apopo.

Corina will be our Greeter and will provide our Moment of Inspiration.

For club officers, club members and especially our "red badge members," remember that our board meetings will be held beginning at 5 on Wednesday, March 12. The Club board meets at 5, with the Foundation board meeting immediately after (about 5:30).

A special thank you to our members attending last Friday for what turned out to be an excellent meeting, despite the very sudden change from our speaker to more of a social hour. We wish Sunrise O'Mahoney all the best and a quick recovery from the flu and will reschedule her presentation.

See you Friday!

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Bob



New Member profile: Andrea Gerding



"I was inspired to join Rotary because of wanting to contribute to my community and seeing the activities Rotary participates in that provide support to many causes," says new member Andrea Gerding. "I also enjoy meeting new people."

Certainly Andrea will get a chance to do both in Rotary. But it's not like she hasn't spent a great deal of life doing just that.

Andrea is a retired middle school teacher and deco department manager for Wandering in Time Production. With her husband, Steve, whose career was in the military and government service, and their sons, Andrea has lived in four states and three countries.

You might also recall that Andrea has a passion for participating in Carnival in Venice, Italy, in full costume. She gave a presentation to our club on this in the last few years. So while she certainly has had opportunity to meet new people, many of them were masked.

As was she.

Welcome Andrea. Mask or no mask.

Vancouver Sunrise Rotary To-Do List

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- Here is a Rotary tip from your fellow club members, who, in spite of natural skepticism, are sold on the online training that's available on My Rotary. Ask around if you don't know how to access it. Sneak preview: An incoming club president believes we should move into video to better reach our friends and neighbors about the work Rotary does.
- You can attend District 5100's virtual spring training. It's on your phone!
- The Rose Garden!!! We're waking it up soon!
- Follow "Around the States in 80 Days" on Facebook to track Jerry's road trip to the NW, SW, SE, and NE corners of the country.
- The shoe drive is coming up for Roosevelt Elementary. And the hygiene drive is coming to a close. Click on "Read More."

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March is Rotary Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

" Indeed, we're strongest when the face of America

isn't only a soldier carrying a gun but also a diplomat negotiating peace, a Peace Corps volunteer bringing clean water to a village, or a relief worker stepping off a cargo plane as floodwaters rise."



—Colin

Powell



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

- March 12, 5 p.m. — Club and Foundation Board Meetings.
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84311794022?pwd=ZlF3eERubUc2cElla9KdmtVU1NLUT09>

Meeting ID: 843-1179-4022
Passcode: 748611
- March 14, 7 a.m. — Emma Mortiboy will share the story of Apopo, an international organization that uses trained animals to find landmines and other contraband, [Bleu Door Bakery, 2411 Main Street](#). Greeter: Corina Maser; Moment of Inspiration: Corina.
Join on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83268428716?pwd=L1JKVFU0Y3YzY1Y4bDFzeTV0MXRvdz09>

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- March 21, 7 a.m. — Improvements at PDX, with David Zelke of the Port of Portland, [Bleu Door Bakery, 2411 Main Street](#). Greeter and Moment of Inspiration: Todd Holterman.
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- March 28, 7 a.m. — Program to be determined. Possibly a reschedule of club member Bryan Farrell's presentation on the Clark County Domestic Violence Program, [Bleu Door Bakery, 2411 Main Street](#). Greeter: François Wevers; Moment of Inspiration: Doc Reis.
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- April 4, 7 a.m. — Antarctica with Michelle Howell, [Bleu Door Bakery, 2411 Main Street](#). Greeter and Moment of Inspiration: Aliana Doar.
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Thursday, March 20, 2025 7:30-9:00am

Vancouver Hilton
301 W 6th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

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April 4–6, 2025 Troutdale, OR
East County Pickleball Courts (Indoor!)

- April 6, 9 a.m. — Waking up the Rose Garden work party, [Orchards Park, 9800 NE 54th St.](#)
- April 11, 7 a.m. — Craig Brown, recently retired editor of The Columbian, [Bleu Door Bakery, 2411 Main Street.](#) Greeter: TBA; Moment of Inspiration: TBA.
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- June 6 & 7 — Clark County Food Bank Tacos & Taps: 6/6 4–6:30 p.m. \$60; 6:30–9 p.m. \$50; 6/7 4–6:30 p.m. \$60; 6:30–9 p.m. \$50. See Corina for details.
- June 21-25, 2025 — Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- July 12–18, 2025 — Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Corbett, Oregon.



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