

Rotary Club of Salem
Gold Star Report No. 30
July 1 2020 - June 30 2021



As promised by so many past presidents, my past year was a wonderful experience. We began meeting in-person again although we also provided a live zoom option that worked for some of our members who were not quite ready for the face-to-face opportunity. We recently have stopped the live zoom option, but still provide a link to the meeting so members can watch at their leisure. I am reminded every week that meeting in person and taking advantage of our great monthly fellowship gatherings is one of the greatest benefits of being a Rotarian.

We also reinstated our annual Good Works Event which allowed our club to donate \$60,000 to the A.C. Gilbert Children's Museum as well as raising an additional \$40,000 for other charitable projects. This past year's event resumed the event in-person after a year of a Covid sabbatical. The generosity of our club members continues to provide support for that major gift, but also allows us to give smaller dollar amounts to additional area nonprofits.

Our club's challenge continues to be how we address the fact that we have lost members. Our Program Committee is diligent in looking for programs that will motivate members to attend our meetings. The Hands On Committee continues to put forth opportunities for our members to work with nonprofits on their needs and our Membership Committee is devising strategies that will help attract and retain new members. I am confident that with such a talented team, our club will increase our membership so that we can 'get things done!'.

Chane Griggs
President



The Rotary Club of Salem - Who We Are

The Rotary Club of Salem first organized in September 1919 when a small group of forward-looking business and professional men met above Giles' Wholesale Fruit Store at south High and Trade Streets. The Club was officially chartered on January 1, 1920. The Rotary Club of Salem was the 306th club formed in the world and has been making contributions ever since.

The Rotary Club of Salem is the second largest club in District 5100. Our attendance averaged 52%. Attendance includes attending weekly meetings, participating in Rotary sponsored activities and events, meeting make-ups at other club meetings - anywhere in the world, on-line make-ups, committee meetings and other committee work. We ended the year with one honorary member (Ellen Wyant), 12 corporate principals, 18 rule of 85 and 152 active members. Our membership is made up of 85 (57%) males; 65 (43%) females.

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| First year members | - 25 |
| 2-3 years | - 13 |
| 4-5 years | - 22 |
| 6-10 years | - 31 |
| 11-15 years. | - 15 |
| 16-20 years | - 13 |
| 21-25 years | - 9 |
| 26+ years | - 21 |

Club Leadership
President
Chane Griggs

Club Leadership Committees
Office of Past President Committees
Sue Bloom

Nominating Committee, Past Presidents Council

Nominating Committee - a full slate of candidates was presented to the membership for consideration and ultimately, voted into office.

Past Presidents Council - chairs meetings of past presidents.

Office of President Elect
David Decklemann

Program, Strategic Planning, Presidential Citation

Program Committee - Our Program Committee brought an amazing array of speakers and music to our Club meetings each week.

Presidential Citation - We received a Presidential Citation award this year for all the accomplishments of the club. This is a recognition awarded from Rotary International for meeting or exceeding expectation in several categories.

Office of the Secretary
Holly Berry

Attendance, Club History

Attendance - 20 members were recognized for perfect attendance this year.

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| 3 years | Beth Rhoades & Cyndi Leinassar |
| 7 years | Jenn Columbus & Tammy Dennee |
| 8 years | Chane Griggs |
| 9 years | Larry Konick |
| 10 years | Fara Etzel |
| 12 years | Linda Bednarz, Holly Berry, Rus McCracken & Barry Nelson |
| 15 years | John McCulley |
| 19 years | Tim Nissen |
| 21 years | Renee Campbell |
| 22 years | Teresa Lulay |
| 24 years | Warren Bednarz |
| 31 years | Susanna Owens |
| 43 years | Ron Rubel |

Club History - Ron Rubel

Office of Treasurer
Chuck Swank

Cashiers Committee - temporarily inactive, no lunch buffet offered

Club Service 1: Club Meetings
Kelly White

Bell Ringers, Greeters/Traveling Mic, Invocation, Music

Bell Ringers - Brenna Baccum. Solicit and announce the bell ringers at weekly club meetings with humor and enthusiasm.

Greeters/Traveling Mic - David Deckleman. Schedule members to greet all who attend weekly meetings and introduce guests.

Invocation - Eli Herb. Schedule members to give an invocation at the start of weekly meetings.

Music - Linda & Warren Bednarz. Schedules committee members to choose and lead the song at weekly meetings.

Club Service 2: Fellowship & Vocation

Claudia Vorse

Fellowship Events, Firesides, Rotary Minute, Featured Rotarian Committees, vocational tours

Fellowship - Teresa Lulay. Getting to know each other is important and the committee provided several opportunities throughout the year that allowed for conversation.

Fireside - Teresa Lulay. Gatherings held throughout the year giving those working on acquiring their blue badges a chance to get to know others in the Club and become more familiar about how the club operates.

Club Service 3: Membership

Robbin Kerner

Membership Development, Red Badge, New Members Orientation

Membership as of July 1, 2021 - 170

Membership as of June 30, 2022 - 163

Membership Development - Lauren Gutierrez. 12 new members were recruited, installed and oriented this year.

Red Badge - Lauren Gutierrez. The Membership Committee implemented changes to the process to achieving a Blue Badge.

New Member Orientation - Orientations are held regularly to familiarize new members with the history of Rotary Club of Salem and discuss events and activities in which they may participate.

Club Service 4: Communications

Pam Wasson

Public Relations and Internal & External Communications

Weekly Update - Pam Wasson. The weekly e-blast message for members is distributed via Constant Contact. It includes standard content such as the President's Message, meeting information, program description, bell ringers, announcements, current member rosters, and links to Rotary resources. Periodic articles are featured and messages that support club activities and fundraising.

Community Service 1: Community Needs

Justin Tyler

Hunger Awareness, Holiday Giving, Blood Drive, Hands On

Salvation Army Bell Ringers – Twenty club members spent an hour each ringing the bell outside Kohl's on the skybridge.

*\$597 value of volunteer time
\$2,800 raised during club meeting*

Holiday Giving - Dawn Bostwick.

60 Gifts for Oregon State Hospital
More than 325 gifts for children

\$9,000 approximate value raised in cash and gifts

Blood Drive - Tim Nissen. Approximately 61 pints of blood were donated during four blood drives.

\$1,741 value of volunteer time. Value of saving lives 183 - priceless

Hands On - Adam Kohler

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| Marion Polk Food Share - 27 volunteers @ 54 hours | total value | \$1,343 |
| Gilbert House clean up & play day - 4 @ 8 hours | total value | 199 |
| Boys & Girls Club raised bed cleanup - 6 volunteers @ 15 hours | total value | 299 |
| Horses of Hope trail clearing - 8 volunteers @ 20 hours | total value | 498 |

Rotary volunteers donating 97 hours with a monetary value of \$2,339

Community Service 2: Fundraising

Cyndi Leinassar

Good Works Event, Good Works Selection Committees

Good Works Project Selection - Adam Kohler

Good Works Event - Beth Rhoades. With the help of Jenn Columbus and Susan Horning, Beth organized our fund raiser held in the Grand Hotel ballroom. Members signed up for a variety of experiences, bid on oral auction items and paddle raise donations.

\$126,255 gross; \$99,302 net.

Centennial Stage Project - Barry Nelson & Ken Van Osdol. We did it!! With the design finalized, permits approved, inspections passed, fund raising goal achieved, construction completed, we celebrated the Gerry Frank/ Rotary Amphitheater project with a gala celebration. A crowd of 200+ heard remarks from governor Kate Brown, legislator Betsy Johnson and Gerry Frank. Guests enjoyed appetizers and toasted the moment with glasses of bubbles. Just-past-president Chane Griggs emceed.

Community Service 3: New Generations

Jenn Columbus

International Youth Exchange, Interact, Student of the Month, RYLA, Literacy

International Youth Exchange - Christine Whiteside. COVID interrupted everything world wide. We were able to recruit students who left in August 2022 but hosted no inbound students.

Student of the Month - Elise Bauman. We had eighteen incredible students of the month and three Youth Leadership Award recipients. Outstanding students from North Salem High School and South Salem High School were recognized each month. Each month, students told us of their lives, school activities, and their future plans and dreams. Categories from which students were chosen include student body president, fall athletes, humanities, math/science, service above self, winter athlete, vocational, and performing arts.

RYLA - Ida Lafky. Due to Covid, RYLA was cancelled. When held, it recognizes young leaders and provides them with an opportunity to expand their perceptions and ideals. RYLA participants gain knowledge about themselves and learn to work with others in order to become better people and future leaders.

Literacy - Jenn Columbus. This year the Literacy Committee provided grants to:

Center for Hope and Safety - \$2500
Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund - \$2500
FACT Oregon - \$2080
Salem Public Library Foundation - \$1080
Willamette Heritage Center - \$2000
Delta Kappa Gamma/Marion Polk Early Learning Hub - \$2500

Grant awards totaling \$12,660

International Service

David Decklemann

RI Foundation, International Service, Peace Builder

The Rotary Foundation (Rotary International) - Dawn Bostwick - The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.

\$26,000 donated by club members.

World Community Service - Howard Baumann

As the World Community Service Committee continues its work to “Keep the **I** in **RI**”, we have continued our efforts for a 4th Water and Sanitation Global Grant in Haiti. Despite a July 2021 presidential assassination, a devastating August 7.2 earthquake, gang rule, the December missionary kidnapping for ransom, and raging Covid-19, the Host Hinche Nord Rotary Club has remained positive and encouraging. The grant of \$117,000 will provide 6 more wells, which will bring our total to 23 wells plus 4 community latrines in Haiti since 2010. These efforts have significantly improved the economies, waterborne illnesses, and school attendance in these villages in East-Central Haiti.

Our Rotary Club also has a long history of encouraging other District clubs by contributing to their international projects. This year our Rotary Club financially supported:

- Newberg-Noon’s Nepal Emergency Covid-19 Project for Oxygen Concentrators.
- Ghana School Desks, thanks to the lead efforts of committee member Marilyn Schuster.
- Guatemala Literacy Project, thanks to work by our Board Director Pat Force.
- Lake Oswego’s Guatemala Literacy Project.
- Malawi Water and Sanitation Project, through the E-Club of New Zealand.

Amount spent, \$7,000

Although not out of our committee’s budget, we were happy to help where possible to facilitate and monitor Salem Rotary’s financial responses to the following international disasters, much appreciated:

- Ukraine Emergency Relief, conducted by Portland Metro, through Rotary Clubs in Poland \$5,000
- Haiti D7020 Earthquake Crisis Response in Les Cayes, Haiti 5,000

Amount spent, \$10,000

Finally, a special tribute to our very own PDG Renée Campbell who is doing a tremendous job as Chair, District 5100 International Service Committee. Thank you, Renée.

Club Funds Raised

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| Tree of Joy | \$ 9,000 |
| Salvation Army during holiday club meeting | 2,800 |

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| Major Fund Raiser | | 99,302 |
| Rotary International Foundation | | <u>25,844</u> |
| | Total | \$136,946 |

**Salem Rotary Foundation
Annual Report 2021-2022
Jayne Downing - President**

The 2021-2022 year was a good one for our Salem Rotary Foundation. With the completion of the Gerry Frank Salem Rotary Amphitheater project we had a total grants budget of \$76,500. Grants given were as follows:

Gilbert House: \$42,500 (plus \$17,500 in Club Good Works funds)
 East Salem Community Center: \$12,000
 Chemeketa Community College Foundation – Duval Scholarship: \$2,000
 Boys and Girls Club: \$2,000
 Family Building Blocks: \$4,000
 Horses for Hope Oregon: \$4,000
 Capital Futbol Club: \$2,000
 Center for Hope and Safety: \$4,000
 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency: \$4,000

Our investment values declined \$201,083 net of fees. This is our first decline in investment account value in twelve years, and was not unexpected. So we started the year at \$1,415,891 and ended the year at \$1,231,520. Expenses, other than investment management fees, were \$1,454.

In addition our foundation held \$266,633 invested for future improvements to the Gerry Frank | Salem Rotary Amphitheater.

Our Foundation was led by President, Jayne Downing; Secretary/Treasurer, Tim Nissen; Board Members Larry Konick, Barry Nelson, Linda Norris, Rus McCracken, Doug Parham. We are an open-book organization so any member of the club is welcome to any additional information. We welcome your ongoing generous support.

Foundation Funds Raised

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| Contributions | | \$ 26,403 |
| Club Match | | 2,500 |
| Bellringers | | 14,972 |
| Speaker Recognition Gifts | | 2,500 |
| Club Good Works Fundraiser | | 10,000 |
| Major Gifts | | 29,441 |
| Interest | | <u>153</u> |
| | Total | \$ 85,969 |

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| Club and Foundation Funds Raised | Total | \$225,115 |
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Respectfully submitted,

Holly Berry
Secretary
Rotary Club of Salem
December 2022