

Rotary

Club of S.E. Portland, Oregon



Rotary Peace recipients speak at Club Meeting; *next meeting in one week!*

May 15, 2023



Our new one-meeting-a-month schedule is interrupted this month, with two in a row! The first was today, in our meeting room at Moreland Presbyterian Church. We had as speakers two Rotary Peace Fellowship recipients; in addition to our own members, guests were longtime friend Deniel Banks of District 5100, and Alan LohKamp of FIRST Robotics Team 1432. Sandwiches were provided, and they will be next week too!

Our guest speakers were two recipients of Rotary International "Peace Fellowships" – of which 130 are granted each year, "fully funded for dedicated leaders per year". First to speak was Andy Stone of Portland, whose experience studying and helping reconcile conflicts of Indigenous peoples of the Northwest with other users of the resources of the Columbia River Basin sent him to the Mekong River – specifically in Laos and Thailand – to apply his knowledge to the similar situations along a similar river.

Second to speak was Solomon Odera of Kenya, a thriving African country in which 75% of the population is under age 35, and where half a million youths enter the job market each year. The problem Solomon addresses is what may be the "world's largest slum", in the area outside Nairobi, where 500,000 to 800,000 people live in deplorable conditions, and many give in to human trafficking to seek a way out. Solomon's group is providing hope and other ways out – training in fashion design, micro farming, digital skills, and entrepreneurial skills, among other things. Both talks were quite fascinating.

Andy stone, left, and Solomon Odera were the two Rotary Peace Fellowship recipients who spoke to us on Monday.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

May 22, noon – a Club Assembly meeting is planned in our normal side room at Moreland Presbyterian Church, and a sandwich lunch will be on the table waiting for you! Kathy Stromvig hopes for an in-person turnout of club members – or at least all of those in town.

We haven't a club schedule after May 29. Keep an eye on your email for late news about the Club's plans and activities.

"Meals On Wheels" Delivery

Shannon Page is now scheduling our Meals On Wheels deliveries! Contact her if you don't have the schedule: **503/840-7389**.

We do not have a current delivery schedule. If you don't either, touch bases with Shannon!

If you cannot fulfill your day, please arrange a replacement!!

We had a good turnout this week! Let's hope for even better this next Monday!

Club News

The main club news for now is our upcoming NOON meeting, a Club Assembly, **this Monday**, in our normal side meeting room at Moreland Presbyterian Church. We'll have a sandwich lunch for you, and Kathy Stromvig asks that all local members please come in person. For those out of town or unable to attend, it will be on ZOOM. Kathy will send out the meeting coordinates.

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Club officers, 2022-23 Rotary year

***President** – Bill Meyer/**Kathy Stromvig**/Bruce Poinsette
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Vice President – Eric Norberg (also bulletin editor)
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*Four months each, in order: July-Oct, Nov-Feb, Mar-June

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