

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of Rotary Day DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk


PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905 as the world's first non-profit service organization. Today it is one of the largest; with over 1.2 million members worldwide. Members, who are professional and business leaders, belong to over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries.

Shoreline has both a Breakfast Rotary and a Noon Rotary Club. This proclamation acknowledges the work of Rotary International and the local Rotary Clubs. Former Mayor Connie King of the Noon Rotary, Scott Saunders of the Breakfast Rotary, and Allen Anderson, the local Rotary Foundation founder, will attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Rotary International, founded on February 23, 1905, is the world's first non-profit service organization, and one of the largest; and
- WHEREAS, Rotary has over 1.2 million members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 31,000 clubs in more than 165 countries; and
- WHEREAS, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world, as well as providing health care, clean water, food production, job training and educations to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and
- WHEREAS, in 1985 Rotary launched "Polio Plus," cooperating in efforts to immunize the children of the world against polio, resulting in a 99% drop in cases, putting the world on the threshold of eradicating this disease; and
- WHEREAS, Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants, with more than 35,000 students from 110 countries studying abroad since 1947 as Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars; and
- WHEREAS, Rotary's Group Study Exchange program has helped more than 46,000 young professionals explore their career fields in other countries and the Youth Exchange Program provides 8,000 secondary school students the opportunity each year to experience life in another country; and
- WHEREAS, there are nearly 95 Rotary Club members in two clubs in the City of Shoreline sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment,
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2005 as

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

in the City of Shoreline and urge our citizens to join me in recognizing Rotary International's 100 years of service to our local communities.

Ronald B. Hansen
Mayor of Shoreline