

Seattle Mariners Women's Club Newsletter

September, 2025



Important SMWC Upcoming Dates

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| • SMWC Board Meeting | Saturday, 09/23/25 | 11:00 am | 11100 NE 33rd Pl, Bellevue |
| • Holiday Party | Sunday, 12/07/25 | 4:00—10:00 pm | Fairfield Inn, Issaquah |

Presidents' Pitch



The baseball season is quickly passing by! It's the "dog days of summer" now and we are

fighting for the lead in our division! The addition of Josh Naylor and return of Eugenio Suarez has made a huge impact, not only on the field of play, but the leadership in the clubhouse on being a championship team. And then there is Cal, swinging a hot bat, breaking records along the way! In fact, we could say something about every player as to how each are contributing to our current success! Whether or not we make it to the playoffs remains to be seen, but it been a fun ride all the way.

Our fair booth days were September 4th, 5th, and 6th. What a great way to see the Washington State Fair, talk some fluent baseball, and welcome eager new members on board, all at the same time!

Additionally, it is not too early to be thinking of our holiday party, set for December 7th. There are many ways you can volunteer to help. Please be watching for emails regarding volunteer opportunities, some as early as in October and up until check out that night! There are many ways you can be involved and still enjoy the night yourself!!

We hope you enjoy this issue which features stories about our Ichiro Retirement and Aqua Sox outings, as well as back to school notes from scholarship winners.

Plus a little push if you're looking for something fun to do for the next few years: how about becoming a SMWC Board Member?

Here's to a great end of the year!

GO MARINERS!

Sharon and Diana, co-presidents

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SMWC Holiday Party

Sunday, December 7 - SMWC Holiday Party. Yes, it's time to begin thinking about Christmas! This year 's party will be on Sunday, December 7, at the Fairfield Inn, 1801—12th Ave NW, Issaquah.

It will be catered by Christie's Catering. This is the same place, and the same great catering company as last year, but there will be new Mariners Carols, new items in the auction, and who knows what else we will have for this fun event.

Invitations will go out in about six to eight weeks, but we wanted to let you know now so you can put it on your calendar right away!

If you have any items you want to donate, please contact Linda Stephens (206-556-5956).

And since you're going to be there anyway, why not consider donating some of your time to volunteering, with the set-up, the tear down, the auction, the dessert dash, raf-fle ticket sales, the wheel...there are lots of ways to get involved!



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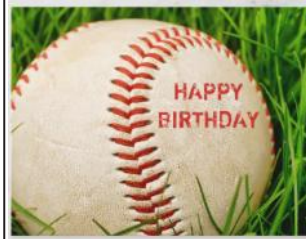
Ichiro Retirement Group Outing

What a great time we had at the Ichiro Retirement Group Outing on Saturday, August 9.

There were 31 of us signed up and we all had a 'ball'! Plus, the Mariners won on a couple of "Juliomers" and one by Cal!

Not only was the game a sell-out but the [50/50 Raffle](#) people set a new record for the Mariners Care Foundation (a few SMWC members volunteer for them)!

Here are some pictures from this event.



Happy Playoff Birthday Greetings to:

Bobbie Long	09/05
Ruben Bocanegra	09/05
Shannon Dutton	09/07
Melissa McNish	09/12
Patty Skommese	09/12
Gabriele Swe	09/12
Barbara DeCaro	09/14
Shannon Bible	09/15
Susan Anstead	09/20
Michelle Rogers	09/20
Jennie Fike-Keith	09/26
Sandra Grimes	10/02
Kathy Hope	10/05
Gina Lambert	10/11
Nonita Dixon	10/13
Khalsa Joslin	10/16
Stewart Ridgeway	10/16
Angela Hultz	10/17
Debbie Kilpatrick	10/20
Brandy Larson	10/20
Karli McIver	10/21
Kathi Pressley	10/22
Charlotte Riches	10/26
Sue Lassman	10/28

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Upcoming Elections

By Co-Presidents Diana Gentz and Sharon Abra



November is Voting Month! It's time for our biennial Board elections. And all positions are up for election. We encourage you

to sign up for the [nominating committee](#), or to [run for a position](#)!

Many of our officers and committee heads have been on the board for many years and would like a break, or at least a little help with their roles.

Sharon and I have been co-presidents for six years now! When we were invited to run for this position neither of us had ever been to a SMWC Board Meeting. We took a leap of faith and it has been the most fun we've had in years. We are both happy to serve another term, but we sure would like some help.

Each committee chair (membership, communications, history, scholarship, and the Holiday Fundraiser) would appreciate additional people on their teams to lighten the load and have backups for unexpected circumstances and vacations. Please consider one of these volunteer posts, or to serve on the [nominating committee](#). You'll be glad you did! We were!

To run for a Board position or serve on the Nominating committee, contact us at SMWCclub@Gmail.com.

SMWC at the Aqua Sox Recap

Saturday, August 30 was our AquaSox group game at Funko Field in Everett. What a great time we had! Beautiful weather, great food, and 20 of the nicest SMWC people you'd ever want to meet! We met at the Pepsi pavilion at 5:30 to enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixings!

Webley, the team Mascot, stopped by for a group photo. Our own Carl Johnson was chosen to throw out the first pitch. During the game the MC had the Seattle Mariners Women's Club join him for the singing of Take Me Out to the Ballgame, and the fireworks were amazing. Unfortunately, most of the fireworks during the game were from the Portland team as they won 15 to 9.

Several people in our group won Starbucks gift cards for choosing which inning the AquaSox would score!



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Messages from Bev and West Scholarship Recipients

by Mary Rae Cowles and Sheri Salo



"Hello, my name is Katrina Brocksome, and I am a proud recipient of the Bev and Wes Stock Scholarship. I am currently attending Washington State University in Pullman. I will be entering my senior year and my second year of WSU's Master's of Athletic Training Program. In 2026, I will be graduating with my Bachelor of Sports Medicine, and in 2027, with my Master of Athletic Training. As part of this program, not only will I earn 2 degrees, but I will be earning over 2100 hours of clinical education. This program will prepare me to become a certified and licensed athletic trainer by the time I graduate. In addition to my education, I have been actively involved in the Exercise Physiology and Performance Laboratory (EPPL) for the past 2 years as an undergraduate research assistant and the Media/Outreach Specialist. Also, I have co-founded a women's weight-

lifting club, Girl Gains, with the focus on addressing the lack of women present in the weight room. This fall, I will be beginning a TA role for KINES 484 - Exercise Prescription and Medical Conditions. As a student at WSU, I'm proud to share that I have a 3.91 GPA and have been on the President's Honor Roll since starting college. Another achievement I have received is earning the Grand Prize for Outstanding Work at the Spring 2024 Bruya-Wood Undergraduate Research Conference. With all of this experience and knowledge I have gained, I wouldn't have been able to accomplish this without the generosity of the Seattle Women's Mariners Club. I will be forever grateful to have received this scholarship, as it has provided me with the opportunity to fulfill my dreams."

Audrey McKenna, attending Clarke College in Debuque, IA *"Thank you again for the opportunity to be awarded this generous .scholarship. I'm truly honored and grateful for your support as I take the next step in my education."*



Tate Alton - attending Grand Canyon University *"Thank you for awarding me this scholarship! It is really appreciated and will help me succeed in college."*

Ava Jeretsky (no photo) - attending Bellevue College *"OH My Goodness this is amazing!!!! Thank you so much. Again thank you so much for your support."*

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Have you been a member of the club for a bit and thought about getting more involved? We've got a bunch of ways that you can do that! If you'd like to take on any of these assignments, please email our presidents at sharon.abra.mail@gmail.com or gentzied@hotmail.com and we'll get the ball rolling.

Events Coordinator – Arrange events and carry through on details for SMWC outings throughout the year. This could also include finding meeting places for our board meetings and special guest appearances.

Writers – We would love to have contributors to our newsletters as well as people who can recap some of our special events such as the Stadium tours, baseball outings, etc.

Committee members – We have committees that need help throughout the year. Come be a part! You could join communications, the Scholarship Committee, membership committee, the Holiday Fundraiser committee, there are a million ways to get involved!

Web Master/web designer – Someone who can keep our page fresh, interesting, and part of the 21st century. Some of us may be great baseball fans, but we're lousy with computers.

Graphic Arts – We'd love to find a member or two who is talented in graphic arts to help us freshen up our brochures, newsletter, and even our logo.

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