

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Club Meetings and Time

The Rotary Club of Mercer Island

meets at:

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

8236 SE 24th St.
Mercer Island, WA 98040

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

12:00 - 12:30 Socializing

12:30 - 1:30 Meeting and Speaker

A catered lunch

by Pogacha (a restaurant on Mercer Island) is available for \$25 or you can bring your own.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

(no cost to visit)

Club Leaders



Benson D. Wong
President



Todd White
President-Elect



Judy Clibborn
Vice President



Patricia S. Turner
Secretary



David Thompson
Foundation Director
Treasurer



Walter Boos
Club Foundation President



Julie Hsieh
Club Director - Public Image



Dave Leibman
Club Director - Club Support



Jennifer Lyn McLellan
Club Director
RYLA Club Chair
Youth Service Chair



Robert L. Olson
Club Director - Club Administration



Diane Tien
Club Director - Membership



Stuart Scarff
Club Foundation Secretary

We are People of Action Service for the Soul

July 21- First Annual Golf Tournament - Fundraiser



MEMBERS: Please SAVE THE DATE

and SIGN UP **NOW** TO HELP

Do you have something you would like to donate to the raffle?
or put into the swag bags?

RAFFLE - Anytime before July 10

Obtain items from donors (e.g. gift certificates, food or drink or other items, then put them into one or more "baskets" to be raffled off. Several people can do this together.

SWAG BAGS - Anytime before July 17

Compile 100 "swag bags" for tournament players. Several people can do this together
- Help collect donations for the swag bags
- Put items in the bags

AT THE TOURNAMENT - July 21

Staff the registration table - 2 volunteers for each shift
___ 9:30 to Noon
___ Noon to 2:00 PM

Monitor the Hole-in-One Contest - Watch one hole to monitor (they win \$10,000 if they do) - you can bring a camp chair for your comfort. 2 volunteers for each shift.
___ 11:30 to 1:30. ___ 1:30 to 3:00

Contact: Benson Wong bensondwong@gmail.com or 206.940.9294 to volunteer and indicate how you can help!

AUG 22-24, 2025 - First Annual Pickleball Tournament - Fundraiser



Registration is OPEN



<https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/2025-mercer-island-rotary-pickleball-tournament-by-pig>

Volunteers are crucial! The success of our tournament depends in large part on every club member helping in some capacity.

Help is needed with: marketing materials; sponsorship acquisition; creating sponsor packages; tournament signage; awards; food/beverage trucks; the Friday party (including a pickleball demo); player swag bags; and day-of staffing (check-in, court runners). Contact **Stuart Scarff** stuart@scarfflaw.com or 206.236.1501 to volunteer.

Rotarians in the News



Rotarians Ashley Hay and Olivia Lippens were featured in Parent Map magazine for their efforts to make schools safe.

They truly exemplify Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.



Family of Rotary

Rotarian Jake Jacobson, Respected Community Leader and Navy Veteran, Passes Away



The Mercer Island community is mourning the loss of City Councilmember **Daniel "Jake" Jacobson**, a distinguished Navy veteran, attorney, and longtime civic leader. Jake passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on March 30, 2025, following a medical emergency. Known for his unwavering dedication to public service, he leaves behind a legacy of leadership, integrity, and heartfelt commitment to Mercer Island.

Opportunities to remember and celebrate Jake's life will be shared as more information becomes available.

[Read More](#)



April 15 - Club Meeting - Tanya Su - Identifying Dementia



In lieu of our typical meeting, **Rotarian Tanya Su** will be conducting a 45-minute workshop about identifying dementia such as is used by the **Old Friends Club**. This will be an interactive workshop with meeting attendees.

Old Friends Club is a network of social respite programs that offer social connection and engaging activities for individuals living with dementia, while providing care partners with affordable, dependable respite. The programs serve people in their own communities.

Are you looking for a night out with money going to a good cause? Support our fellow Rotary Clubs

<https://www.tickettomato.com/event/9074>

<https://www.issaquahrotary.org/index.php?storyid=265278>

University Sunrise Rotary

\$50

April 19 | 4:00-8:00 pm | Hangar 30
Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA

Amazing Wines, Beers, Spirits, and Ciders!

Service Project - April 26 - Mercer Island Preschool Association's 58th Annual Circus

Grab a friend or volunteer on your own for the

58th Annual Mercer Island Preschool Association's
Circus

7:00-9:00 pm | Pickering Barn
\$50
es, Foods, Beers, and More!

Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 to 2:00 at Island Middle School

There are lots of volunteer opportunities - one will certainly match your interests.

Sign up here **by APRIL 11**. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAEA723AB8FCF8-54197620-mipa>

April 29th - Let's Support our Schools!

You are invited to the

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Supporting Student Success

Join neighbors and friends

Tuesday, April 29 - 7:00 AM

Mercer Island High School

President Elect Todd White is hosting a Rotary Table so contact him if you would like to join your fellow Rotarians. Todd's email: tdw56@hotmail.com

Or you can sign up on your own at: Registration

<http://mercerislandschoolsfoundation.com>



April 30 - Let's Support our Youth!

MERCER ISLAND

HEALTHY YOUTH

Community Forum

A youth-led community conversation on how to best support the mental health and wellness of island youth.

APRIL 30
2022

7:00-9:00 PM
Mercer Island Community & Events Center

● Hear from MI youth about what it's like to grow up on the island!
● Engage in roundtable discussions
● Connect with other Islanders

Students (middle and high school), parents, community members, educators and health professionals are invited to join the discussion!

Register at www.mihealthyyouth.com

Rotarian Nancy Lee is a member of the MI Healthy Youth Coalition and is encouraging our members to support the:

Healthy Youth Community Forum

to support youth mental health and wellness.

It is not only for youth and their parents and grandparents, but also for community members, educators and health professionals.

Register at: <http://www.mihealthyyouth.com>

May 3 - SERVICE PROJECT- Special Services and Learning Differences COMMUNITY DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



"Together We Shine" – SSALD Community Day for ALL Families to Celebrate Community

This **FREE family-friendly event** is for ALL area families and is designed as a day to celebrate the inclusion of children with disabilities by fostering a welcoming, supportive, and joyful community for all.

It's a day when every child, regardless of ability, can play, learn, and connect!

Join us for an exciting day packed with fun and community spirit!

Kids will love our **touch-a-truck** experience, featuring fire trucks, school buses, and police vehicles, plus the chance to **meet our amazing first responders**.

Enjoy bounce houses,
a video game truck,
food trucks,
a bubble station, and delicious ice cream
truck sponsored by Yuan Ru Gallery!

We are proud this year to again showcase



Outdoors for All



and their amazing adaptive bicycles for our attendees with special needs to



enjoy.

There will also be a **resource fair** where you can explore local support services, discover volunteer opportunities, and connect with organizations that advocate for ALL children!

More information to come from chair, **Rotarian Jessi Biagi**, or you can contact her at jessi.italia@gmail.com

May 6 - Club Meeting - What is Happening at Boeing



Stay tuned - more information to come.

May 20 - Club Meeting - Speaker: Jane Meyer Brahm



Come hear Jane Meyer Brahm (former MI City Council member and MI historian (leader of the MI Historical Society)) speak about the history of Mercer Island.

May 20 - Club Meeting - City Manager Jessi Bon - Proposed City Capital Bond Issue



City Manager Jessi Bon will provide the facts about the proposed city capital bond issue/vote in November.

Mercer Island Rotary does not take a stand pro or con about the bond. This presentation will be only a factual one with no advocacy by anyone to vote for or to vote against the bond issue.

April 23 - SERVICE PROJECT - Operation Nightwatch

Prepare food for those in need at Operation Nightwatch in Seattle. 6:00 to 7:45 PM

This is a great project for family and friends. Bring your kids and friends. (Children leave by 7:30 before serving begins)



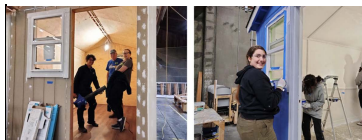
Contact Todd White to Volunteer.
<http://tdw56@hotmail.com>



April 26 - SERVICE PROJECT - 4th Saturday Every Month - Help Build a Tiny House -

On the fourth Saturday of every month, anyone from our Rotary District 5030 can help build tiny homes. (Bring your family members and friends - must be 16 years of age). This is a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians from around the King County area. Click here to sign up: <https://www.soundfoundationsnw.org/>.

Our own Rotarian Terry Lee helps build tiny houses several times a week, so you can contact him about more times to go. JTerryLee44@hotmail.com



SERVICE PROJECT: Want to help struggling readers?



Here are the **volunteer opportunities** we offer with specific time commitments:

Literacy or math tutor: 1 hour each week during the school year at Beacon Hill (4pm-5:30pm) or Green Lake (3pm-5pm). Volunteers can commit to a semester or the full school year.

If you (and/or your friends) are interested, please contact Roy Chang directly at roychang@schoolconnectwa.org.

RESOURCES

Club Website: <https://mirotary.org>

Club Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/MercerIslandRotary>

Club Mailing Address: PO Box 1, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Club Email: rotarymercerisland@gmail.com

Prospective Members and Applications for Membership:

Diane Tien, Director of Membership dianehtien@gmail.com

Have ideas for, or to volunteer for Community Service

Benson Wong, President bensondwong@gmail.com

Financial reimbursement - forms are available online and at the meetings.

- **Reimbursement under \$100:**

Fill out the reimbursement form and have it signed by the President or Director you are working with, then give it to Dave Thompson. dethompsoncpa@outlook.com

- **Reimbursement over \$100:**

Fill out the pre-authorization form and have it signed by the President or Director you are working with. Once pre-approved, complete the rest of the form and give it to Dave Thompson. dethompsoncpa@outlook.com

To include something in The Dawn (newsletter), or to change your contact information

Pat Turner, Secretary turner.pat@gmail.com 206-852-4717

To include something on our Facebook Page

Julie Hsieh, Director of Public Image juliehsieh@outlook.com

Birthdays in April and May



Erinann Childress
April 6th



Ted Weinberg
April 6th



Mike Cero
April 8th



William Stafford
April 10th



Nancy Lee
April 15th



John C. Hamer
April 15th



Brad Judy
May 5th



Eric Laschever
May 5th



Aaron E. Kornblum
May 13th



John Howe
May 14th



Dave Leibman
May 21st



John W. Friends
May 21st



John A. Scherzo
May 30th

Years of Rotary Service This Month



[David Schiffrin](#)
10 Years



[Alan Bunin](#)
5 Years



[Dave Leibman](#)
2 Years



[Jessi C. Biagi](#)
2 Years



[Jennifer Crespi](#)
2 Years