

Saturday, June 7, 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 Above Self

June 17 - SOCIAL - Changeover Dinner - 5:00 to 7:00 PM
NO LUNCH MEETING THAT DAY!



Celebrate outgoing President, Benson Wong
Welcome new President, Todd White

Come solo or bring guests! Casual attire

This is a **FUN** event to get to know your fellow Rotarians and to honor those who have served our club.

Enjoy a catered buffet - drinks included.

MI Community Center Terrace and Landing
\$25 prepaid - \$35 at the door

Mail a check to MI Rotary - PO Box 1, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Any questions? Contact Todd White at

tdw56@hotmail.com



2025-26 Rotary Dues are Due

Dues are now due for the 2025-26 Rotary Year.

\$395

Ways to pay:

Mail a check to
P.O. Box 1
Mercer Island, WA 98040

Pay at the next meeting

Or pay online - a link was sent to you with your invoice.

Questions? Contact David Thompson dethompsoncpa@outlook.com



Remembering Rotarian Jake Jakobsen



The first time I met Jake Jacobson 10 years ago, I thought he had just gotten out of prison. Seriously.

With his orange shirt, craggy face, and raspy voice, that was my first guess.

I was sitting next to him at a men's support group on Rainier Avenue South in Seattle. We were surrounded by guys who actually had been incarcerated for various reasons.

[Read More](#)

July 1 - Club Meeting - Celebrate President Todd's First Official Meeting



July 15 - Club Meeting - Nathan Rogers - Well Constructed



Well Constructed has completed over 400 projects, providing more than 220,000 people with sources of potable drinking water in Ghana!

[Read More](#)



July 21- First Annual Golf Tournament - Fundraiser

**Join us for a day
of Golf, Giving,
and Fun!**

Tee times 11:00 to 1:40



Use the QR code or register with the link below.

<https://birdcase.com/MercerIsland>



MEMBERS: SIGN UP TO HELP - see the "read more" section for more information
[Read More](#)

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.

Support Dragon Park's Renovation



Rotarian John Hamer is working with the city and the Rotary District to get full funding to renovate Dragon Park to make it accessible for all. Our club recently donated \$3,000 as a first step. If you want to get involved, contact John Hamer, jhamer46@gmail.com

For more information from the City about the project:

[https://letstalk.mercergov.org/deanes-childrens-park-playground-renovation/widgets/92054/faqs?](https://letstalk.mercergov.org/deanes-childrens-park-playground-renovation/widgets/92054/faqs?fbclid=IwY2xjawKwFedleHRuA2FibQ1xMQABHuUmQBwntO8aNfqZ5GQXvN8xq_fskTaWPNryoNyoc-IniaaGs5btwCNTvs8c_aem_4woqEB7fEgclafBckTmghQ&sfnsm=mo#15834)

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SERVICE PROJECT - MI Farmers' Market



Want to help out at our terrific Farmers' Market?

You can find the link for market volunteer [HERE](#).

You can help set-up, tear down or be there during the market's open hours from 10-2.

We primarily need market day volunteers, but [HERE](#) is our post about different ways people can volunteer.

Sign up by yourself, or with friends.

June 25th - SERVICE PROJECT - 4th Wednesdays Every Month - Operation Nightwatch

Prepare food for those in need at **Operation Nightwatch** in Seattle.

6:00 to 7:45 PM

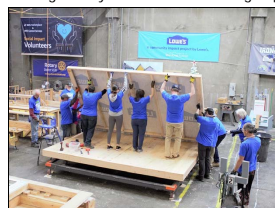
This is a great project for family and friends. Bring your kids and friends. (Children leave by 7:30 before serving begins)

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



June 28 - 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/>



RESOURCES

Club Website:

<http://mercerislandrotary.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 This June and July



[Andrew H. Isaacs](#)
June 6th



[Julie Hsieh](#)
June 8th



[Peter Kelly](#)
June 12th



[Judie Wischman](#)
June 23rd



[Brian E. Jennison](#)
July 6th



[Zivit Shechter Nissim](#)
July 9th



[Jessi C. Biagi](#)
July 11th



[Pat Turner](#)
July 16th



[Cindy Ball](#)
July 17th



[Robert L. Olson](#)
July 18th



[Michael Finn](#)
July 25th



[Peter Struck](#)
July 26th

Years of Rotary Service This Month



[Stuart Scarff](#)
27 Years



[Elizabeth Baska](#)
20 Years



[Mak Abulhosh](#)
19 Years



[Charles Maylin](#)
18 Years



[Erinann Childress](#)
5 Years



[Todd White](#)
2 Years