

Monday, May 12, 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

Spotlight on Rotarians Nancy Lee and Ashley Hay

Congratulations of Rotarians **Nancy Lee** and **Ashley Hay** who were featured in the May edition of Greet Mercer Island magazine for advocating for gun safety.



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Spotlight on Rotarian Peter Kelly



Grow Further to Host Coffee Conversation Series

Topics for May 22 event will be inflation, tariffs and economic outlook.

With **Dr. Peter Kelly** at the helm, Mercer Island-based nonprofit organization **Grow Further** brings a two-fold mission to the table.

It's not only focused on helping developing countries' crops grow stronger by supporting agricultural innovation, but aims to bring about personal growth through education and networking opportunities for people who are interested in engaging in food security issues.

Delving further into the personal growth realm, the nonprofit will be gathering community members to discuss the vital topics of inflation, tariffs and the 2025 economic outlook during the initial installment of its **free Coffee & Conversation series at 8:30 a.m. on May 22 at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.**

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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.



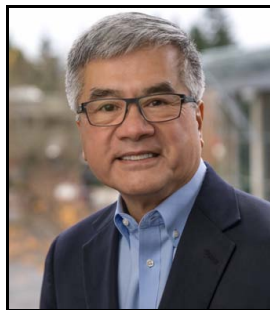
May 20 - Club Meeting - City Manager Jessi Bon - Proposed City Capital Bond Issue



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.

June 3 - Club Meeting - Speaker: Gary Locke (Past Governor of WA)



Come hear from Past Governor of Washington State

June 17 - **NO LUNCH MEETING -** Come to the **SOCIAL** instead - Changeover Dinner - 5:00 - 7:00 PM



Visitors, spouses, friends are all welcome!

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

This is a fun event to get to know your fellow Rotarians and honor those who have served the club.

Enjoy a catered buffet with "adult" and non alcoholic beverages included.

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

Pay at a meeting or mail a check to MI Rotary - PO Box 1,
Mercer Island, WA 98040



Our club helped fund Sex Trafficking Prevention Training



Rotarian Eric Laschever met with Marina Gonzalez from Mercer Island Youth and Family Services and Chris Johnson, outreach manager for King County Sexual Assault Resources Center to debrief on the recent **sex trafficking prevention training** provided through the Rotary District 5030 grant. Both Marina and Chris had very positive reports about the experience. **Mercer Island Rotary** provided the funds that were matched by the District.

The following are highlights: [Read More](#)

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.

4th Wednesday of the Month - 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>



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://birdease.com/MercerIsland>

MEMBERS: SIGN UP TO HELP - see the "read more" section below for more information

[Read More](#)



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



Registration opens April 1

<https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/2025-merc-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.

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 diane.tien@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

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/>



Birthdays This Month

Birthdays in May and June



[Brad Judy](#)
May 5th



[Eric Laschever](#)
May 5th



[Aaron E. Kornblum](#)
May 13th



[John Howe](#)
May 14th



[John W. Friends](#)
May 21st



[Dave Leibman](#)
May 21st



[John A. Scherzo](#)
May 30th



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



[Julie Hsieh](#)
June 8th



[Peter Kelly](#)
June 12th



[Judie Wischman](#)
June 23rd

Years of Rotary Service This Month



[Judy Clibborn](#)
20 Years



[Mary Kraft](#)
17 Years



[Walter Boos](#)
6 Years



[Peter Kelly](#)
1 Year



[Julie Hsieh](#)
1 Year



[Alan Judy](#)
1 Year