



Welcome to the

Rotary
Club of Mercer Island



ROTARIANS
AT WORK

LOCALLY & GLOBALLY

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WHAT IS ROTARY?

A Brief History

*Whatever Rotary may mean to
us, to the world it will be known
by the results it achieves.*

Paul Harris
Rotary founder



Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service.

Rotary International is now over 1.4 million members strong and has been the driving force in the effort to end Polio worldwide

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Our Motto:

Service Above Self



Rotary International is comprised of Rotary Districts with 36,000 clubs worldwide and a total of 1.4 million members - the largest service organization in the world!



RCMI is is part of Rotary District 5030
One of 535 districts worldwide



The **Rotary Club of Mercer Island (RCMI)** is an ACTIVE SERVICE CLUB and has over 80 members who live and/or work in the Mercer Island area.



The **Foundation of the Rotary Club of Mercer Island** is the Club's charitable arm and coordinates all fundraising and grant making for local and global projects.

The Rotary Club of Mercer Island
is an active service club
that promotes peace
by elevating local and global
communities through access to
core human services.

IMPACT SERVICE FUND

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LOCAL & GLOBAL FOCUS



HOUSING SECURITY FEEDING THE HUNGRY

- Harvest Against Hunger
- Operation Nightwatch
- Tiny Houses



PROTECTING PARKS AND ENVIRONMENT

- Tree Planting
- Park Building
- Park Clean Up



SUPPORTING YOUTH AND EDUCATION

- MIHS Student of the Month
- MI Senior Scholarship
- Seattle Schools K-12 Tutoring



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS & GRANTS

- Fighting Polio, HIV, and more
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Global Education and Development

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WHO WE ARE

Rotary Club of Mercer Island is a club made up of diverse people with the common interest of making a positive difference in our local and global communities. MI Rotarians include the Chief of Police, MISD Superintendent, former elected state representatives, city council members, school board members, mothers, fathers, professionals, retirees, tech workers, and we all represent a wide background of experiences and heritages.

FOUNDED
1963

MEMBERS
85+

DISTRICT
5030



WHAT WE DO



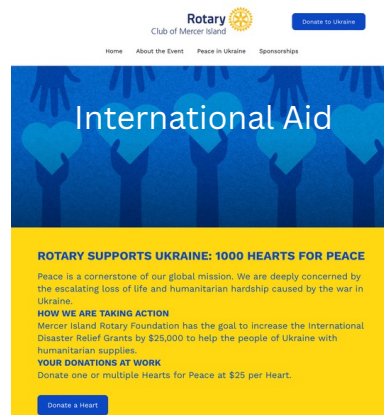
Feed the Hungry



Clean Water & Hygiene



Build Tiny Houses



Student Scholarships



Peace Poles



Fund Education



Provide Housing Security



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MEETINGS

We offer continuing education on local and global issues, speakers representing our core service areas, and an opportunity to socialize with fellow members.

RCMI meets the first and third Tuesday each month at 12:30 pm at the Mercer Island Community Center. Lunch is available for purchase starting at 12 noon (or brown bag if you like!)



CREATE HOPE
in the **WORLD**



MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:



MEMBER PARTICIPATION:

While Club meeting attendance is not required, we encourage you to participate as frequently as you can. Our in-person meetings provide a great opportunity to get better acquainted with other members and hear about Club activities.

Each member should align with one or more of our core service focus areas and take part in project activities as they are able:



**Housing &
Food Security**



**Parks &
Environment**



**Youth &
Education**

In addition to Service Projects, members are expected to participate in Club and Mercer Island Rotary Foundation events, meetings and committees.

MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.



MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:



MEMBER DUES:

Annual Membership Dues (\$395 as of 7/1/23) are pro-rated for the portion of the Rotary fiscal year (July-June) commencing with the date of your induction into the Club (your membership anniversary). For example, if you join in September, you will be billed 10/12 of the Rotary year dues = \$329.16.

As you join the Club, you will be asked to pay your pro-rated annual dues prior to induction as well as a one-time Rotary International setup fee of \$50. You may also choose to make a recommended \$100 initial donation to The Rotary Foundation at this time in support of the Club's "Every Member, Every Year" effort.

In the above example, a new club member would be invoiced \$479.16 at the time of induction (\$329.16+\$50.00+\$100.00). The Rotary Foundation donation is optional.





SOCIALS

In addition to Service, RCMI likes to have fun together too!

RCMI hosts member and family gatherings and parties throughout the year as well as other socials to recruit new members and celebrate leadership and board service.






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[Join mirotary.org](https://mirotary.org)



ORIENTATION COMPLETE!

Welcome New Member!

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Incoming President
Novelett Cotter

Club President
Debbi Gillotti

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