

Rotary Club of Aberdeen



Tuesday, February 4, 2025



Club Meeting Place & Time

Aberdeen
Meets at Rotary Log Pavilion
1401 Sargent Boulevard
PO Box 836
Aberdeen, WA 98520-0174
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Speakers

February 05, 2025

[Lynn Green](#)

Student of the Month

February 12, 2025

[Martine Texier & Jany Hatanaka](#)

Power of One African Exchange Program

February 19, 2025

[Dr. Andrew Gaines & Performers](#)

Spring Musical at the Bishop Center

Events

February 5th

[Aberdeen Weekly Club Meeting 2/5: Student of the Month](#)

Speaker: Lynn Green
Subject: Student of the Month

February 12th

[Aberdeen Weekly Club Meeting 2/12: Power of One](#)

Speaker: Martine Texier & Jany Hatanaka
Subject: Power of One African Exchange Program

February 6, 2025 Meeting | Students of the Month

We are delighted to introduce the first four Aberdeen Rotary Students of the Month. They have all been selected for their contributions to the life, culture and activities of their school. They join us at lunch this week to share their perspectives and goals.

They are:

Caleb Padilla is September Student of the Month

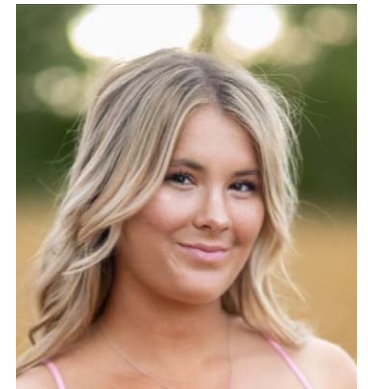


Caleb Padilla, the son of Martin and Virginia Padilla, is the Student of the Month for October. He served as a Business Week CEO and his post high school education plans are to go to a four-year university to get a degree in Sport Management.

Abby Mainio is October Student of the Month

Abby Mainio, the daughter of Mary Mainio and Brian Hunter, is the October Student of the Month. Her post-high school educational plan is to attend Arizona State University in the fall and pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Design with a minor in Business. Her goal is to start a Real Estate and Interior Design business.

Abby serves as Senior Vice President and volunteers as a Football organizer, with youth basketball and fast pitch programs, and at Coastal Harvest and the Hoquiam Food Bank to sort food and bag donations. She is a four-year varsity letter athlete in fast pitch and soccer, and a three-year varsity letter athlete in basketball.



Kandace Braaten is the November Student of the Month

February 19th
**Aberdeen Weekly
Club Meeting 2/19:
Groundhog Day
Musical**

Speaker: Dr. Andrew
Gaines & Performers
Subject: Spring Musical
at the Bishop Center

February 26th
**Aberdeen Weekly
Club Meeting 2/26:
Ben Fagerstedt**

March 5th
**Aberdeen Weekly
Club Meeting 3/5
ROTARY ON THE GO
- Steam Donkey**

Birthdays

Hunter Larson
February 16th
James C Mason
February 21st

Club Officers



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Public Image
Chair



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Club Director

Derek
Bumrungsiri



Kandace Braaten, daughter of Amber and Kelly Braaten, is the November Student of the Month. Her future academic plans include attending a university, majoring in pre-med/biology, all while playing softball, then graduate from medical school, finish a residency, and become an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Kandace has been a Scholar Athlete and Honor Student for four years. She is particularly proud of a blanket and clothing drive she organized to benefit the homeless.

Henry Nelson is our December Student of the Month

Henry Nelson, the son of Dennis and Jessica Nelson, is our December Student of the Month. Henry served as Company CEO during Business Week. His post graduate plan is to run track and cross country for Eastern Washington University and pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Experience Management.

Henry was state champ in HVAC for Skills USA, and brought home three medals in State track and cross country. He volunteers to maintain local biking trails and at local and state-wide bike races.



Join us via Zoom

To join a meeting, click the link below. The meeting will be called to order at 12:20 pm.

If prompted, please refer to the below meeting ID and passcode:
Meeting ID: 870-6912-8716
Passcode: 085655

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Aberdeen Rotary Readers Program

We have heard from our members that many of you are interested in service projects. Ta-da -- service project available!

Our Aberdeen Rotary Readers program is back in action, and our first project is

Central Park Elementary "Accelerated Reading (AR)" Bookstore
Tuesday, Feb 4, 2:15pm to 3:45pm,
at Central Park Elementary.

We will meet at the front of the school, carry/wheel in seven boxes of books, set up some tables in the library/gym, and then curate and freshen the tables as the classes come through and the students each pick a book.



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Susan Larson
Club Service
Chair - Board
Member



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RYLA Club Chair
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Youth Protection
Officer



Ken Mehin
International
Service Chair -
Board Member

The idea is that it's an "AR" Bookstore, so all the kids were encouraged to achieve their monthly AR goal for January, and their reward for achieving that goal is a free book.

Books are organized into about 5 categories from Picture Books to Young Adult.

If this fits with your schedule and you'd like to join us, please text or call me at 360-580-1143. I'd like two or three volunteers. You can wear your favorite Rotary t-shirt or nametag if you like.

Can't make it? No worries...we've got more projects in the works...

- We will be donating a bookshelf "A Little Free Bookshelf," stocked with books, to the Robert Gray Elementary school in the next week or so.
- And we will be running an AR Bookstore at McDermoth Elementary on Thursday, Mar 6th. That will run all-day, from 9 AM - 3 PM, in their library, so we'll need 3-4 volunteers to assist with that effort.
- Finally, Central Park Elem has asked to do "BOOK BINGO" as part of our Reader program, so we'll have some evening dates when you can help shepherd the book tables during a Book Bingo event. Dates are TBA.

Hoquiam Rotary Changes Meeting Location

Hoquiam Rotary is moving their Thursday membership luncheon meetings from the OLGH Catholic Church meeting room to Immanuel Baptist Church at 1000 Soule Ave., Hoquiam. The change is effective this week, February 6, 2025.

They are sorry to leave OLGH but due to county restrictions, their kitchen is not operational. The Loggers Playday pancake breakfast will be held at Immanuel as well. It is located in the north end of Hoquiam across from the food bank distribution center. There is lots of parking, a newer facility with a commercial kitchen, and has roomy meeting rooms.

February issue of Rotary Magazine

Around the world, election observers play a critical role in ensuring fairness, documenting irregularities, and building confidence in elections. In Nigeria, which has a worrisome history of election violence, Rotary members wondered: Could observers also open a path to peace building? This issue of Rotary magazine takes you to Africa's largest democracy in search of an answer to that intriguing question. [Click here](#) to read your digital copy of the February 2025 issue.

District 5020 Conference and Training Registration is Open

Dear District 5020 Rotarians,

We're excited to announce that registration for the Rotary District 5020 Conference and Training in Tacoma on May 30-31, 2025 is now officially open!

As the 2024-2025 District Governor, I am thankful for the welcoming reception you have provided my wife and I. We have thoroughly enjoyed our visits to the many clubs in this awesome District. I am hoping to have a large turnout and would like to personally take this opportunity to invite you to our District Conference.

We're looking forward to having you join us to hear "*Rotary Stories of Wonder, Hope and Change*" from the plenary speakers, learn more about Rotary's work and fantastic fellowship with fellow Rotarians from around our amazing District.

Check out the website for details and get signed up:
<https://www.conference.rotary5020.org/>

We're saving you a seat! We can't wait to see you in Tacoma!

In Rotary Service,

Bill McGregor
District Governor 2024-2025

Marnee Obendorf
2025 District Conference Chair

Update on meetings in search of a program...

Sydney is officially booking programs for March-May, and she is looking for preferred locations for "Rotary on the Go" events. Sydney will happily accept any ideas or suggestions on what programs YOU want. If you know an individual or organization that might be an interesting noon meeting program, [email](#) Program Chair Sydney Swor with your idea (or better yet make contact with the prospective speaker and then pass it to Sydney to coordinate). Please include name, topic, and any descriptive information.

You can find out what dates are already scheduled by going to the Ignite app calendar, our website, and in this newsletter.
