



Silverdale Rotary Breeze - June 2, 2025

Meetings and Events

June 4th

[Duck Race Zoom Meeting](#)

Speaker: Partnership with East Bremerton Rotary Club

June 9th

[Dictionary Delivery at Cougar Valley Elementary School](#)

June 10th

[Dictionary Delivery at Emerald Heights Elementary School](#)

June 12th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Kate Miller
Subject: The Cougar Chronicle - CKHS

June 19th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Club Assembly

June 21st

[Rotary International Convention - Calgary, AB](#)

June 26th

[Canceled - Weekly Meeting](#)

Speaker: See you at the Installation Dinner
June 27!

June 27th

[Installation Dinner at Seabeck Conference Ctr](#)

July 10th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Christie Scheffer

Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, June 1, 2025

The Zoom link for weekly club meetings is <https://d5020.zoom.us/j/7159892596> passcode = 17965555.

Jun 4 Duck Race Zoom Meeting (see separate article)

Jun 9 Dictionary Delivery at Cougar Valley Elementary

Jun 10 Dictionary Delivery at Emerald Heights Elementary (93 students - the largest delivery!)

Jun 21-25 Rotary International Convention (Calgary, Alberta) <https://convention.rotary.org/en-us/>

Jun 27 Installation Dinner at Seabeck Conference Center

Jul 27 Silverdale Rotary Duck Race

New Member Proposal. Sarah Connor, who is the Contracting Officer at EHB Supply, has been proposed for membership. On May 28 the Board of Directors approved Sarah to continue the Membership process, starting the 7-day announcement period. If you have any comments, contact President Glen by June 4.

Club Service and Programs - Club Service Chairs Matthew Barrett and Victoria Nixon request your input on ideas for programs - what is of interest and relevance to you? Forms will be on the tables at Rotary. **Link for the form:** [Speak at Silverdale Rotary](#),

Classification and Reclassification Talks - Signup List at the Greeter Table.

President Glen will be asking for volunteers for Thought for the Day at meetings.

Duck Race Zoom Mtg on June 4 - Partnership with East Bremerton Rotary Club

By Cathy Bisailon on Sunday, June 1, 2025



Everyone is invited to a ZOOM Duck Race meeting for our club, particularly to discuss how East Bremerton and Silverdale Rotary clubs will work together on our Duck Race partnership. All hands are invited, but especially those who are subcommittee leaders.

Wednesday, June 4, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom. Here is the link:

<https://d5020.zoom.us/j/86868509067?pwd=Jb876bv8WLq7wfnrmJbhQxMOBxPtc.1>

Meeting ID: 868 6850 9067

Passcode: 792928

Duck Race Chair Cathy, PE Dale Robinson, and Don Lachata met with the East Bremerton Rotary Club on May 21. [Click Here for Slide Deck](#) that we presented. The East Bremerton Rotarians were very enthusiastic about getting involved with the event this year, and they have already followed up to learn more about our need for hands-on labor. The blanks on the timeline slide are due to the unknown date that we will have the tickets back from the printer. I am working with Steve Boe on this.

3rd Grade Dictionary Deliveries - Four Down and Two to Go!

Subject: Service
Members of the
Quarter

July 24th

Duck Tagging

July 27th

Silverdale Rotary
Club Duck Race at
Whaling Days

Club Leaders



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Club
Learning
Facilitator
Service
Projects
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President



Dale Robinson
President-
Elect



Barbara Beagle
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Public
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Matthew Barrett
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Youth
Exchange
Officer



Christie Scheffer
Membership
Chair
Past
President



Nancy K Whitaker
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Foundation
Chair



Victoria Nixon
Club
Service
Chair Elect



Kimberly M. Peterson
Community
Service
Chair Elect
Past
President

Mary Hoover
International

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, June 2, 2025

Silverdale Rotarians, teachers, and 3rd Graders - what a great combination when dictionaries are being given away! Since last Wednesday, Rotarians and special guest volunteers have delivered to 3rd Graders at Silverdale, Silver Ridge, Green Mountain, and Clear Creek Elementary Schools.

Galina Georgieva and her 5th grade daughter Vivian, Rich Arper, Frank and Danny Guthrie, Brianna Angelo, Christie Scheffer, Ingemar Anderson, Kim Peterson and Beth Alexander (from Kitsap Bank), and Chuck Kraining (did I miss anyone?) have all had the pleasure of giving away beautiful hard cover dictionaries. What stories they have to tell!

From Galina – Vivian, my 5th grade daughter who attends Silver Ridge Elementary, was really excited to help. She asked her teacher for permission to leave her class and deliver books. She even dressed up appropriately in my "Rotary – People of Action" t-shirt!



Pictured: Vivian and Galina

From Rich - We start out by having students put their names on the Rotary label inside the books - the label includes the Four Way Test. Then we ask if anyone knows what "beneficial" means, and then we look it up in the dictionary. Before we had a chance to look up the word, one girl had a great definition, and example, and she absolutely nailed it, which really impressed us!

We also had a girl who recognized the Rotary logo that she had seen on the sign coming into Silverdale. So we discussed that they will see that logo wherever we do a major project.



This Dictionary Belongs to:

Provided by:
Rotary Club of East Bremerton
and the
Rotary Club of Silverdale

The Four Way Test
Of the things we think, say or
do:
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?



Service
Chair



Cathy
Bisailon

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President
Vocational
Service
Chair Elect



Corey
Alexander
Hamilton

Vocational
Service
Chair



Richard
(Rich) Arper

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President
Youth
Service
Chair Elect
Youth
Services
Chair



Charles
(Chuck)
Kraining

Past
President
Youth
Protection
Officer



Elayne
Burton

Community
Service
Chair
Treasurer
Past
President



Pictured: Silver Ridge Elementary with Rotarian Kim Peterson and Beth Alexander from Kitsap Bank in the back

Thanks, Galina for coordinating, and thanks, Chuck Kraining for providing logistics! We have been partnering for 15 years with East Bremerton Rotary to deliver hard cover dictionaries to every 3rd grader in the 12 elementary schools in CKSD. We each cover six schools.

The last two schools are Cougar Valley and Emerald Heights on June 9 and June 10. Come on out and experience the impact of Duck Race proceeds in action!

Tobiasz Update on June 2

By Cathy Bisailon on Monday, June 2, 2025



Tobiasz had a very busy weekend! He joined the rest of the District 5020 Rotary Youth Exchange students at the District Conference in Tacoma on May 30-31. Pictured on left is the traditional RYE jacket covered with pins and memorabilia.

Then he attended the Seattle Symphony Orchestra with Phil and Cathy Bisailon on June 1. It was on Tobiasz' list of things to do before he leaves.



The theme for the Symphony was 100 Years of Epic Film Scores. It was a pops series matinee - we all loved it!

Memorial Day 2025 at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park

By Cathy Bisailon on Monday, May 26, 2025



Memorial Day morning was quiet and beautiful as we arrived at Silverdale Waterfront Park to prepare the Veteran's Memorial area for the annual ceremony to salute our fallen. Brianna Angelo and I were coached by Past President and longtime ceremony coordinator Rich Arper to lower the service flags to half staff at sunrise, exactly 5:20 a.m.



The ascending sun sparkled off the light rain as the flags blew almost stiff against the wind. We kept our comments quiet and sparse to give due respect to the time-honored tradition.

Surveying the park, we noted that Kitsap County personnel had kept the area well maintained. We tidied up by blowing leaves off of the pathways and seating area, wiping down tables and handrails, and emptying some trash bins. Rich taped off the gazebo with a sign promoting the ceremony that would be held later in the morning. After pausing to experience the serenity of the scene and take a few photos, we left to rest before returning just after 11:00 a.m. to greet fellow Rotarians, event speakers, and public attendees. Rich was first to return, setting up the wreath of fresh flowers on a tripod stand, a portable sound system, and a container of carnations for attendees to lay at the foot of the service flags at the conclusion of the ceremony.



I am always pleased by the people who attend this event. This year's showing was possibly the best ever. All of the bench seats facing the water were occupied, as were the folding chairs, and many of us were standing at the rail overlooking the map of the world that is portrayed through flat stones and a finely manicured lawn.

Rich spoke to the history of the Veteran's Memorial area, thanked those who had helped with preparations, acknowledged Diane Shropshire from VFW Post 4992 Silverdale who keeps the flags in good repair, and introduced George Bakke, also from VFW Post 4992 Silverdale, who delivered a thoughtful speech regarding the history of Memorial Day (first known as Decoration Day) and called out the fact that we had several children in attendance who were getting an important lesson in the price that had been paid for our freedom. Local trumpeter, Steve Pargman, perfectly played Taps as we all let the emotion of the moment sink in.



Rich invited attendees to take positions at the service flags and raise them to full staff after he had raised the US flag. We were then able to place one of the carnations at the foot of a service flag in commemoration of veterans that we had known who had lost their lives in service. The aftermath was a time to socialize with friends old and new, promote the amazing organization that is Rotary, and admire the patriotic flowers and the flags waving against the bright blue sky.

Silverdale Rotary Awards Scholarships to Graduating Seniors

By Ed Hamilton on Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The Silverdale Rotary Club has a long history of supporting graduating seniors with scholarships. We invite them to a Rotary meeting so that we can meet them and hear about their plans. This year we are pleased and proud to award eight scholarships to some very impressive and deserving students.



Pictured left to right: Ed Hamilton (Rotary scholarship coordinator), Henry James Lancaster (KSS), Sari (Joy) Bryant (CKHS), Matthew Marchetti (KSS), Kinsey Dwinell (CKHS), and Julian Lagos Nunez (International)
Not pictured: Adrianna Zendejas, Gianna Hays, Catherine French

Of the eight scholarship awardees we had five present at our luncheon on May 22, 2025. Five were from Central Kitsap High School (CKHS), two were from Klahowya Secondary School (KSS), and one is a former Rotary Youth Exchange student who returned to attend college.

For details about all eight awardees, click on [2025 Scholarship Awardees](#). What an outstanding group!
