



Silverdale Rotary Breeze - March 10, 2025

Meetings and Events

March 13th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Jeff

Samuelson - International Business as Mission

Subject: Empowering Global Entrepreneurs: A Path to Sustainable Impact

March 27th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Food

Bagging at the Mall

April 17th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Christie Scheffer

Subject: Service Members of the Quarter

April 24th

[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: The

Hometown Band

Subject: Bringing Instrumental Music to Our Community

May 30th

[District 5020 Conference in Tacoma](#)

June 21st

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

June 27th

[Installation Dinner at Seabeck Conference Ctr](#)

Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, March 9, 2025

We normally meet every Thursday in the Community Room in the Kitsap Mall. The Community Room is to your left as you enter the Mall coming through Dick's Sporting Goods. Social time is from noon to 12:15 pm; the meeting starts at 12:15 and ends around 1:15 p.m. The [Zoom link for weekly club meetings is https://d5020.zoom.us/j/7159892596](https://d5020.zoom.us/j/7159892596) passcode = 17965555.

Mar 11 Kitsap Great Give <https://www.kitsapgreatgive.org/> and [page and link](#) for SRC

Mar 13 Jeff Samuelson - Empowering Global Entrepreneurs: A Path to Sustainable Impact

Mar 15 Ron Templeton Memorial Service. 11:30 am, Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church 9300 Nels Nelson RD NW. See obituary in the Kitsap Sun <https://www.kitsapsun.com/obituaries/pbks1102511>

Mar 16 2:00 pm. Ron Templeton - Happy Hour at Kitsap Golf and Country Club. Appetizers, no formal program, just make a toast and say a word or two.

Mar 27 Food bagging at the Mall

Mar 29 Bremerton Rotary Wild Beginnings Dinner - see <https://event.auctria.com/aac10f7a-75ec-4b93-9642-ed624fe7bbfc/>

May 30-31 District 5020 Conference (Marriott Tacoma Downtown) <https://www.conference.rotary5020.org/>

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

Kitsap Great Give - March 11 <https://www.kitsapgreatgive.org/>. Silverdale Rotary has a [page and link](#) to raise funds for food insecurity. Please share the link, and share Silverdale Rotary's post on Facebook when you see it. The donation button is live.

Public Image - Greendrinks Non-profit Showcase. Shout out to Public Image Chair Ed and Sarah Hamilton who hosted a Silverdale Rotary Club table at the March 5 Greendrinks - a very eye catching display with a powerful message! There were many other non-profits at the Showcase that they could point out that have been recipients of Duck Bucks grants.



July 27th
[Silverdale Rotary Club Duck Race at Whaling Days](#)

Club Leaders



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Speaker Needed - Memorial Day Service on May 26 at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park. Rich Arper is looking for a Silverdale Rotarian to speak at the ceremony. Please contact Rich at rtarper@wavecable.com or 206-817-5800.

Error Message on Service Selfies in Ignite App. If you get an error message trying to upload a photo you took with your phone, it may be your phone settings. You need to allow permission to access the camera or photos when the question pops up. Go to Settings - Privacy and Security and check both Photos and Camera. Under Photos, you may see that Ignite has been given no access (may say "Private access"). If you select "Limited Access" it will ask you to select a handful of photos that Ignite can access. Those will be the only photos it can ever access. If you select "Full Access," then you should be able to add any photo at any time. Also check the Camera setting the same Privacy and Security menu, and if that is toggled off then toggling it on would allow the app to access the camera.

The Rotary Foundation - TRF Chair Nancy Whitaker reported that for Every Rotarian Every Year we are at 69%. Last Rotary year we were much higher, but **President Glen's Goal is 100%!** We also need our per capita donations to be \$200 to get the maximum of District Grants. **Nancy is looking for more members for her committee so they can do fun things like Game Nights!** Please contact Nancy if you would like to **have fun** at the same time as raising money for The Rotary Foundation.

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 Announcements on March 10

Monday, March 10, 2025

Duck Race Individual Goals – reminder to fill out the [Individual Goals](#) form and submit it to Cathy by **March 14**.

Race Day Food for the Minions - shout out to Nancy Whitaker who has volunteered to coordinate food for the workers on Race Day!

Duck Race Partnership Committee – shout out to Christie Scheffer, Don Lachata, Dale Robinson, Ed Hamilton, and Jim Dudley for volunteering for the **ad hoc committee to work out the details of the proposed Duck Race partnership with the East Bremerton Rotary Club** and to present our proposal to the Board for approval.

Ticket Price Increase. At the meeting of the Board of Directors on February 26, they voted to set ticket prices at \$10 per single and \$35 per Quack Pack of five tickets.



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Tips for Recruiting Duck Race Sponsors

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, March 10, 2025

At Rotary on March 6, Cathy and Christie shared tips for recruiting sponsors, both previous and prospective. **Deadline for sponsorships is March 31.** We are trying hard to NOT extend the deadline – the sooner we have all the information, the sooner we can design and print the tickets and get them into YOUR hands to sell ducks!

- Put on a smile and remind yourself of what a great event this is and all the good we do because of it! Let your passion for Rotary shine through while you describe what we do with the funds we raise.
- Be ready to answer the question, “what is Rotary?” Develop your elevator speech.
- If you are a sponsor, you can say, “please join me in sponsoring our Duck Race to raise funds for the community.”
- Use the [2024 Ticket Back](#) – it’s all there!
 - Shows the list of sponsors and the prizes – great publicity for your company.
 - Shows the partial list of recipients of the proceeds – great things we have done.
 - Prizes – thousands of people buy tickets and see the information on the back.
- Use the [2024 Ticket Front](#) to show the advantage of the donation of a \$1,000 prize.
- Remember that all sponsorships, to make it onto the ticket, must be at least \$100.
- Use the [Quacker Backer](#) to go through the perks that come with sponsorships – it’s contained in the [Sponsor Letter and Package](#). Hard copies of the package are also available at Rotary.
- Remember to point out and/or fill out the center of the [Pledge Sheet](#) using the [Quacker Backer](#).

All this information and attachments can also be found in a PMail from Barbara on March 10.

Book Drive for Vocational Service Book Center Project



Caitlin Ehli - Volunteer Coordinator for St Michael Medical Center joined us via Zoom on March 6 on behalf of Rotarian Brandon Holt, a member of the Vocational Service Committee who works at St. Michael. They met with Christie to develop plans for Book Centers for pediatric clinics and the Emergency Room (busiest in the state, per Caitlin). Children in stressful situations are often comforted when they are given their very own book!

From Christie's flier requesting donations: As Rotarians we reflect and promote ethical behavior in our lives and in our communities! We would like to encourage these values in children. We will be providing books to three pediatric medical offices and the blue bookshelves to two of these offices. We will place a plaque on the front that says Donated by the Rotary Club of Silverdale.

We are holding a book drive for books focused on character, making good choices, diversity, inclusion and ethical behavior for elementary-aged children. We will place a 'donated by' sticker in the front of the books along with the Four Way Test.

Please bring your book donations to the next four Club meetings, ending April 3. These are the titles we already have 3 of on hand:



Important Note from President Glen on District 5020 Conference

By Glen Melin on Saturday, March 8, 2025

I recently received a letter from our District 5020 Governor, Bill McGregor, appealing for our help. As you know, District 5020 straddles the US/Canada border. A growing number of Vancouver Island Rotarians have indicated they will not be attending this year's Conference in Tacoma on May 30-31. The two main reasons are the current exchange rate and resentment over President Trump imposing tariffs on Canada.

This has the potential to create a serious shortfall in attendance at the Conference. District 5020 has already committed to a minimum number of hotel nights, meal guarantees, and other fixed costs. Failure to meet these commitments will have significant financial implications for the District.

There is a way to address this pending problem – DG Bill is asking our Washington-based District 5020 members to help fill the gap by making a special effort to register and attend the Conference. He requests that our American members act now to register for the Conference and stay a minimum of one night at the Downtown Marriott in Tacoma.

This Conference features a roster of inspiring and accomplished speakers with incredible stories and experiences. In addition, the Conference will offer a variety of learning sessions tailored to meet the expressed needs of our District's clubs. This conference will be a vibrant mix of learning, camaraderie, and fun.

If you are a Silverdale Rotarian who will be serving on next year's board, or a new member in the club for fewer than 12 months, the club will reimburse you for your registration and room charges! Members are encouraged to register early. Conference registration and hotel reservations can be made at www.conference.rotary5020.org.

After reading DB Bill's letter, I sent him the following reply:

I recently saw a Paul Harris quote that may apply in this situation: "It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement." I understand the frustration and distress of our friends north of the border; here's hoping that the shifting political tides that would pull us apart will prove no match for the powerful ideals that bind us together as Rotarians.

President Glen

Step Right Up - In Rotary's membership game, everyone's a winner!

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, March 10, 2025

On March 6, President Elect Dale Robinson spoke to us about membership, "one of the most important committees in our Club." He cited a club in Minnesota who, under Club President Tom Gump at the time, was able to add a significant number of new high-quality, high-caliber members to their club in one year. During his 2016-17 stint, the club welcomed 31 new members, of which 11 were women and 10 were under 40 years old. This accomplishment made their club go from a medium-sized club to one of the largest clubs in District 5950.

He also created a write-up of 10 tips to help other clubs be able to do the same. First on the list is to keep a list of potential members. This helps you to think critically about who you would like to see a part of your club. It also helps to organize their contact information to be able to help with keeping in touch and keeping them engaged.

Develop your Elevator Speech for when they ask, "what is Rotary?"

Other items on the list included making membership a priority for your club, looking to young Rotarians for fresh perspectives, talking about Rotary wherever you go, being persistent, and being vibrant.

Update on Tobiasz

By Ed Hamilton on Saturday, March 8, 2025

Tobiasz is very happy to try new things! Contact Host Mom Cathy Bisailon for scheduling.



Tobiasz joined Ed Hamilton, Sarah Hamilton, and Carol Hamilton (Ed's Mom) at the annual Bremerton High School Foundation crab feed. It was a great experience for Tobiasz to actually "work" (at picking out the crab) for his dinner. Not pictured: Jeff "Coach" Barton who is a part of the Foundation and helped secure the tickets.



Update about Steve Burton

By Elayne Burton on Sunday, March 9, 2025

Written on March 5: I had to take Steve to the ER almost two weeks ago for what turned out to be a kidney stone. In the imaging for the kidney stone, they also found a mass in Steve's bladder. He had surgery a week ago to remove as much of the mass as they could. The size of the mass prevented removing it in its entirety during one surgery.

We got the pathology report yesterday afternoon. It is cancer. The next step will be for them to go in again on March 25 and see if they are able to remove the rest of the mass completely. They have to wait a little while for the bladder to heal from the last surgery. The outcome of that next surgery will determine the next steps.

We are optimistic. We are thinking that the kidney stone that took us to the ER a couple of weeks ago may have saved his life. This

situation will require that his second knee replacement be placed on hold for the foreseeable future. We would love some prayers or good thoughts, whatever may be your practice.

Scholarship Applications Now Available

By Ed Hamilton on Sunday, March 9, 2025

Scholarship applications are now available for CKHS, Klahowya, Crosspoint Academy, and home schooled seniors associated with those schools. There are two in the dropdown box at www.silverdalerotaryclub.org. See details at links below. **Deadline for applications is Friday, May 8.**

2025 Education Grant Application [https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5020/Downloads/84/2025 Education Grant Application.pdf](https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5020/Downloads/84/2025%20Education%20Grant%20Application.pdf)

2025 Scholarship Application [https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5020/Downloads/84/2025 Scholarship Application.pdf](https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5020/Downloads/84/2025%20Scholarship%20Application.pdf)

For a clearinghouse of available scholarships in Washington, go to <https://washboard.wsac.wa.gov/login.aspx>.

Thought for the Day on March 6

By Glen Melin on Monday, March 10, 2025

Words of wisdom from Paul Harris:

"Success is not measured by wealth, but by the positive impact you have on others."

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

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

"The best way to change the world is to start with yourself."

Update - Judges Needed for Science and Engineering Fair

By Matthew Barrett on Sunday, March 9, 2025



The Washington State Science & Engineering Fair (WSSEF) <https://wssef.org/> happens every year in Bremerton, with students from all over the state coming to be judged for their efforts. [WSSEF Video](#). This will be my second year as a judge, and it's an amazing experience that has fueled so much of my hope for the future. For more about judging, see [Judging Info](#)

This year's WSSEF is on March 28th and 29th, and they have only half the judges needed. Advanced degrees or experience are NOT required for lower and middle grades, and the more of those we get, the easier it will be for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity for service, and you can expect an amazing personal experience as well. My first year as a judge, I met a 3rd grader who coded and trained a neural net to recognize recyclable garbage, and I met high schoolers who were working on everything from school shootings to water reclamation.

Please consider filling out the [STEM Wizard - Judge Registration Form](#) and seeing what grades you qualify for. You will be provided training. These kids need us. They have such passion, such ingenuity, and such generosity, I know they will inspire you as much as they do me. One day as a judge will give you Thought for the Day material for months! If you are not available on those dates, please consider sharing this message and the above link with anyone you know of who has an interest in science, children and/or our community. If we can just get a few new judges this year, we are confident that we will see them again for years to come.

For the love of science, and of our children!

PSE Energy Efficiency Programs

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, March 10, 2025

With the recent major power outage due to severe storms that hit parts of our county, the timing of this presenter could not have been better. **On March 6, we had a wonderful presentation from Zachary Kaija of PSE**, outlining several important topics like their *Flex* program, rebates and ways to save, and how they're showing up in our community.

PSE is committed to helping customers unlock rewards for adjusting their energy usage. They have three programs to assist with this - Flex Rewards, Flex Smart, and Flex EV - details at <http://pse.com/flex>. Every program has an offering just for enrolling ranging from \$25-\$50. These Flex events are what they call periods of time when their experts predict heightened demand for electricity based on a range of different criteria, typically lasting between 2-4 hours between 7AM and 10PM where you can earn additional rewards for lowering and being more cognizant of your energy usage.

PSE has also helped us find a number of rebates on household items when you upgrade to more energy efficient ones. Right now, you could get \$1,500-\$2,400 for upgrading to a heat pump system, \$750-\$850 for upgrading to a heat pump water heater and more, depending on model and other factors. See details at <https://www.pse.com/rebates/heating>.

They have [assistance programs](#) for qualified customers.

Lastly, with the recent outages, PSE set up at different central locations to meet with customers, hand out snacks and water, and give updates on restoration efforts. Engaging with the community is such a big part of what they do, and they love when they see others doing the same.

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition - Debi Brooks-Givens PHF+1

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, March 3, 2025

It's always special for us to celebrate our fellow Rotarians for their selfless and charitable giving. One way we get to do this is by recognizing their contributions with Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) program, which celebrates individuals who contribute \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.



Pictured: President Glen and Debi - having fun at Rotary!

On February 27, we recognized Debi Brooks-Givens with a PHF+1 for her contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Thank you, Debi, for all you do for Rotary and our club. We appreciate you!

Unite for Good - Rotary International President Elect's Message

By Glen Melin on Monday, March 3, 2025

To watch RIPE de Camargo's video, *Unite for Good*, [Click Here](#).

On February 10, Rotary International President-Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to *Unite for Good* by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand “the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet.”

“Rotary’s greatest asset is not our history, our projects, or even our unmatched global reach. It is our members,” de Camargo said at the organization’s International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 10 February. He noted praise from one of Rotary’s partners about “the extraordinary dedication” of Rotary members. “That recognition from an outsider deepened my understanding: Rotary’s greatest gift to the world is its people.”

De Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, **emphasized the importance of seeking out new perspectives and strengthening Rotary’s service to communities around the globe. He outlined three “essential pillars” for growth: innovation, continuity, and partnership.**



Community Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, March 3, 2025

March 29 Bremerton Rotary Wild Beginnings Dinner fundraiser - 5:00pm at Kitsap Conference Center.

<https://event.auctria.com/aac10f7a-75ec-4b93-9642-ed624fe7bbfc/>



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Student of the Month

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, March 3, 2025



Pictured: Ian Moss, Ms. Kong, President Glen Melin

On February 27, we had the privilege of celebrating our Student of the Month, Ian Moss. Ian, along with teacher/counselor Ms. Kong, joined us from Crosspoint Academy, where Ian attends high school. Ian has a long list of accolades, which include things like being ASB Treasurer, Captain of the golf team, National Honor Society, excelling in AP classes and most importantly, being a big brother to his younger brother with academic challenges.

As Ian looks to the future, he is still deciding on where he will attend college, but the front-runners are Texas A&M, Gonzaga or University of Washington. Ian plans on studying chemistry and then going on to Medical School.

Congratulations, Ian!
