



Silverdale Rotary Breeze - March 17, 2025

Meetings and Events

March 20th

Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Elliot Bresnan - CKFR
Subject: California Wildfire Assistance

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 1st

Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Brooke Hawk - CK Food Bank
Subject: Feeding Active Duty Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

May 30th

District 5020 Conference in Tacoma

June 21st

Rotary International Convention - Calgary, AB

Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, March 16, 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> passcode = 17965555.

Duck Race Zoom meeting (was March 19) postponed until April 2

Mar 20 Elliot Bresnan - CKFR Assistance to California Wildfires

Mar 20 - after Rotary - Ad hoc committee - East Bremerton Rotary Duck Race collaboration

Mar 27 Food bagging at the Mall

Mar 29 Bremerton Rotary Wild Beginnings Dinner - see <https://event.auctria.com/aac10f7a-75ec-4b93-9642-ed624fe7bbfc/>. If interested, contact Glen - perhaps we can put together a table! Chuck Capps of Advantage Nissan is a member of Bremerton Rotary, so we like to support their fundraiser!

Apr 2 Duck Race Zoom meeting - link will be sent separately

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

Club Service and Programs - on Club Service Assistant Chair Victoria Nixon requests your input on ideas for programs - what is of interest and relevance to you? Forms will be on the tables at Rotary, or text/email Victoria.

Polio Recognition for Our Club. President Glen attended an Area 90 meeting with Assistant Governor Marina Kofer-Wildsmith and District Governor Elect Tony Camaroda. They delivered a certificate recognizing Silverdale Rotary Club for our support of "End Polio Now - Countdown to History" in 2023-24!

2023-24



Rotary Club of Silverdale

is presented a certificate of appreciation for its financial support of End Polio Now: Countdown to History Campaign. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.




Barry Rassin
Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees


R. Gordon R. McNally
President, Rotary International

June 27th
[Installation Dinner at Seabeck Conference Ctr](#)

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

Club Leaders



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Club Learning Facilitator Service Projects Chair President



[Dale Robinson](#)
President-Elect



[Barbara Beagle](#)
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[Ed Hamilton](#)
Past President Public Image Chair



[Matthew Barrett](#)
Club Admin Chair Youth Exchange Officer



[Christie Scheffer](#)
Membership Chair Past President
[Nancy K Whitaker](#)

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.



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 16

Monday, March 10, 2025



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From Cathy on March 16: Please note that the next Duck Race Zoom meeting that was scheduled for March 19 has been **rescheduled to April 2 at 5:30 pm**. I was just informed that there is an important Whaling Days meeting on March 19, and I really need to be there. I will send a Zoom link a week prior to the meeting.

The Ad Hoc committee to work on the collaboration with the East Bremerton Rotary Club met last Thursday and will meet again this Thursday, March 20, following our club meeting.

Please keep the sponsor forms coming in! Christie updated the Lead Rotarian list - [click here](#) to download.

Cathy asked if the group would like "little ducks" available for purchase along with duck hats, duck glasses, and other fun duck stuff. The answer was a resounding "yes!"



Phil Bisaillon and Benny and little ducks. You will have to provide your own dog!

As years go by, the public has come to expect the little ducks! Little ducks are often given away as a reward for adopting a Quack Pack, but little kids can be very persuasive! This will allow Rotarians to take advantage of quantity pricing. Thanks, Mary Hoover, for ordering our Duck Merchandise!

This Duck Race will be all it is quacked up to be!

Duck Race Individual Goals – reminder to fill out the [Individual Goals](#) form and submit it to Cathy by **March 14**. Quackers - March 14 is in the past! Nonetheless, please send it in anyway.

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.

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.

Important Update - Pick Other Titles - 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, so **please pick other titles.**



Membership Opportunities Coming Up Soon - Invite Someone to Rotary!

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, March 16, 2025

Membership Chair Christie Scheffer reminded us on March 13 that we are all members of the Membership Committee, and we have fantastic opportunities to invite someone to our Club meeting in the near future that show what we do as Rotarians that would have wide general appeal:

March 27 - Food Bagging in the Mall by Buffalo Wild Wings. She handed out invitations. If you would like to print and cut up your own, [this file](#) has four of these images on one page



April 17 - Service Members of the Quarter. It's our opportunity to get a window into what Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard do right in our own backyard - another great opportunity to invite someone to a meeting!

Community Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, March 17, 2025

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

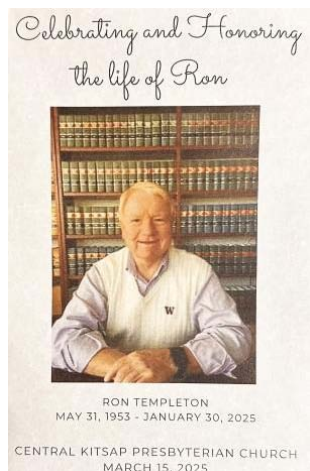
<https://event.auctria.com/aac10f7a-75ec-4b93-9642-ed624fe7bbfc/>

MS Walk - Supporting Carol Arper - Carol, Rich Arper's wife and Colin's mom, has MS. They are raising funds and walking in the South Sound Event on April 12 in University Place. See event link [Here](#). If you would like to donate to Carol's walk, go to:

<https://events.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.participant&participantID=648668>.

Ron Templeton's Celebration of Life

By Glen Melin on Monday, March 17, 2025



A number of Silverdale Rotarians were present to honor Ron Templeton at the memorial service on March 15 at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church. President Glen was invited to share comments on behalf of Silverdale Rotary.

Glen shared that Ron "embodied all that is best about Rotary and Rotarians." He shared about Ron's heart for the community, expressed through his service to Silverdale Rotary; Ron's heart for the world, expressed through his support for the Rotary Foundation and its mission "to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace"; and Ron's heart for students, both locally (through Students of the Month) and internationally (through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program).

Glen closed with a Paul Harris quote, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Ron's life was filled with acts of kindness, large and small, that will continue bearing fruit for generations to come.

To see the Powerpoint that contains the program from the service and memories of Ron in Rotary, [Click Here](#).

Tobiasz' Epic Trip to Nanaimo, BC - March 12-16

By Charles (Chuck) Kraining on Monday, March 17, 2025

Tobiasz and I were in Nanaimo at the Mid-year Orientation for RYE5020. 19 students attended from all over the District. We arrived Wednesday and returned Sunday.



Activities included: bowling, whale watching on speedboats while wearing survival suits, axe throwing, swimming, curling, a hike to a waterfall, attending a hockey game, touring a fire house, and exploring the Malahat Skywalk. We all returned very tired.





It was great event. The 24-25 exchange students are a fantastic group of kids! Click on the following link for a photo album of their activities. [Photo Gallery](#)

International Business as Mission - Program on March 13

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, March 17, 2025

On March 13 we heard an astonishing presentation from Jeff Samuelson about a nonprofit, International Business as Mission, that teaches budding entrepreneurs in the poorest of countries (e.g., Kazakhstan, Morocco, Syria, Indonesia, North Korea) how to start a successful business, and provides microloans that they pay back. The goal: 1 million new businesses in 15 years with a "hand up, not a handout." IBAM is funded entirely by donations, and its bedrock values emphasize honesty and integrity.



Jeff described classes where the students get certificates for completing the training including creating a business plan, budgeting, and finance. He gave examples of small businesses that have been successfully created: raising French bulldog puppies and finches for sale, fruit and vegetable gardens, egg incubations, breeding livestock, and gardens raising cut flowers.



Jeff would like to do a pilot in the U.S. – Kitsap County - but needs funding (\$5,000 per student) and advisors. See below for contact information.



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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

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.

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> .
