



## Silverdale Rotary Breeze - March 24, 2025

### Meetings and Events

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](#)

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

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

### Club Leaders

[Glen Melin](#)  
 Club

### Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, March 23, 2025

**Food Bagging - Alternate Meeting Place at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 27!**

**Mar 27** Food bagging at the Mall by Buffalo Wild Wings. Setup at 10:30 am; bagging starts at 11:45 am

**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** - 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. **New link for the form:** [Speak at Silverdale Rotary](#),

#### Rotary Youth Exchange Update

- Chuck Kraining announced that for the first time since the pandemic, District 5020 Rotary Exchange Students will attend the District Conference on May 30-31.
- Also, he shared that Matej Kunak's younger brother will be an inbound student to District 5020 (not Silverdale) for the 2025-26 school year.
- Chuck is looking for host families for an inbound Exchange Student for 2025-26.

**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 20

Sunday, March 23, 2025

**This is the Whaling Days 2025 logo! MAY THE FUN BE WITH YOU!** Just think of the fun **WE** can have with this! Whaling Days has big plans - including fireworks and a skating



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The next Duck Race Zoom meeting will be on **April 2 at 5:30 pm**. Zoom link will be posted later (different from our regular Club meetings).

**Please keep the sponsor forms coming in! Deadline is March 31!** We currently have 23. See below.

- Admiral Theatre 2025 DR NC Prize Sponsorship (13).pdf
- Beagle 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (1).pdf
- BECU 2025 DR Cash and Cash Prize Sponsorship (18).pdf
- Brooks-Givens, Debi 2025 DR Cash & NC Prize Sponsorship (11).pdf
- Chinook Contractors 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (8).pdf
- Easterseals WA 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (2).pdf
- EHB Supply 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (3).pdf
- Four Seasons Pool & Spa 2025 DR NC Prize Sponsorship (20).pdf
- Haselwood Family YMCA 2025 DR NC Prize Sponsorship (19).pdf
- Holly Ridge Center 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (22).pdf
- Hoover, Mary 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (5).pdf
- Kitsap Bank 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (4).pdf
- Kitsap Golf & Country Club 2025 DR NC Prize Sponsorship (15).pdf
- Kuresman Insurance LLC 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (14).pdf
- Liberty Bank 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (16).pdf
- Paratransit Services 2025 DR Cash Prize Sponsorship (9).pdf
- Rancho Storage Center 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (21).pdf
- Scheffer, Christie 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (10).pdf
- Skippers 2025 DR NC Prize Sponsorship (12).pdf
- Slaton, Steve 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (7).pdf
- St Michael Medical Center 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (17).pdf
- Stirrett Johnson 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (23).pdf
- Umpqua Bank 2025 DR Cash Sponsorship (6).pdf

For the list of Sponsors and Lead Rotarians from 3 previous years [click here](#).

**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!



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- 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.

## 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!

## 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.**





## Food Unloading with Community Volunteers

By Christie Scheffer on Monday, March 24, 2025

**On Wednesday, March 19, Rotarians and Community Volunteers helped unload the food that will be used on March 27 for Food Bagging for CKSD students to take home over Spring Break.** The owner of Grocery Outlet, James Gochmansky (pictured below), carefully searches for inexpensive yet quality food and also provides a 10% discount! Once he collected enough food for 375 bags, it was time to pick it up and move it to storage.



Rancho Storage generously allowed us to use their truck, and the new Manager of Kitsap Mall, Grove Ayers, provided storage space. We unloaded four pallets of food in 25 minutes!



Those helping included Rotarians Matthew Barrett, Christie Scheffer, Brianna Angelo, Rich Arper, Frank and Danny Guthrie, Jeff Barton, and Mariam James. Matthew recruited the volunteers, Missionaries from the LDS Church. They included Cheryl and Neil Holland, Elder Martin, Elder David, Elder Ellingson, Elder Callahan, Elder AHetton, Ryan Loveland, Elder King, Elder Millecberg and Elder Hawkins.



**These volunteers were incredible to work with!** They served with such joy and literally ran boxes inside to stack! The truck emptied quickly, and when the last box was carried into the storage room they chanted "Five more trucks!" **Many hands do make light work, and it was fun serving together!**

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## Update on Important Note from President Glen on District 5020 Conference

By Glen Melin on Sunday, March 23, 2025

**Update on March 20:** Glen announced that he has booked a hotel room for Friday night, May 30, and President Elect Dale Robinson has booked a suite - you know what that means - **Party Suite!**

**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](http://www.conference.rotary5020.org).

**March 9:** 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.

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

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## Thought for the Day on March 20 -

By Matthew Barrett on Sunday, March 23, 2025



"Thinking" by Walter D Wintle

If you think you are beaten, you are;  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,  
It is almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you've lost;  
For out in this world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you're outclassed, you are;  
You've got to think high to rise.  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win the prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man;  
But sooner or later the man who wins  
Is the man who thinks he can!

## Tobiasz' Latest Adventures - Big Tree and Golf!

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, March 23, 2025

**Please note:** CKHS Spring break is scheduled for April 7-11, and Tobiasz will be free for more activities during April 5-12. Let's keep him busy! After that he travels with Chuck to Alaska, starting April 13.

**Big Tree.** Nancy Whitaker and Tobiasz hiked the Big Tree Trail. Off Seabeck Hwy past the Big Forest Theater, the Big Tree Trail ventures through old growth and takes you down a few mini switchbacks surrounded by beautiful, tall, moss-covered trees. A foot bridge takes you over a creek and leads you to the trail's namesake, a huge Douglas Fir over 30 feet in circumference. On the way they passed the Troll House.



**Golf Simulator.** And, for the first time ever (other than mini-golf), Tobiasz tried his hand at golf with the Bisailons - using a simulator!



## CKFR Crew & the Pacific Palisades Fire - Program on March 20

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, March 24, 2025



Elliott Brennan, a 10-year veteran firefighter/paramedic gave a riveting account of the two weeks he and his crew spent fighting the Palisades Fire. Two days after the fire exploded on January 6, CKFR got a request for assistance via formal agreement. They chose an engine and a 4-man crew and headed to California - driving 34 hours in two days to get to the Southern California.

### First Assignment



They were assigned to the Beaumont neighborhood, pink with fire retardant, trying to protect existing homes. The reality of these fires being wind driven, is that if a home/building was already on fire, it was too late - just move on to the next structure where there was hope to save it. They learned the intensity of burning magnesium-lithium batteries in electric vehicles.

They worked 24 hours on and 24 hours off, and keeping morale up included things we normally take for granted, like making good coffee! On their 24 hours off, they did PT, training exercises, washed their engine, found healthy food, enjoyed the sunshine, and most importantly, maintained a positive attitude in the face of unimaginable destruction.





Before and after - earthquake standards require metal in the homes - all that was left.

## The Damage

- 23,707 total acres for Palisades Fire
  - By comparison, the August Complex Fire in 2020 was 1,032,648 acres and cost over \$319 million in damages
  - Lightning Complex Fire was \$308/acre of damage
  - Palisades Fire was \$5,694,520 in damage per acre conservatively
- Immediately affected 83,622 people
- Destroyed 43,056 homes
- \$135,000,000,000 to \$150,000,000,000 in damages estimated so far.

They worked alongside neighbors, other WA crews, the National Guard, and mini horses delivering much appreciated 5,000 calorie lunches! Elliott remarked that it was an honor working alongside all these agencies and exceptional volunteers.

After Elliott's presentation, Rotarian/CKFR Chief Jay Christianson added some takeaways: building code changes, CPR training and Pulse Point, insurance changes, wildfire defense classes, notification systems - all to be looked at.

Thank you to Elliott and his crew!

## Community Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, March 17, 2025

**March 29 Bremerton Rotary Wild Beginnings Dinner fundraiser - 5:00pm at Kitsap Conference Center.** John Stockwell entertained us with his guitar and song, inviting us to Bremerton Rotary Club's annual fundraiser (formerly known as Wild Game Dinner). There will be an auction, dessert auction, 50/50 raffle, and fun and entertainment. See <https://event.auctria.com/aac10f7a-75ec-4b93-9642-ed624fe7bbfc/>. Let Glen know if you are interested in joining with the Silverdale Rotary group.

**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](https://events.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.participant&participantID=648668). If you would like to donate to Carol's walk, go to: <https://events.nationalmssociety.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donate.participant&participantID=648668>.

## 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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## 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](#).

