



## Silverdale Rotary Breeze - May 19, 2025

### Meetings and Events

May 21st  
[Fireside for Newer Members](#)  
 May 22nd  
[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
**Speaker:** Ed Hamilton  
**Subject:** Student Scholarship Awards  
 May 26th  
[Memorial Day Ceremony at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park](#)  
 May 28th  
[Dictionary Delivery at Silverdale Elementary School](#)  
 May 29th  
[Dictionary Delivery at Silver Ridge Elementary School](#)  
 May 29th  
**CANCELED -**  
[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)  
 May 30th  
[District 5020 Conference in Tacoma](#)  
 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 27th  
[Installation Dinner at Seabeck Conference Ctr](#)  
 July 10th

### Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

**May 21 Fireside at Seabeck Conference Center, 6-8 pm.** If you discover at the last minute you can attend, please do!

**May 26** Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:30 am at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park (see article below)

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

**May 29** Silverdale Rotary Club meeting CANCELED

**May 30** Rainiers Rotary night at Cheney Stadium (see separate article)

**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

**Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:30 am at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park.** From Rich Arper - flags will be lowered to half staff at sunrise and raised to full staff at noon. A person from the VFW will speak, and there will be taps prior to raising the flags. We will have a wreath set up for all veterans, plus we will have flowers for anyone who wants to place them at their service flag.

We are also going to ask if anyone in the audience would like to raise their particular service flag when we hoist to full staff (see below).



Pictured on right - Frank Guthrie and Buddy Hoover raising the Navy and Air Force flags.

**President's Project - Saucer Swing at Silverdale Library.** Past President Cathy Bisailon provided an update on May 15. Funds have been transferred to CKSD; the accessible saucer swing is on order; and thanks to Rich Arper who is getting help from Stirrett Johnsen, the excavation of

## Silverdale Weekly

### Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Christie Scheffer

**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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Past  
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[Mary Hoover](#)  
International  
Service  
Chair

the site won't have to be by hand! If you would like some "free dirt" from the excavation, contact Cathy. She thanked Steve Slaton and Elayne Burton from the Community Service Committee, and Rich for all their help on this project.

## Thought for the Day on May 15 from Glen.

Inspirational:

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." – Saint Augustine

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." – Mark Twain

Aspirational: "I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list." – Susan Sontag

Practical: "When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money." – Susan Heller

**Reclassification Talk - Barbara Beagle on May 15, 2025.** Via Zoom, Barbara recounted her work history starting in college in the 60s through 2005. Following husband Brian around the country with his U.S. Navy assignments led to challenges finding work, resulting in a variety of work experiences including lab work (quantitative analysis), a stint at a vet clinic, and finally entering federal government service. Her last job before retirement in 2005 was 29 years at Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific, located at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor. She ended with a short description of her membership in the Silverdale Rotary Club from 2009 to present, where she still cherishes her involvement with the family of Rotary. Presentation notes can be found [here](#).

**Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?** Thanks to Glen for a rousing game of Rotary facts and figures on May 15. He posed some really tough multiple choice questions, like "how many Paul Harris Fellows are in our Club?" Answer: 26! Nancy Whitaker killed it and wound up in first place, with Don Lachata coming in second.

**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.**

## HELP! 3rd Grade Dictionary Deliveries

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, May 18, 2025

**Help!** Somehow all the RSVPs for Wednesday, March 28 got lost. Yikes! If you had signed up to deliver dictionaries on March 28 at 12:20 pm at Silverdale Elementary School, please email Barbara at [wobees2@earthlink.net](mailto:wobees2@earthlink.net) or text 360-710-5173. Or RSVP again on the event on the left.

Giving away 3rd grade dictionaries is so much fun! Galina Georgieva is coordinating and scheduling our delivery of 3rd Grade Dictionaries to our six elementary schools in CKSD. **Please RSVP by clicking on the event to the left** to let her know who is coming. Before they were lost, we thought we had enough RSVPs so far for May 28, and we had NO RSVPs yet for May 29. Remember, the May 29 Rotary meeting has been canceled, so you wouldn't be doing double Rotary duty if you deliver dictionaries that day.



**This may be the most fun you ever have on a Rotary project!** We have been partnering for 15 years with East Bremerton Rotary to deliver beautiful hard cover dictionaries to every 3rd grader in the 12 elementary schools in CKSD. We each cover six schools. **This is why we sell ducks!**

## Open to All - Memorial Day Ceremony at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park

By Richard (Rich) Arper on Sunday, May 18, 2025

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**Richard (Rich) Arper**  
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Youth  
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Chair Elect  
Youth  
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**Charles (Chuck) Kraining**  
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**Elayne Burton**  
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## Tobiasz Update!

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, May 19, 2025



**Tobiasz has been busy exploring!** He attended the Pierogi Fest in Seattle, visited the Ballard Locks, and spent some time at Gasworks Park! We had our Rotary Game Night at Round Table Pizza where he got to spend some time with his Nixon host brothers, eat pizza, and play some fun games. Check out the picture of Tobiasz and Hudson! Hudson sure misses Tobiasz, so we stole him for a bit over the weekend where he played with the boys and loved on our puppies!

## Duck Race Update from Cathy

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, May 18, 2025

**East Bremerton Duck Race MOU.** Got any last minute information for Cathy regarding how East Bremerton Rotary could help you with your Duck Race tasks? Text or email to Cathy ASAP, as she and Dale and Don are meeting with them Wednesday.

**Tickets** are at the printer.

**Duck Merchandise and Little Ducks.** Mary is ordering Duck Merchandise (hats, glasses, aprons - see Scott Park below all ducked out!).



Also she is ordering little ducks and will package them up to sell to Rotarians. Not everyone uses them, but the public has gotten used to seeing them at our Duck Booths for people purchasing Quack Packs. If you would like to purchase your own, see the following links.

Amazon - search for little rubber ducks <https://www.amazon.com/>

Oriental Trading <https://www.orientaltrading.com/web/search/searchMain?keyword=rubber%20ducks&searchTarget=search>

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## Duck Buck Grant Empowers Women in Burkina Faso

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, May 19, 2025

***"As you lift up a woman, you lift up humanity" – Melinda Gates***



- Grant Received: January 2025
- Property Purchased: March 2025
- ~2,000 ft. of Fence Installed: April 2025
- Well & Water Access: April 2025
- Gardens Growing: June 2025

**IMPACT**  
**160 WOMEN**  
**ABLE TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES**



The Silverdale Rotary Club has been partnering with Lisa Stirrett and the Creative Warrior Art Studio <https://creative-warriors.com/> in Silverdale for many years, supporting her amazing humanitarian work with women in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Her glass art studio's "Products with a Purpose" raise funds for microloans and other work in that poor country where women "in their culture are considered valueless." Our club has been providing Duck Buck grants and even personal donations for microloans from Rotarians to empower women in that country, which is the least educated country in Africa.

Lisa was at our Rotary Club meeting on May 15 to thank us for the latest grant of \$3,500 to build a fence around a garden space to allow women to raise produce to feed their families plus sell the extra for income. Creative Warriors also installed irrigation and teaches the women sustainable farming techniques.



*Thank You!*

## SILVERDALE ROTARY 2024 - 2025 FENCE GRANT IN ACTION



## FUTURE OF LIONS GARDENS



Thanks to our generous sponsors of the Silverdale Rotary Duck Race and the community that purchases Duck Tickets, 160 women will be able to stand tall and support and feed their families!

### Rotary Clubs Partner to Bring Clean Water to Philippine Schools

By Mary Hoover on Sunday, May 18, 2025

Editor's Note: this article was published in the [Rotary District 5020 May Newsletter](#).



Pictured: Reverse Osmosis System

**In March 2025, the Rotary Club of Silverdale, Washington, and the Rotary Club of Orion, Philippines, brought clean, safe drinking water to three schools in the municipality of Orion, Bataan, through a District 5020 Matching Grant project.**

Thanks to this collaborative effort, more than 1,500 students, teachers, and staff now have daily access to potable water, improving both health outcomes and educational conditions in the region.

#### **The Need: A Daily Struggle for Safe Water**

In many areas of the Philippines, access to clean drinking water remains inconsistent, especially in rural and semi-rural communities. While schools may have access to water, it's not always safe to drink. Contaminated water can lead to serious health issues, including gastrointestinal infections, which disrupt student attendance and affect learning outcomes.

In the schools served by this project, students often brought bottled water from home, adding an economic burden to families—or went without entirely. The solution: reverse osmosis systems.



#### **The Solution: Reverse Osmosis Systems**

To address this challenge, the clubs installed Reverse Osmosis (RO) water purification systems at:

- Justice E.A. Gancayco Memorial High School
- Bantan Elementary School
- Bataan School of Fisheries

Each system provides filtered, potable water on-site and can serve hundreds of users per day. At a cost of just USD \$1,000 per system, these installations deliver exceptional long-term value. The systems are also low maintenance, with filters needing to be changed only every few months, depending on usage levels.

#### **A Partnership Built on Rotary Values**

This project was made possible through a District 5020 Matching Grant, which helped amplify club contributions and extend Rotary's global reach. The Rotary Club of Orion, with its local knowledge and logistical support, managed the installation and community engagement. Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Silverdale helped fund the project and coordinate the international partnership.

This successful collaboration not only brought clean water to schools but also strengthened the Rotary network, proving once again that when Rotary clubs work together across borders, powerful change is possible.

#### **Lasting Impact for Learning and Health**

Access to clean drinking water at school does more than quench thirst—it improves concentration, reduces absences, and instills healthy hygiene habits from a young age. For teachers and staff, it means a safer, healthier workplace.

And for the entire community, it's a visible, tangible symbol of hope and progress—one that carries Rotary's name. Together, we are making a global difference—one drop at a time!

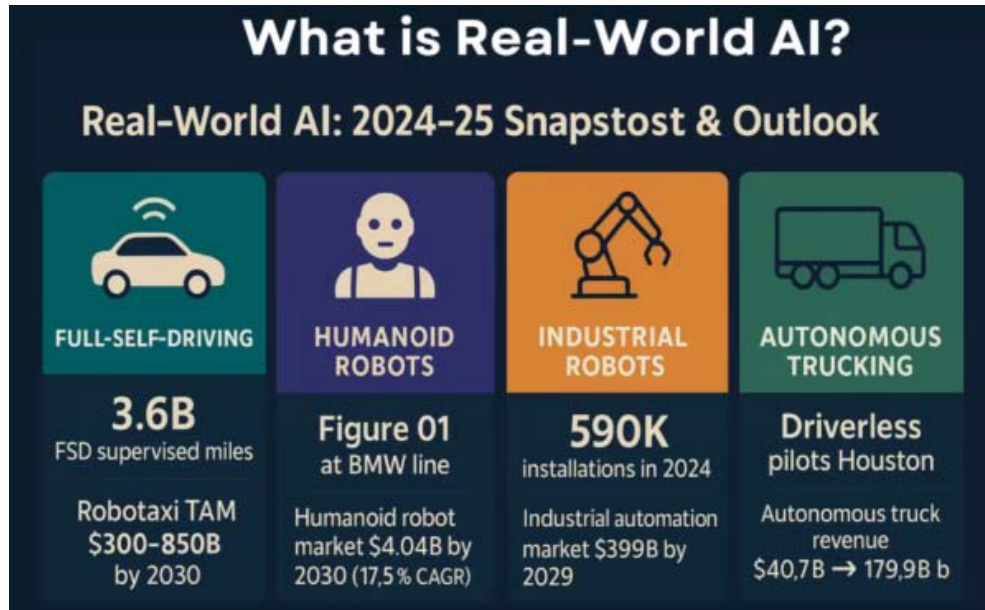


# Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Today's World

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, May 19, 2025

**On May 8, Fellow Rotarian Ingemar Anderson presented to our club on Artificial Intelligence and the impact that it could have on our community.**

Ingemar has a fascinating background, from studying neural networks, to being an early OpenAI beta tester, building AI applications and utilizing AI to author books. He discussed how AI is being used currently and how AI is already changing parts of the world we live in today.



We see AI at work in autonomous driving and robo-taxis, humanoid robots, industrial robotics, and autonomous trucking. We're also seeing more AI integration with chatbots to help us across a multitude of applications. Some ways AI is changing our world today are in faster software development, presenting instant and accurate information, personalized learning, better writing, and automated medical imaging.

While no one knows with absolute certainty how our world and smaller community will continue to change and develop with advancements in AI and technology, **one thing is sure - AI is here to stay, and you can either get on board or get left behind.**

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## Duck Race Prizes and Checks - Please Collect and Deliver to Kitsap Bank

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, May 12, 2025

**From Duck Race Prize Committee Chair Debi Brooks-Givens:** Debi announced at Rotary on May 8 that it's not too early to collect prizes. Rotarians who recruited sponsors that pledge prizes (e.g., physical items and gift certificates) are asked to follow up with their sponsors to collect the prizes and deliver them to Kim at Kitsap Bank. This will avoid the "fire drill" right before the race and ensures all prizes are in hand before the race starts, which is a Gambling Commission requirement.

You can help Elayne our Treasurer by tracking whether your sponsor has sent the check for cash donations and cash prizes. Contact Barbara to see if the pledge sheet from your sponsor was accompanied by a check.

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