



Silverdale Rotary Breeze - May 26, 2025

Meetings and Events

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](#)

May 30th
[Dictionary Delivery at Green Mountain Elementary School](#)

June 2nd
[Dictionary Delivery at Clear Creek Elementary School](#)

June 4th
[Duck Race Zoom Meeting](#)
Speaker: Partnership with East Bremerton Rotary Club

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 25, 2025

May 29 Silverdale Rotary Club meeting CANCELED

May 28 Dictionary Delivery at Silverdale Elementary

May 29 Dictionary Delivery at Silver Ridge Elementary

May 30 Dictionary Delivery at Green Mountain Elementary

May 30 Rainiers Rotary night at Cheney Stadium

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

Jun 2 Dictionary Delivery at Clear Creek Elementary

Jun 4 Duck Race Zoom Meeting (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

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](#).

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](#),

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

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 Partnership with East Bremerton Rotary Club

By Cathy Bisaillon on Monday, May 26, 2025



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.

I am scheduling a ZOOM Duck Race meeting for our club, particularly to discuss how the two clubs will work together. 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=Jb876bv8WLq7wrfnmJbhQxMOBxpTc.1>

Meeting ID: 868 6850 9067
Passcode: 792928

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



Glen Melin
Club Learning Facilitator Service Projects Chair President



Dale Robinson
President-Elect



Barbara Beagle
Bulletin Editor Secretary Webmaster



Ed Hamilton
Past President Public Image Chair



Matthew Barrett
Club Admin Chair Youth Exchange Officer



Christie Scheffer
Membership Chair Past President



Nancy K Whitaker
Rotary Foundation Chair



Victoria Nixon
Club Service Chair Elect



Kimberly M. Peterson
Community Service Chair Elect Past President



Mary Hoover
International Service Chair

3rd Grade Dictionary Deliveries

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, May 26, 2025

Giving away 3rd grade dictionaries starts this week with three schools, with an additional one next week! Galina reports that we have volunteers for the first three schools, May 28, 29, and 30. BUT, Clear Creek Elementary was just added on June 2, and we need RSVPs for it since there is no Rotary meeting on May 29 for the announcement and verbal RSVPs to Galina.

See the events on the left for dates and addresses for schools. Galina is awaiting the dates from our other two elementary schools in CKSD.



Thanks, Galina for coordinating, and thanks, Chuck Kraining for providing logistics! 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.

Memorial Day 2025 at Silverdale Veterans Memorial Park

By Cathy Bisaillon 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.



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Richard (Rich) Arper
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Chair Elect
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Charles (Chuck) Kraining
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Youth
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Officer



Elayne Burton
Community
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Chair
Treasurer
Past
President



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!

Duck Race Merchandise and Little Ducks

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, May 18, 2025

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/>

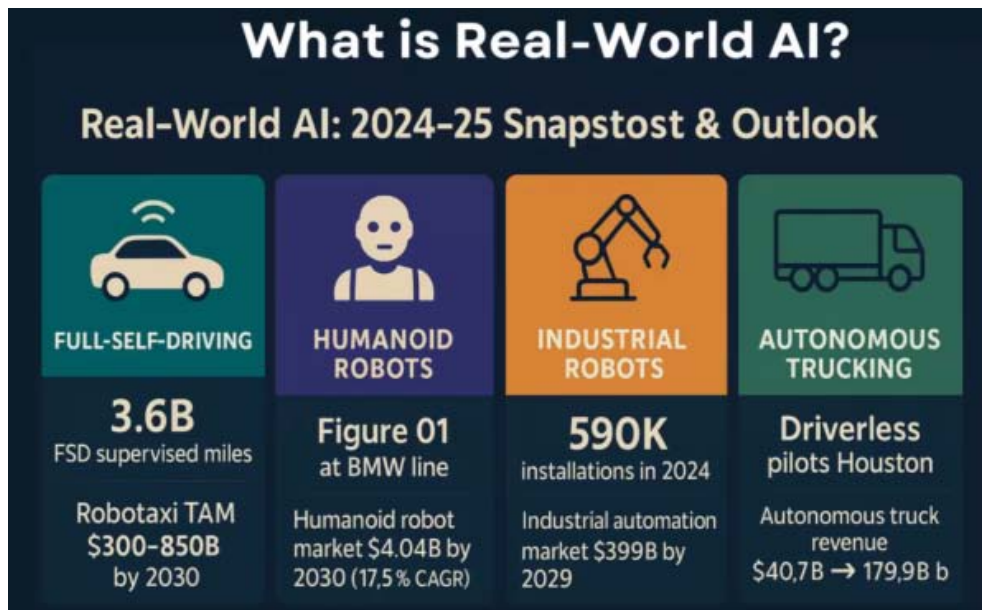
Oriental Trading <https://www.orientaltrading.com/web/search/searchMain?keyword=rubber%20ducks&searchTarget=search>

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.



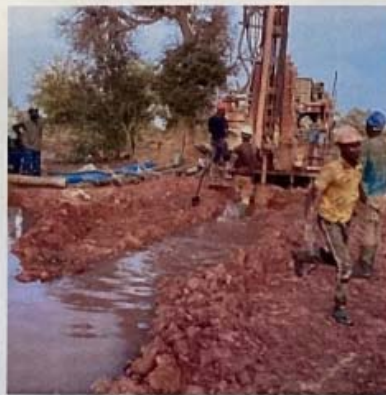
We see AI at work in autonomous driving and robo-taxis, humanoid robots, industrial robotics, and autonomous trucking. We're also seeing more AI integration with chatbots to help us across a multitude of applications. Some ways AI is changing our world today are in faster software development, presenting 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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| • 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
- Bataan 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!