



Silverdale Rotary Breeze - May 5, 2025

Meetings and Events

May 8th
[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Ingemar Anderson
Subject: AI

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
[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)
Speaker: Meeting Canceled

May 30th
[District 5020 Conference in Tacoma](#)

June 12th
[Silverdale Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Friday, May 2, 2025

May 14 Game Night for The Rotary Foundation - Roundtable Pizza 6-8 pm
May 21 Fireside for newer members at Seabeck Conference Center 6-8 pm
May 26 Memorial Day Ceremony at 11:30 am at Silverdale Veteran's Memorial Park
May 30-31 District 5020 Conference (Marriott Tacoma Downtown) <https://www.conference.rotary5020.org/>
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

High School Scholarships - Request for Reviewers. Ed Hamilton announced that the deadline for students to apply for scholarships is Friday, May 9, and he needs volunteers to review the applications - you will have a week to complete your review. Contact Ed at edhamilton23@gmail.com or 360-649-3004. The awards will be presented on May 22 at Rotary.

Polio Challenge Results - Brian Beagle announced on May 1 that Rotarians donated \$570 to Polio Plus, so he and Barbara will be contributing \$570 to match it. Also, the Gates Foundation will match 2:1, so a **total of \$2,280 was raised for polio** to celebrate World Immunization Week the last week of April! **Thank you for helping Rotary end the scourge of polio worldwide!** As long as polio exists anywhere, we are at risk everywhere, as polio is only a plane ride away.

Membership - President Glen announced the following at Rotary on May 24: **BOD Position Changes for 2025-26:** on April 23 the BOD appointed Rich Arper (currently Youth Service Chair) as Youth Service Chair for 2025-26 and Cathy Bisailon as Vocational Service Chair for 2025-26. These two appointments fill vacancies for Rotarians who had been elected but ultimately could not serve on the BOD. Thanks to Rich and Cathy for stepping up!

Fireside on May 21 at Seabeck Conference Center, 6-8 pm. From Christie - We seek to inspire our new members with the vision of all they can be in Rotary. Committee Chairs will each speak to their committee's purpose. We hope to inspire our new members to chart their paths into Rotary and to leave that evening with a zeal for Rotary and with new friends!

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.

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](#),

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

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

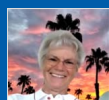
Club Leaders



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

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 Update from Cathy on May 1

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, May 4, 2025



MOU with East Bremerton Rotary Club. Their BOD approved the MOU to partner with the Silverdale Rotary Club for our 2025 Duck Race. Next effort for us is to flesh out the structure providing specific details on what we need from them. Cathy will be presenting to the East Bremerton Rotary Club on May 21 at 7:00 am at McClouds Restaurant. For her Powerpoint **she needs a bulleted list of how, when, and where we need their help. Please send her the details by Friday, May 9.** Cathy reported that they are "really serious about doing a good job!"

Changes are coming to the 2025 Duck Race Tickets. The QR code to pay for tickets with a credit card on the spot will be printed on the ticket - no more QR code cards to misplace! And, of course, the new prices which have been raised for the first time in 30 years will be on the tickets:

\$10 per Single, and \$35 for a Quack Pack of Five.

3rd Grade Dictionary Deliveries - Please Register!

By Barbara Beagle on Monday, May 5, 2025

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 register** to let her know who is coming. Galina shared that due to school testing schedules, deliveries will likely be in the latter part of May.

[Register here for Silverdale Elementary. May 28 at 12:20 pm](#)

[Register here for Silver Ridge Elementary. May 29 at 9:30 am](#)



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!**

Tobiasz Update on May 1

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, May 5, 2025

Tobiasz shared with us a little of what he's been up to. Chuck had to leave Tobiasz in Seabeck over this past weekend, but Tobiasz was not alone.

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Rotary
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Chair



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Club
Service
Chair Elect



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Peterson](#)
Community
Service
Chair Elect
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Service
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[Cathy
Bisailon](#)
iPast
President
Vocational
Service
Chair Elect



[Corey
Alexander
Hamilton](#)
Vocational
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Chair



[Richard
\(Rich\) Arper](#)
Past
President
Youth
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Chair Elect
Youth
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Chair



[Charles
\(Chuck\)
Kraining](#)
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Youth
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Officer



Pictured left to right earlier this year: Julian, Nancy, and Tobiasz

He had the company of our previous exchange student, Julian! Julian got to drive Tobiasz to school and around town as needed, and I'm happy to report that, first, Tobiasz survived and, second, I am no longer the worst driver Tobiasz has been in a car with since coming to the U.S.!

We're glad Tobiasz lived to tell the tale and that he's getting some quality time with our previous exchange student!

Thought for the Day - Polish Quotes

By Charles (Chuck) Kraining on Monday, May 5, 2025

Better a sparrow in hand than a pigeon on the roof

- **Polish original:** Lepszy wrobel w garsci niz gotab na dachu
- **English equivalent:** A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

He who digs pits for others will fall in them himself

- **Polish original:** Kto pod kim dotki kopie, ten sam w niewpada.
- **English equivalent:** The scheme will always turn against the schemer.

Once on the wagon, once underneath it

- **Polish original:** Raz na wozie, raz pod wozem
- **English equivalent:** What goes up must come down; you win some, you lose some

What does gingerbread have to do with a windmill?

- **Polish original:** Co ma piernik do wiatraka?
- **English equivalent:** This is certainly the most effective, though probably not the most polite, way to caution the person you are talking with that what they just said has little relevance or connection to the topic of your conversation. Use cautiously - example:
 - *Pole 1: I saw Grzegorz at the post office this morning.*
 - *Pole 2: I've decided my favourite colour is blue.*
 - *Pole 1: What does gingerbread have to do with a windmill?*



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Process for Adding New Members

By Glen Melin on Saturday, May 3, 2025

Editor's note: on May 1, President Glen reminded us about the process for adding new members to the club. The following is an excerpt from our Bylaws dtd June 27, 2024

Method of Electing Members - Rotary Club of Silverdale Bylaws

Section 1: Active Members.

- a. The Member Application shall be submitted to the Board by the Membership Committee for consideration at the next Board meeting. The Membership Committee will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed member prior to the Board's decision.
 - b. The Board shall consider and approve or disapprove the recommendations of the Membership Committee and shall then notify the proposer, through the Membership Committee, of its decision.
 - c. If the decision of the Board is favorable, the nominee's name will be published to the club, and the prospective member shall be invited to participate in an orientation session. The purpose of the orientation is to introduce prospective members to club leadership and to fully inform them of the duties and responsibilities of membership, including financial and club activity participation. Orientation shall also serve as the primary opportunity for the prospective member to question club leadership about membership, club policies, and activities.
 - d. If no objection to the proposal is received by the Board from any members of the club within 7 days following publication of the prospective member's name, the prospective member will be considered elected to membership.
 - e. If any verbal or written objection has been filed with the Board in the time prescribed, it shall consider the objection at the next regular or special meeting of the Board. The President shall cause the factual basis of the objection(s) to be determined and reported to the Board. The Board shall vote on admission to membership in accordance with its regular voting process. A majority of the Board must vote to approve the member in order for the member to go forward.
 - f. Following the member's election to membership as herein provided, the Secretary shall report the name to Rotary International. The member shall be formally inducted as a new member at a regular meeting of the club.
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District Conference - Friday Night Rainiers Game

By Cathy Bisailon on Sunday, April 20, 2025

The District Conference organizers are excited to announce that they have added another great event for you to participate in on Friday evening, May 30, if you're not signed up for Home Hospitality. It's Rotary Night at Cheney Stadium! In partnership with the Tacoma Rainiers, the AAA affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, we have reserved a section exclusively for Rotarians to enjoy Fellowship during the Rainier's home game against the Salt Lake Bees for a great night of baseball.

There are two special offers:

- Group Double Play (\$25.50) includes a reserved seat, limited edition Rainiers hat and ballpark meal (hotdog, chips, bottled water)

- Group All Star (\$35.50) includes a reserved seat, limited edition Rainiers hat and premium meal (entree of choice, nonalcoholic drink)

Recently renovated Cheney Stadium is just a 10-15 minute drive from downtown Tacoma. Game time is 7:05 p.m. and there will be a Friday Night Fireworks show following the game. Parking is \$10-20 depending on the lot at the game.

To get your tickets simply visit the link below to choose your deal and purchase.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/rotarynighttac>

Sincerely,
District Governor Bill McGregor

Central Kitsap Food Bank - Program on May 1

By Victoria Nixon on Monday, May 5, 2025

Central Kitsap Food Bank provides food at no cost in a caring and respectful manner to people in need in our community while preserving the dignity of those they serve.



The CK Food Bank gave an eye-opening presentation with their focus on *who* in our community they serve. While many believe that those who frequent the food bank are mostly homeless or unemployed, those people only make up a small fraction of the population they serve here in Central Kitsap. While it's true that their patrons include those listed above, as well as seniors on a fixed income, college students, those living with medical conditions or disabilities, young people struggling to find jobs, and families who are employed but can't stretch their dollar far enough to cover rent, utilities and food, many don't realize that **there is another demographic that makes for a large percentage of people they serve - active duty military members and their families.**

It has been reported that 1 in 4 military personnel live with food insecurity. More than 1.25 million veterans live below the poverty line. Nearly 1.4 million U.S. military veterans struggle to receive the food they need to live a healthy life in retirement.

CK Food Bank is currently working on expanding their delivery program, so families can order their groceries from the food bank online and have them delivered to their homes. One challenge here is finding people with base access so that they're able to deliver groceries to the families in need who live on base.

If you'd like to learn more or help support the CK Food Bank, you can find more information at <https://ckfoodbank.org/>

Hometown Band - Program on April 24

By Victoria Nixon



This past week, we were joined by Jim Ramsey, President of The Hometown Band, who gave a wonderful presentation. He shared some music clips with us, updated us on what they've been up to, and how they've used our Duck Bucks to help their organization. Our Club has granted funds for chairs, a trailer, music stands, and a sound system.

The Hometown Band is a 501(c)(3) community band that serves Kitsap County and the surrounding areas of western Washington. They are comprised solely of volunteer musicians, which include retirees, students and people with a wide range of occupations who all share an interest in playing music together and bringing music to the community. Their concert programs encompass a variety of musical genres, including traditional concert music, military marches, patriotic songs, as well as some occasional jazz and swing music.

One thing that I thought was especially neat about The Hometown Band is that there are no auditions to join! They gladly accept anyone who has a passion for music and a desire to play with a band. They will work with people of all skill levels and strive to provide a friendly and supportive environment in which band members can learn and enhance their musicianship while offering challenging performances that enrich the local community.

If you would like to learn more, you can visit their website at <https://hometownband.org/>

Book Drive - Thank You Steve and Deborah Slaton!

By Steve Slaton on Monday, April 28, 2025

Editor's Note: Christie forwarded the following with a photo of the books that Steve and Deborah Slaton contributed to our April book drive for St Michael. And, thank you to everyone else who contributed books!



I asked my wife, Deborah, who is a retired grammar school teacher, to help me out with selecting the right books to support your project. Deb then conspired with the retired librarian from her school, Liz, who sent the list below.

- *All are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold (diversity and inclusion)
- *Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You* by Sonia Sotomayor (about respectful inquiry regarding differences)
- *One* by Kathryn Otoshi (about embracing differences and empathy)
- *Say Something* by Peter H. Reynolds (about standing up for others)
- *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun: Having the Courage to Stand Up for Who You Are* by Maria Dismondy (about being different and standing up for who you are)
- *Be Who You Are* by Todd Parr (being okay with what/who you are)
- *It's Okay to Be Different* by Todd Parr (being okay with what/who you are)
- *The Bad Seed* by Jory John (growth mindset about yourself as well as self-management and self-awareness) Actually many of the books by Jory Johns would be great! *The Good Egg*, *The Sour Grape*, *The Cool Bean* are also great.
- *Chrysanthemum* by Kevin Henkes (a classic! and a great one for being yourself)
- *Do Not Bring Your Dragon Into the Library* by Julie Gassman (about respect for public spaces, rules, diversity, and reading!)
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña (gratitude, helping others, and considering different perspectives. Plus it was the Newbery winner in 2016 and a Caldecott Honor book in 2016 too.)

Community Announcements

By Barbara Beagle on Sunday, April 27, 2025

Editor's note: Scarlet Road will be our program at Rotary on July 17.

Scarlet Road Thank You and Invitation dtd April 28, 2025. At Scarlet Road we are deeply grateful to the Silverdale Rotary Club for your ongoing support of survivors of sexual exploitation and everything you do to strengthen this community as a whole.

We want to extend a personal invitation to all Silverdale Rotary Club members to **Scarlet Road's Restoring Hope Gala on May 31**. This will be an elegant evening of community and hope as we celebrate restoration and take action against sex trafficking as a community. If you would like to purchase tickets or learn more about this event, please visit the [Restoring Hope Gala](#) page on our website.

PLEASE JOIN SCARLET ROAD
FOR THE 8TH ANNUAL

Restoring Hope Gala

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

You're invited to join us for an evening of hope in support of survivors of sexual exploitation in Kitsap County. Enjoy a live auction, silent auction, raffle, refreshments and desserts, and a keynote presentation.

**OLYMPIC COLLEGE BREMER STUDENT CENTER
BUILDING 10
1600 CHESTER AVENUE, BREMERTON 98337**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Program begins at 7:30 p.m.



We are still looking to fill a few more sponsorship opportunities for this event! If any Silverdale Rotarians are business owners and would like to learn more about what a Gala sponsorship includes, please visit our [Gala sponsorship](#) page or contact pam@scarletroad.org before Tuesday, May 13. We anticipate this event will result in funds for over 14% of our total work toward advocacy, exploitation prevention, and long-term recovery care for survivors in 2025. This year, we anticipate that approximately 300 guests will attend this event, including doctors, lawyers, business owners, and other prominent community members.

Attached is our Gala invitation with details on the location and time of this event. Thank you for your earnest care for and support of individuals in need in our community.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Sarah Fitchett
Scarlet Road | Grant Writer
