

Rotary Club of Renton



Monday, February 3, 2025

February 6th Program



Thomas Robbins
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Thomas Robbins is a writer and avid diver whose passion for exploration knows no bounds. His retirement from a tech career marked the beginning of an exhilarating chapter as an underwater photographer and a budding fiction writer. When not submerged in the stunning underwater landscapes of the Pacific Northwest, Thomas is at his desk, crafting narratives of survival and resilience set in worlds teetering on the brink of collapse. With eight published books and more on the way, his work delves deep into the human spirit's capacity to overcome adversity. Whether capturing the surreal beauty of ocean life through his camera or weaving compelling tales with his pen, Thomas is a master at uncovering hidden depths and presenting the extraordinary. His journey is a testament to the enriching possibilities after retirement, offering a fresh perspective on following one's interests into uncharted waters.



Club Meeting Place & Time

Renton
Meets at Fairwood Golf
& Country Club
17070 140th Ave SE
Renton, WA 98058
Time: Thursday at 12:00
PM

Events

February 6th
**February 6th Club
Meeting**

Speaker: Thomas
Robbins - Embracing
Passion Post-
Retirement

February 13th
Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Dr. Naomi
Fanshier - Director of
Renton City Concert
Band

February 19th
**Monthly Board
meeting**

February 20th
Weekly Club Meeting

Speaker: Sarah
Ellerbrook - Manabi
Alliance

February 27th
Weekly Club Meeting

Club Officers



[Al Ralston](#)
President



[Rosie Rourke](#)
President-
Elect



[Jesse Tam](#)
President-
Elect

[Mary Fitzgerald](#)
Secretary

Weekly Agenda

Meeting Agenda

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15
Taco salad with churros for dessert

MEETING STARTS ~12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB PROGRAM - LOOKING AHEAD!

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST



Lora Ueland
Treasurer



Scholarships are Open - Share the News

Rotarians! Please share with your network that we are offering \$3000 scholarships to Renton seniors. They can go to our website www.RentonRotary.org to download the application.

Let's get the word out!

Look for social media posts to share or send emails.

Thank you!



With help from generous community members
is pleased to announce

The Scholarship Program for School Year 2025-26

Awards will be made for scholarships of \$3,000 for up to 8 High
Schools students in the Renton School District



Albert Talley
Senior High



Hazen High
School



Lindbergh High School



Renton High

High school seniors with a passion for community service and who are pursuing post-secondary education are encouraged to apply.

Applications may be found at www.RentonRotary.org

Deadline for submission is Monday, March 17th, 2025.

Questions and/or complete applications should be directed to

RentonRotaryScholarships@gmail.com

Rotary grant process is open!



Calling all Renton area non-profits. Renton Rotary is wanting to hear from you and the great work you are doing in the community. We will again be awarding grants to 501(c) 3 organizations serving the Renton area. Applications are due by midnight, March 7th, 2025. [Please download the application and carefully read the instructions to apply.](#) We look forward to hearing from you.

Plug Into Renton Rotary



Want to be more involved in the Club? Here are a few areas to consider:

Greeter Wrangler - this person(s) ensures there is someone ready to welcome members and guests when they enter the meeting room. A warm welcome and a handshake mean the difference between a visitor joining the club or not.

Finemaster - this involves ensuring we have someone to good-naturedly administer fines and collect Happy Bucks.

Set Up & Tear Down Coordinator - Oversees volunteers to set up the room for the meeting, and who can stay late to help put it all away again.

Program Chair - Leads the team to ensure we have a speaker at each meeting.

Talk to President AI if you are interested in any of these roles.

Share the Magic of Rotary

With your friends, neighbors and professional network!

You can tell them how we.....



Join with millions of other Rotarians to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, profession and community leaders.

In the 2024-25 Rotary year, we are distributing the money raised from the 2024 Renton Rotary Rubber Ducky Race at Renton River Days and our annual CAPER auction. Here's how we are serving our community:

Awarding **\$24,000 in college scholarships** to Renton School District seniors

\$12,000 worth of warm coats for children

Spent **\$13,000** to provide **music recorder instruments** for all 4th graders in the Renton School District

Contributing over **\$7,000 to international humanitarian projects**, including \$3500 for cooking stoves for Guatemalan families

Providing a **\$250 cash gift to over 24 educators** in the Renton School District to support their classroom

Awarding ~ **\$25,000 in non-profit grants**

Contributed \$4000 in appliances for senior citizens to help them be able to stay in their homes

and much more!

Our dues are only \$50 a month! Come check us out at a weekly meeting and have lunch with us on Thursdays at 12:00 pm at the beautiful Fairwood Golf & Country Club. All are welcome, you don't have to be a business owner, just someone who cares about Renton and cares about serving.
