

# Rotary Club of Renton



Tuesday, March 26, 2024

## March 28th, 2024 Speaker

Darcey Peterson - GM of King County Water District 90



Darcey Peterson is the General Manager of King County Water District No. 90. Darcey has been with the District for 23 years. For the first 12 years, she was the Finance Manager, and for the last 11 years, she has been General Manager. Darcey graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Accounting.



### 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

March 28th

#### March 28th Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Darcey Peterson - King County Water District 90

April 4th

#### April 4th Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Grant Recipients Thank You

April 18th

#### April 18th Club Meeting

**Speaker:** Community Service Grant Thank You

April 22nd

#### Golf Scramble at Fairwood Golf & Country Club

### Club Officers



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Club Service Chair

## Weekly Agenda

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15

Pasta with spinach, tomato, garlic, bay shrimp and parmesan cheese with carrot cake for dessert

MEETING STARTS ~ 12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

SPEAKER

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST

ADJOURNMENT AT 1:30

## 1st Annual Renton Rotary Golf Scramble

The Renton Rotary Club Presents

### TEE UP FOR COMMUNITY CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

**APRIL 22, 2024 AT THE FAIRWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**



Click here to go to the [Golf Scramble Website](#)

## Volunteer Opportunity - Lithium Battery Recycling Campaign

The call has gone out to District 5030 Clubs to help staff collection sites for the Lithium Battery Recycling Campaign. If you are able to help, the location for us is the **Tukwila Goodwill**. Event day is **April 20th** and you can help out at either the **9:30 to 12:30** or **12:30 to 3:30 shift**.

There will be a half-hour volunteer virtual training on April 17 at 5:30pm.

If you are interested in being involved with this very dynamic campaign, please contact Dave Spicer, with University District Club at [dspicer@davespicerlaw.com](mailto:dspicer@davespicerlaw.com)



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## District & Club Database



Members have a wealth of information available to them via our website. You can look up member contact info, find details about upcoming events, learn about District activities, training opportunities and more. If you aren't familiar with DACdb (**D**istrict and **C**lub **db**ase) contact Secretary Mary Fitzgerald or Treasurer Lora Ueland to get the details or if you need a refresher.

The DACdb login is on our website at the top right.



## Rotary District 5030 Embarks on Ambitious Lithium Battery Recycling Campaign

The District 5030 Environmental Sustainability Committee is launching a very ambitious Rotary campaign to recycle lithium ion batteries throughout our District. These are batteries that come in cell phones, laptops, tablets, power drills, e-bikes, electric vehicles and anything that is rechargeable. Lithium-ion batteries are a phenomenal technology that can propel us into a clean energy and transportation future. All lithium-ion batteries are made up of varying amounts of critical minerals like cobalt, nickel, copper and lithium. What is incredible is these minerals can be recycled almost infinitely.

Yet, today, only 17 percent of e-waste and less than 5 percent of lithium-ion battery containing devices get recycled. The overwhelming majority of these devices end up in landfills. Recycling creates a tremendous opportunity to “urban mine” old products and build new, sustainable product while offsetting our need to terrestrially mine. Old devices can become new ones without any tradeoffs to performance or battery life. And lithium-ion battery demand is projected to increase by 500% in the coming years.



Last year District 5030 launched the first lithium battery recycling campaign in the world. Since 2022, Rotary clubs in the United States have been collaborating with Redwood Materials, the first U.S.-based battery recycling plant to host collection drives, yielding tens of thousands of pounds of cell phones, laptops, power drills and other rechargeable electronics.

On Earth Day, April 22, 2023, the Rotary District 5030 Environmental Sustainability Committee (D5030 ESC), Chaired by Erv DeSmet, led the planning of the first Rotary District-wide Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Event and the FIRST in the State of Washington. The planning committee included Erv DeSmet (D5030), Seema Balwami and Cathy Gibson (Seattle 4), Sonja Koch (Redwood Materials), and Maria Norena (Bellevue Rotary).

To extend the geographic reach of the event, in addition to the Bellevue Downtown Park, the planning committee worked with other Rotary Clubs in District 5030 to hold a satellite Lithium-Ion Battery recycling site in the Lake Forest Park Towne Center. This was accomplished by engaging participation from two additional clubs: Lake Forest Park Rotary Club environmental committee led by Linda Holman and the Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound led by Kimberly Paterson and Janiece Hoggatt.

***This year’s campaign*** This year RD 5030 ESC has already established a Rotary Task Force to build on last year’s success and intends to broaden the geographical reach and create a major media blitz to engage the general public. The hope is to expand involvement to as many Rotary Clubs as possible in District 5030. **The recycling drop off date will be Saturday, April 20, 2024.** District Governor Kaj has endorsed this major undertaking, “this initiative is an excellent example for making your impact felt in supporting our environment with a sustainable approach anyone can engage with. Too often we sense the challenges are beyond our grasp, but with battery recycling we can secure real victories to protect the environment around us. We look forward to anyone joining our Rotary team to make a difference through action.” We will again be collaborating with Redwood Materials. There will hopefully be drop off sites in Bellevue, Lake Forest Park, U Village and south Seattle. We will know in the next month where all the sites will be located.

Our hope is to enlist Rotarians from every club in our District to get the word out, reach out to their networks and build huge momentum for this event on April 20. This will also be an opportunity to showcase Rotary and feature Rotary prominently at all sites. We are planning strategies to recruit mainstream media “print, TV and radio” along with social media to get visibility for this event and also Rotary. And hopefully get the media out to the pickup sites.

Our Task Force includes the following: Maria Claudia Norena (Bellevue Rotary), Erv DeSmet (Woodinville), Janiece Hoggatt (Environmental Rotary Club of Puget Sound), Cathy Gibson (Seattle 4), Linda Holman (Lake Forest Park), Sally Porter Smith (University District), Sonja Koch (Redwood Materials), Nikki Bashaw and Audrey Griffiths (Seattle University Rotaract Club “we are grateful to have Rotaractors involved!!”) and Dave Spicer, Chair (University District).

If you are interested in being involved with this very dynamic campaign, please contact Dave Spicer at [dspicer@davespicerlaw.com](mailto:dspicer@davespicerlaw.com)

Dave Spicer and Maria Norena, District 5030 Environmental Sustainability Committee.