

Rotary

Club of Renton



Tuesday, May 6, 2025

May 8th, 2025 Program

Sara Slatten
Founder & President CR Construction

Sara is the President of CR Construction, LLC, a site work and utility contractor and is an Alum from WSU's Construction Management program. Prior to CR, Sara spent 10 years in the land development sector working for a leading NW home builder.

Sara started CR Construction in 2012 after meeting her partner and taking time off from the corporate sector. CR performs in the private and multi-family sectors with a focus in the public sector and works throughout the Puget Sound area. CR recently became signatory to the Laborers 242 and Operators 302 Union Halls. Since 2012, CR has grown from a small home office with a handful of employees to over 40 employees with its office and shop located in North Bend.



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

May 8th
**May 8th Club
Meeting**
Speaker: Sara Slatten
- CR Construction Co

May 15th
**May 15th Club
Meeting**
Speaker:
Classification Talks

May 22nd
**May 22nd Club
Meeting**
Speaker: Renton
Schools Scholarship
Awards

May 29th
**May 29th Club
Meeting**
Speaker: Rachele
Bouchand - Rotary
District 5030 Governor

Club Officers



Al Ralston
President



Rosie
Rourke
President-
Elect



Jesse Tam
President-
Elect



Mary
Fitzgerald
Secretary



Lora
Ueland
Treasurer

Weekly Agenda

AGENDA FOR 05/08/2025

LUNCH SERVED ~ 12:15
Pulled pork sandwiches with potato salad

MEETING STARTS ~12:30

WELCOME

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

PROGRAM

FINES & HAPPY BUCKS

FOUR WAY TEST

ADJOURNMENT

May Teachers of the Month

Renton Rotary selects Teachers of the Month

May 2025 – As part of their commitment to education, and to celebrate teachers in the Renton School District, each month members of Rotary Club of Renton selects a few teachers as Teacher of the Month.

May Teachers of the Month are:

Judy Namkung

Fifth Grade Teacher at Campbell Hill Elementary School

Judy attended the University of Washington where she earned a bachelor's degree then continued to earn a master's in teaching from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. She became a teacher in the Renton School District then advanced to an Assistant Principal position for three years before deciding to return to the classroom. Outside of school, Judy likes to attend baseball games, explore new restaurants, and spend time with family and friends. This is Judy's ninth year working in the Renton School District.



James Noble

Engineering/STEM Teacher at Nelsen Middle School

James attended Macalester College in St. Paul, MN where he earned a bachelor's degree in neuroscience studies. He began his interest in teaching as an Americorp volunteer working as a tutor with students in Minnesota and Texas, which led to his time as a STEM teacher in Texas for eight years. He moved to Washington and took a short break from teaching to work as a catering chef for a year before being hired as a teacher at Nelsen Middle School. In his spare time, James enjoys exploring parks in the Puget Sound area, cooking, reading and playing pinball. James has been teaching in Renton for one year.



Lisha Padilla

Special Education Teacher at Sartori Elementary School

Lisha attended the University of Hawaii to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology and continued her education at the University of Hawaii to earn a master's in special education with an emphasis in severe disabilities and autism. Lisha is currently enrolled in a doctoral program with the University of Hawaii to earn a PhD in Education in the spring of 2026. Prior to teaching in Renton, Lisha worked as a special education teacher in Hawaii before moving to Washington to work as a behavior analyst (BCBA) where she worked in a clinic for five years, before returning as a classroom teacher in 2023. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two young children, exploring all that the Pacific Northwest has to offer. This is Lisha's second year with the Renton School District.



Community Service Grants

2025 Renton Rotary Community Grants

Joy Thru Tears Foundation \$125
Environmental Service Center \$1,000
Harvest Against Hunger \$1,000
Allied Arts of Renton \$1,000
Sammamish Animal Sanctuary \$1,000
Furniture Repair Bank \$2,000
Adult & Teen Challenge Pac West \$2,500
KC Sexual Assault Resource Center \$2,500
Multi-Service Center \$3,000
Habitat for Humanity \$3,500
REACH Renton \$3,500
City of Renton Housing Repair Program \$3,500

\$24,625 awarded in total

Renton Rotary Rubber Ducky Race, CAPER Auction and generous donations make this possible. **THANK YOU!**

Plug Into Renton Rotary



Want to be more involved in the Club? Here's 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.

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