

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

### Club Meetings and Time

#### Mercer Island Community & Event Center

8236 SE 24th Street  
Mercer Island, WA 98040

#### First and Third Tuesdays

12:00 - 12:30 Socializing  
12:30 - 1:30 Meeting and a speaker

An optional lunch catered by Pogacha (restaurant on Mercer Island) is available for \$25.

Visitors are always welcome!

### Club Leaders



**Benson D Wong**  
President



**Todd White**  
President-Elect



**Judy Clibborn**  
Vice President



**Patricia Turner**  
Secretary



**Walter Boos**  
Club Foundation President



**Julie Hsieh**  
Club Director - Public Image



**Dave Leibman**  
Club Director - Club Support



**Jennifer Lyn McLellan**  
Club Director - Youth Services



**Robert L. Olson**  
Club Director - Club Administration



**David Thompson**  
Club Foundation Treasurer



**Diane Tien**  
Club Director - Membership



**Stuart Scarff**  
Club Foundation Secretary

## Service for the Soul

Visit our Website: <https://www.mirotary.org>  
Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MercerIslandRotary>

## We are People of Action! Our Club Collects and Delivers Clothes to Refugees and Asylum Seekers



MI Rotarians deliver clothes to refugees and asylum seekers | Hamer



John Hamer wrote a column for the Mercer Island Reporter after delivering bags of clothing and other supplies to the children's clothing bank in Tukwila. [Read More](#)

## Our Club is Sponsoring

### Save a Life with a Simple Cheek Swab!

Join the **Mercer Island Chinese Association**, **Mercer Island Preschool Association**, and **The Rotary Club of Mercer Island** as we hold a pop-up drive for **Gift of Life** to help patients battling blood cancer.

#### How You Can Help:

##### - Come to the Drive to join the Registry:

If you are 18 to 50 and in good health, come to the drive! It only takes 5 minutes to join the registry with a simple cheek swab. You could be a lifesaving blood stem cell or marrow donor. A transplant can cure nearly 100 conditions, including blood cancer, sickle cell disease, and inherited immune system disorders.

#### NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: August 18th

- Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
- Location: Red Pergola at Mercerdale Park, Mercer Island





**SWAB YOUR CHEEK SAVE A LIFE**



**giftoflife.org**

**August 10, Saturday 10am - 2pm**  
Red pergola @ Mercerdale Park | Mercer Island

**WHO CAN JOIN THE REGISTRY?**  
If you are 18 to 50 and in good health, it only takes 5 minutes to join the registry. And you could be someone's lifesaving blood stem cell or marrow donor. A

**- Pre-register if Under 18:**

If you are under 18, you can pre-register here (<https://www.giftoflife.org/public/pre18reg>) to receive a swab kit after your 18th birthday.

**- Volunteer at the Drive:**

Receive online training from experienced Gift of Life staff and help ensure the drive goes smoothly and participants' questions are answered. Register here to help to volunteer during the event! (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4AA4A9292-50262377-gift>)

## Do You Have an Idea for a Service Project?

**We are always looking for ways to help our community and beyond. Let's see what Rotary can do.**  
Contact Benson Wong, President [bensondwong@gmail.com](mailto:bensondwong@gmail.com)

## August 13 - Club and Foundation Joint Board Meeting 3:00 - 4:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom â€” A link will be provided

Any member of our club can attend this meeting. If you are interested in attending, contact President Benson Wong for the link. [bensondwong@gmail.com](mailto:bensondwong@gmail.com)

## August 20 - Speaker - Michael Madden - Rotary Youth Protection

Rotary is committed to fostering environments that are safe and positive for young people and free from discrimination and physical, emotional and sexual abuse. Hear how we will ensure that will happen.



## September 3 Speaker - Amy Lavin CEO, Stroum Jewish Community Center



Find out what is happening at the "J" from the CEO of the Stroum Jewish Community Center.

## Sept. 7 (Saturday) - Annual Salmon Bake - 4:30 to 8:30

Judy and Bruce Clibborn's House  
8140 SE 44th St. Mercer Island

Bring a guest or come solo  
Casual attire

**No cost, but bring a side dish**

A-K - bring an appetizer or salad  
L-Z - bring a dessert

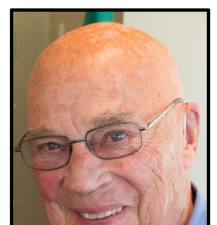
**RSVP by clicking on the email address** [jclibborn@comcast.net](mailto:jclibborn@comcast.net)



## Many club members attended Bo Darling's memorial.

**For those who missed it, here is his obituary.**

Forrester Bushnell "Bo" Darling was born June 19, 1939, in Houston, Texas and passed away January 20, 2024, in Tempe, Arizona. He was 2 when his father's company - - Texaco - - moved them to New York City. This precocious child began playing spoons on his highchair at age 2, learned drums as a 12-year-old high school freshman and became a professional musician that same year. Enrolled at Yale, at 15 for Industrial Administration, he also played linebacker on the football team. He went on to Oklahoma State University for his Mechanical Engineering degree. That led to 37 years with Union Carbide/Linde/Praxair. A drummer throughout his life, he also sailed competitively for 17 years, enjoyed many years of recreational skiing, played baseball on local teams, ran marathons, and was a serious cyclist. (Seattle to Portland in one day.)



As a Referee and COO of Unlimited Hydroplanes, he and Patti traveled to many race sites in the US and Canada. Bo was a dedicated Rotarian, being president of Mercer Island Rotary club and Governor of International District 5030.



Moving to Arizona in 2018, he joined the Phoenix 100 Rotary club and in 2023 was named an honorary member - - alongside Sandra Day O'Connor. In Tempe, he enjoyed being a member of the Mirabella/ASU Residents' Council. The Darlings served faithfully at Emmanuel Church (Bo as Senior Warden) and at St. Barnabas in Paradise Valley. His quick wit and sly humor were ever present, supporting many memories which we will always treasure.

He leaves behind his ever loving wife Patricia (Patti), Sons Jeffrey (Wendy) Darling and Marc Krein, Grandchildren Sean Forrester Darling, Doane Edward Darling, Keliyah (Daniel) Davidson, Philip (Lena) Krein, Zachary (Andrea) Krein, and Walker (Kataya) Krein as well as great-grandchildren Anara and Nolan Davidson and Juniper Elizabeth Krein.

A Memorial Service will be held at Emmanuel Church on Mercer Island, August 6, 2:00 PM, to be followed by a Celebration of Life.

Donations may be made, "in memory of FB Darling" to The Rotary Foundation, 1560 Sherman Ave. Evanston, Ill 60201, The Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum 5917 S. 196th St. Kent, WA 98032, or a charity of your choice.

## RESOURCES

**Club Website:** <https://mirotary.org>

**Club Facebook Page:** <https://www.facebook.com/MercerIslandRotary>

**Club Mailing Address:** PO Box 1, Mercer Island, WA 98040

**Club Email:** [rotarymercerisland@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymercerisland@gmail.com)

**Prospective Members and Applications for Membership:**

Diane Tien, Director of Membership [dianebtien@gmail.com](mailto:dianebtien@gmail.com)

**Have ideas for, or to volunteer for Community Service**

Benson Wong, President [bensondwong@gmail.com](mailto:bensondwong@gmail.com)

**Financial reimbursement - forms are available online and at the meetings.**

- **Reimbursement under \$100:**  
Fill out the reimbursement form and have it signed by the President or Director you are working with, then give it to Dave Thompson. [dethompsoncpa@outlook.com](mailto:dethompsoncpa@outlook.com)
- **Reimbursement over \$100:**  
Fill out the pre-authorization form and have it signed by the President or Director you are working with. Once pre-approved, complete the rest of the form and give it to Dave Thompson. [dethompsoncpa@outlook.com](mailto:dethompsoncpa@outlook.com)

**To include something in The Dawn (newsletter), or to change your contact information**

Pat Turner, Secretary [turner.pat@gmail.com](mailto:turner.pat@gmail.com) 206-852-4717

**To include something on our Facebook Page**

Julie Hsieh, Director of Public Image [juliehsieh@outlook.com](mailto:juliehsieh@outlook.com)

### Birthdays This Month



[Mak Abulhosn](#)  
August 14th



[Gay M. Brook](#)  
August 18th



[Ormand K. Sherwood](#)  
August 30th

### Years of Rotary Service This Month



[John C. Hamer](#)  
6 Years



[Steven D. Sheppard](#)  
6 Years



[Fred Rundle](#)  
1 Year