

Saturday, July 13, 2024

### Club Meetings and Time

Mercer Island  
Meets at:  
**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 Speaker

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

### Club Leaders



**Benson D. Wong**  
President



**Todd Jay White**  
President-Elect



**Judy Clibborn**  
Vice President



**Patricia S. 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

### We are People of Action! Clothes for Kids

Thanks to **John Hamer** and **Fred Rundle**, our club collected, washed, sorted and folded the lost and found from the JCC and the local schools to donate to children in need. Check out John's column in the Mercer Island Reporter.

<https://www.mi-reporter.com/opinion/people-of-action-help-local-rotary-club-thrive-hamer/>



### First Annual Mercer Island Rotary Pickleball Tournament - Our New Fundraiser





## August 23 - 25

Tell all your friends to register for the **Mercer Island Rotary First Annual Pickleball Tournament** at Luther Burbank's brand new pickleball courts. Here is the link: <https://https://pickleballtournaments.com/tournaments/2024-merc-island-rotary-pickleball-tournament-by-pig>

### We need volunteers to help with:

- Player Check-in - Two shifts with 4 volunteers for the morning shift from 8:00 am to noon, and 4 volunteers for the afternoon shift from noon to 4:00 pm.
- Court Runners - Three shifts with 4-6 volunteers per shift. Morning shift from 8:00 am to noon, afternoon shift from noon to 4:00 and evening shift from 4:00 to 7:00 or 7:30.

There will be additional volunteer opportunities, e.g. photographing the tournament and award ceremonies for each age bracket, presenting the awards and opportunities/needs yet to be determined.

Contact **Stuart Scarff** to volunteer: [stuart@scarfflaw.com](mailto:stuart@scarfflaw.com)

## Summer Celebration!



It was great to see everyone at the **MI Summer Celebration!**

We appreciate all who stopped by our booth and expressed interest in learning more about the [Rotary Club of Mercer Island!](#)

Invite your friends to join us at a meeting. **Visitors and guests are always welcome!**

## 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.

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

**- 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>)



giftoflife.org

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

**WHO CAN JOIN THE REGISTRY?**  
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## July 21 (Sunday) - Annual Salmon Bake - 4:30 to 8:30



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** to [jclibborn@comcast.net](mailto:jclibborn@comcast.net)

## August 6 - Memorial for Bo Darling - 2:00 PM

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church.** 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040.



Bo was a dedicated Rotary member who served as our Club President, then as District Governor, and later became an Honorary Member of the Phoenix 100 Rotary Club. Bo was a man of dedication, determination and discipline, all while living his life with passion and an open heart. John Matthews, past Mercer Island Club President and Past Trustee of Rotary International will speak.

## August 6 - Speaker - Nick Anderson - The Power and Purpose of the Hero's Journey

**ALERT!**

**Because of Bo Darling's Celebration of Life, our meeting will start at 12:10 and adjourn at 1:00.**

What is the hero's journey, and why is it the basis for every great story ever told? A compelling story captivates attention, ignites the imagination and inspires action. Listen to one of the best!



## August 7 - Informal Gathering for Newer Members - 5:00 - 7:00 PM (But

any member is welcome)



You are invited to a special gathering of newer members

Let's Make Rotary What You Want!  
August 7<sup>th</sup>  
Drop in anytime 5:00 to 7:00

Pat Turner's house – 9248 SE 59<sup>th</sup> St. Mercer Island  
Casual - We will likely be outside on the deck  
We will have wine and non-alcoholic beverages  
Bring a snack to share if you like.  
NO NEED TO RSVP. Just come when you can.

This will be an opportunity to talk informally with the club leadership and to share your ideas.

### August 13 - Club and Foundation Joint Board Meeting

**Location:** Zoom – 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.

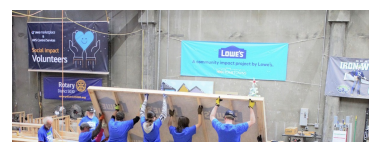
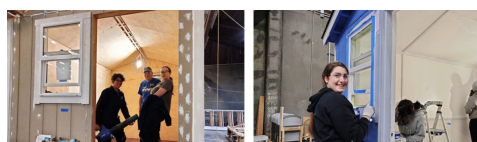


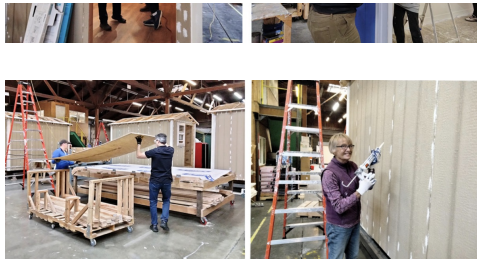
### Help Build a Tiny House



**SOUND FOUNDATIONS NW**  
Building tiny homes. Building community.

On the fourth Saturday of every month, anyone from our Rotary District 5030 can help build tiny homes. (Bring your family members and friends - must be 16 years of age). This is a great opportunity to meet other Rotarians from around the King County area. Click here to sign up: <https://www.soundfoundationsnw.org/>





## 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



Patricia S. Turner  
July 16th



Cindy Ball  
July 17th



Robert L. Olson  
July 18th



Michael Finn  
July 25th



Peter Struck  
July 26th

### Years of Rotary Service This Month



David Thompson  
16 Years



Brad Judy  
12 Years



Dave Lindstrom  
5 Years



Katherine Elizabeth  
Kramer



10 Years



12 Years



5 Years



10 Years  
3 Years