



Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**Club Meetings and Time**

Mercer Island Community & Event Center 8236 SE 24th Street Mercer Island, WA 98040

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month** 12:00 - 12:30 Socializing  
12:30 - 1:30 Meeting and Speaker

**A catered lunch** by Pogacha (a restaurant on Mercer Island) is available for \$25 or you can bring your own.

**VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**(no cost to visit)

**Club Leaders**

 **Benson D. Wong**  
President

 **Todd White**  
President-Elect

 **Judy Clibborn**  
Vice President


 **Patricia S. Turner**  
Secretary

 **David Thompson**  
Foundation Director  
Treasurer

 **Walter Boos**  
Club Foundation President

 **Julie Hsieh**  
Club Director - Public Image

 **Dave Leibman**  
Club Director - Club Support

 **Jennifer Lyn McLellan**  
Club Director  
RYLA Club Chair  
Youth Service Chair

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

 **Diane Tien**  
Club Director - Membership

 **Stuart Scarff**  
Club Foundation Secretary

**We are People of Action**  
**Service Above Self**

**Spotlight on Rotarian Julie Hsieh**



Congratulations to our own **Julie Hsieh** who was featured in the latest issue of Mercer Island City Lifestyle Magazine, highlighting powerful and passionate women who are shaping the way we live, feel and thrive - right here in our own community.



**Spotlight on Rotarians Ashley Hay and Olivia Lippens**

**Rotarians Ashley Hay and Olivia Lippens** were featured in Parent Map magazine for their efforts to make schools safe. They exemplify Rotary's motto: Service Above Self.



**April 30 - Let's Support our Youth!**

**Rotarian Nancy Lee** is a member of the MI Healthy Youth Coalition and is encouraging our members to support the:

**Healthy Youth Community Forum**

to support youth mental health and wellness.

It is not only for youth and their parents and grandparents, but also for community members, educators and health professionals.

Register at: <http://www.mihealthyyouth.com>



## May 3 - SERVICE PROJECT- Special Services and Learning Differences COMMUNITY DAY

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**"Together We Shine" – SSALD Community Day for ALL Families to Celebrate Community**

This **FREE family-friendly event** is for ALL area families and is designed as a day to celebrate the inclusion of children with disabilities by fostering a welcoming, supportive, and joyful community for all.

It's a day when every child, regardless of ability, can play, learn, and connect!

Kids will love our **touch-a-truck** experience, featuring fire trucks, school buses, and police vehicles, plus the chance to **meet our amazing first responders**.



Enjoy bounce houses, a video game truck, food trucks, a bubble station, and a delicious ice cream truck sponsored by Yuan Ru Gallery!



We are proud this year to again showcase **Outdoors for All** and their amazing adaptive bicycles for our attendees with special needs to enjoy.

There will also be a **resource fair** where you can explore local support services, discover volunteer opportunities, and connect with organizations that advocate for ALL children!

More information to come from chair, Jessi Biagi, or you can contact her at [jessi.italia@gmail.com](mailto:jessi.italia@gmail.com)



## May 6 - Club Meeting - What is Happening at Boeing



## May 20 - Club Meeting - Speaker: Jane Meyer Brahm



Come hear Jane Meyer Brahm (former MI City Council member and MI historian (leader of the MI Historical Society) speak about the history of Mercer Island.

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## May 20 - Club Meeting - City Manager Jessi Bon - Proposed City Capital Bond Issue



**City Manager Jessi Bon** will provide the facts about the proposed city capital bond issue/vote in November.

**Mercer Island Rotary does not take a stand pro or con about the bond. This presentation will be only a factual one with no advocacy by anyone to vote for or to vote against the bond issue.**

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## May 24 - SERVICE PROJECT - 4th Saturday Every Month - Help Build a Tiny House

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/>



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## May 28 - SERVICE PROJECT - Operation Nightwatch

Prepare food for those in need at Operation Nightwatch in Seattle.

6:00 to 7:45 PM

This is a great project for family and friends. Bring your kids and friends. (Children leave by 7:30 before serving begins)

Contact Todd White to Volunteer.  
<http://tdw56@hotmail.com>



## June 17 - SOCIAL - Changeover Dinner

# CELEBRATE!

## CHANGEOVER DINNER

Celebrate our outgoing president and board members.  
and welcome our new president and board.

Mercer Island Community and Event Center  
Terrace and "Landing" (the room next to the terrace)

Come solo or bring a guest  
Attire: Dressy casual

This is a fun event - invite your adult family and friends.

Catered food and beverages included!

More information to come.

## 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 [dianehtien@gmail.com](mailto:dianehtien@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



[Brad Judy](#)  
May 5th



[Eric Laschever](#)  
May 5th



[Aaron E. Kornblum](#)  
May 13th



[John Howe](#)  
May 14th



[Dave Leibman](#)  
May 21st



[John W. Friends](#)  
May 21st



[John A. Scherzo](#)  
May 30th

## Years of Rotary Service This Month



Judy Clibborn  
20 Years



Mary Kraft  
17 Years



David Schiffrin  
11 Years



Walter Boos  
6 Years



Alan Bunin  
5 Years



Dave Leibman  
2 Years



Jessi C Biagi  
2 Years



Jennifer Crespi  
2 Years