

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Club Meetings and Time

The Rotary Club of Mercer Island

meets at:

Mercer Island Community & Event Center
 8236 SE 24th St.
 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

 **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

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 Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MercerIslandRotary>

We are People of Action!

August 27 - Service Project: Picking Fresh Produce at Food Bank Farm

With the help and guidance of more than 40 partner organizations across Washington, **Harvest Against Hunger** is investing in the development of the all-new **Washington Gleaning Network (WGN)**. WGN gathers healthy but unharvested produce from farms, backyards, and markets to reduce food loss. Together, we are supporting the great work that gleaners do to ultimately get more fresh local foods into the hands of those who need it most.

Join **Rotarians from all over the district** at **Food Bank Farm** on Tuesday morning, August 27. We will work together to harvest August-ready produce for hunger relief, like cucumbers and tomatoes. Food harvested will go to local pantry partners of Hopelink Harvest. Father Jim Eichner, founder and farmer at Food Bank Farm, will be hosting our group.

Place: Food Bank Farm

Address: 10890 Elliott Rd, Snohomish, WA 98296

Date: Tuesday, August 27

Time: 10:30am to 12:30pm

Sign up Here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A4AB23A0FAC52-50492299-food?blm_aid=33146



September 3 - Club Meeting: 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.

September 7 - 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 and let Judy know you are coming jclibborn@comcast.net



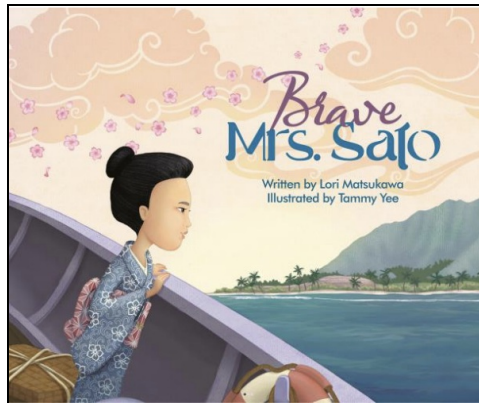
September 7 - Service Project: Art Uncorked - Volunteer or attend

Contact Benson Wong to volunteer: bensondwong@gmail.com



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September 17 - Club Meeting: Speaker - Lori Matsukawa - Esteemed King-5 Anchor (retired)



Lori has just written a special children's book about Picture Brides that she will share with us at our meeting. Her book is available at **Island Books**, and if you bring a book to the meeting, Lori will sign it for you.

Picture brides were women who arrived in Hawai'i, the West Coast U.S., Canada and Brazil at the turn of the 20th century to marry men they met in arranged marriages using photographs.

It was a system meant to skirt anti-Asian immigration laws. The "Gentlemen's Agreement" of 1907 was an informal agreement between President Theodore Roosevelt and the Government of Japan which prohibited immigration from Japan to Hawai'i or the continental United States, but did allow wives and children to reunite with men who had already immigrated.

For plantation and farm owners, it was an opportunity to increase their labor force and entice their male workers to stay. It was also an attempt to reduce gambling and opium smoking among the men. Many of the women simply followed the wishes of their families, since arranged marriages were common and often done for reasons of status and wealth. Other women, however, saw it as an opportunity to get away from family obligations and make their own fortune.

The matchmaker (nakoudo or baishakunin in Japan; jungmae jaeng-i in Korea) made the match in the family's hometown. Couples were considered married when their names were submitted to the local temple, even if neither was present. Couples were then "officially" married once the women landed in Hawai'i or on the Mainland, often on the dock as soon as they disembarked.

In the 13 years between the beginning of the Gentleman's Agreement until 1920, more than 10,000 Japanese picture

brides arrived on the continental U.S. and more than 15,000 in Hawai'i. The agreement was made obsolete by passage of the Immigration Act of 1925. It established a national origin quota system and banned Japanese immigrants until the law was repealed in 1952.

â€” Lori Matsukawa
February 27, 2024

Service Project: Operation Nightwatch

Operation Nightwatch

Todd White



For a number of years, **Mercer Island Rotary** members have cooked and served dinners for over 100 adults in need at Operation Nightwatch in Seattle.

This year, we have several different options from which to choose and **President Elect, Todd White would like to know what YOU want to do.**

Food service options include:

- First Tuesdays of the month, prepping, cooking and serving dinner (6:00 PM to 9:45)
- Fourth Wednesdays, cooking only (6:00 PM to 7:45)

Operation Nightwatch provides the food, supplies and the kitchen.



Shelter Drivers

- Transporting clients from dispatch to a shelter (7:00 PM to 9)

Operation Nightwatch provides the car, gas and insurance

Other opportunities include

- Dessert bakers
- Sandwich makers
- Meal hospitality volunteer
- Residential kitchen cleaning
- Street Ministry and more

Send Todd White an email tdw56@hotmail.com if you are interested in this project and what your preference of project would be.

Carnival

Bring your family and friends to support this **Mercer Island Chinese Association** fun event, or volunteer at our Rotary table.

We are looking for a few more Rotarians to volunteer at the Rotary table.

- 10:00 to noon
- Noon to 2:00 PM.

Contact Benson Wong to volunteer: bensondwong@gmail.com



Service Project: 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/>



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

Prospective Members and Applications for Membership:
Diane Tien, Director of Membership dianehtien@gmail.com

Have ideas for, or to volunteer for Community Service
Benson Wong, President 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
- **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

To include something in The Dawn (newsletter), or to change your contact information
Pat Turner, Secretary turner.pat@gmail.com 206-852-4717

To include something on our Facebook Page
Julie Hsieh, Director of Public Image 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](#)
7 Years



[Steven D. Sheppard](#)
7 Years



[Fred Rundle](#)
2 Years