

Wednesday, September 4, 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

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

We are People of Action!

CLUB SOCIAL

Sept. 7 (THIS Saturday) - Annual Salmon Bake

Drop in anytime - 4:30 to 8:30
Bring a guest(s) or come solo - Casual attire
Enjoy some of the best salmon you have ever eaten!

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

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
Even if you haven't RSVP'd and find that you are able to come, JUST SHOW UP!



SERVICE PROJECT AND SOCIAL Sept. 7 - Art Uncorked

You can help support the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce's annual main fundraising event - **Art Uncorked**.

Attend Art Uncorked to support the Chamber, and then **have a nice salmon dinner at our club's Salmon Bake at the Clibborns.** (see above)

What a day!

Title Sponsor



Presented by Mercer Island Chamber

Mercer Island Art 2024 UnCorked

Saturday, September 7th,
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
21+ Event

\$35 Advanced/ \$45 at the door
\$10 Art Patron only ticket
(wine tasting not included in Art Patron ticket)

Music
Art
Food
Wine
Tasting

Tickets Here





SERVICE PROJECT: **Operation Nightwatch**

Dates to be determined

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.

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



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

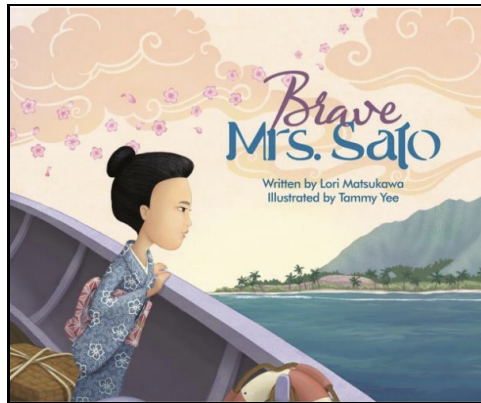
- Dessert bakers
- Sandwich makers
- Meal hospitality volunteer
- Residential kitchen cleaning
- Street Ministry and more

CLUB MEETING

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

Bring your family and friends!

Come hear Lori tell us about Picture Brides and hear her read her new children's book. Books are available at Island Books and if you bring a book, Lori will sign it at the meeting.



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

September 22 - Mercer Island Mid Autumn Festival Carnival

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



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/>





CLUB MEETING

**October 1 Speaker - Liliya Valihun - Hebron IT Academy
Helping Vulnerable Youth in Ukraine**



Our *Mission*

Transforming lives of
underprivileged youth
through education

Empowering
War-Affected Youth with
Tech Education in Ukraine

HEBRON
Educational Charity Organization

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



Brian Decker
September 5th



Michael Gorski
September 13th



Mary Kraft
September 17th



Rebecca A. Palm
September 18th



Brian L. Comstock
September 23rd



Donna Buckingham
September 26th



Ashley Hay
September 29th

Years of Rotary Service This Month



Ormand K. Sherwood
39 Years



Andrew H. Isaacs
31 Years



Aaron E. Kornblum
15 Years



Benson D Wong
9 Years



Diane Tien
4 Years



John Howe
1 Year (+ more in
another club)



Ted Weinberg
1 Year



Donna Buckingham
17 Years