



ROTARY CLUB OF SEATTLE

Member Orientation 2024-2025



ROTARY HISTORY

Established 1905

In 1905, a young lawyer in Chicago named Paul Harris envisioned a plan for promoting mutual co-operation and informal friendship. He recruited a diverse group of community leaders who soon started “rotating” meetings from one member’s place of business to another. In this way, Rotary was born. Our club was the fourth Rotary club established in 1909.

At the annual Rotary convention in 1911, members of our club, Roy Denny, Ernie Skeel, and James Pinkham were credited for establishing the main tenants of Rotary: the promotion of international understanding and the ideal of service.



Rotary Club of Havana founded in 1916

Rotary International

Today Rotary includes more than 1.4 million members in 35,000 clubs in more than 200 countries – that's more than belong to the United Nations. As a Rotarian, you are part of an exciting international group united by a set of common goals and ideals.



The Rotary Club of Seattle (aka Seattle 4) was established in 1909 and has been one of the larger US Rotary clubs ever since. We are part of a wider district of local area clubs. Our club is considered a leader in Rotary circles; we consistently have members that hold leadership positions at the district, national, and international level. Our club has also sponsored the establishment of over a dozen other local area Rotary clubs as well.

Many notable Seattleites can be counted among our membership, including the creator of the Cinnabon! We have also hosted many esteemed guest speakers such as Desmond Tutu and pride ourselves on our outstanding lunch programs.

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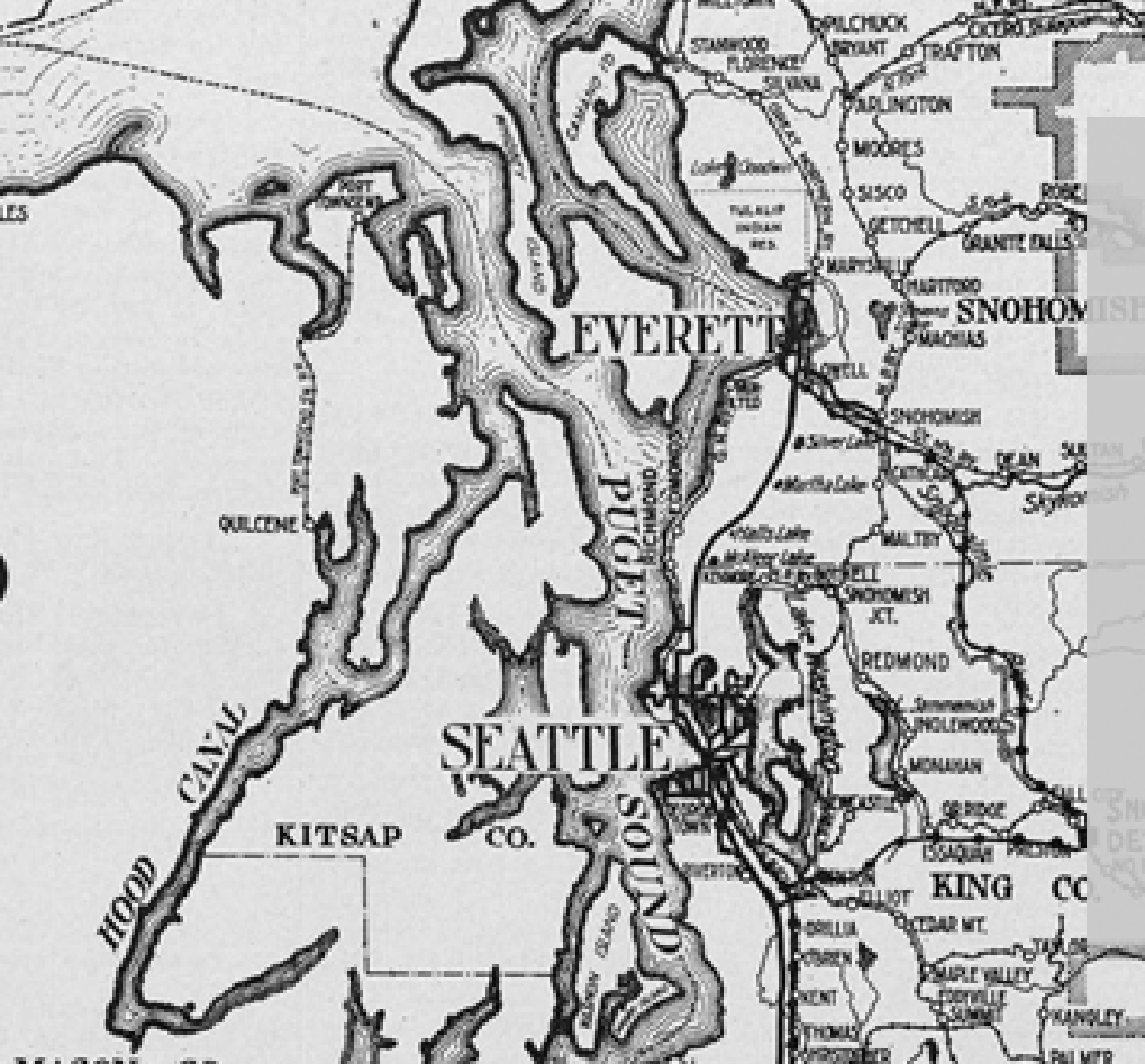
POWERED BY
**Mount Holyoke
College**

Rotary District 5030

Our club is part of Rotary District 5030 which includes 45 clubs ranging from Woodinville to Federal Way. Each spring, look for information regarding the district conference where you can learn more about Rotary, hear from thought leaders in our region, and network with other Rotarians from our district.

Railway Lines

Transmission Lines





People of Action

As Rotarians, we are working to take on the world's biggest challenges and effect positive change. Together, we have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. Members of our club are now leading the charge to eradicate malaria.





Service Above Self

This year, Rotarians will contribute more than 110 million hours of service and raise over \$500 million through **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** to transform our communities and our world.

Our club's foundation, the **Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF)**, will raise close to \$250,000 to distribute through our service committees.



Bringing Healthy Foods to Local Food Banks with Rotary First Harvest

What's Your Passion?

The best way to connect with other club members and practice ***Service Above Self*** is by joining a committee. Whether you're interested in contributing to the community, networking, or sailing with fellow Rotarians, you'll be sure to find a committee to fit your interests. We encourage you to contact the chair(s) and attend meetings of interest.





SERVICE CLUB COMMITTEES

- Arts
- Business Mentor Program
 - Community Service
 - Education
- Environmental Sustainability
 - International Service
 - Peacebuilders
 - Rotaract
- Rotary Boys & Girls Club



MEMBERSHIP & PROGRAM COMMITTEES

- Mentor Committee
- Diplomacy Roundtable
- Member Engagement
- New Member Introduction
 - Rotary Cares
 - Rotary Mariners
- Young Rotary Leaders
 - Programs
 - Music
- Newsletter Reporting
- **Pre-Meeting and Meeting Assistance**



Cadence

In person lunch meetings: 1st and 3rd
Wednesday most months at 12:30 PM,
Plymouth Church

Evening member events: 2nd
Wednesday most months, various
locations

Zoom only lunch meetings: 4th
Wednesday most months

Holidays impact cadence some months



Getting Started



FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

- \$250 initiation fee
- Dues are \$60/month
- Members must pre-pay and pre-register for lunch meetings they attend in advance (by the Friday before a meeting on the following Wednesday)
 - All registrations for club-run events go through Our Mayberry: <https://ourmayberry.com/campaigns/270/events>
- All members are expected to donate annually to our internal Seattle Rotary Service Foundation (SRSF) and Rotary International's The Rotary Foundation (TRF)
 - Recommended SRSF donation: \$400
 - Recommended TRF donation: \$100
 - Full member participation is more important than the dollar amount!



Our Office

Our office is located in the historic Skinner building which includes the 5th Avenue Theatre. Mary is in office on lunch meeting and club event days.

1326 Fifth Avenue, Suite 342
Seattle, WA 98101



Newsletter

Each Friday afternoon, we distribute our newsletter, where you will find information about the next Wednesday's program, fellowship events, and club news.

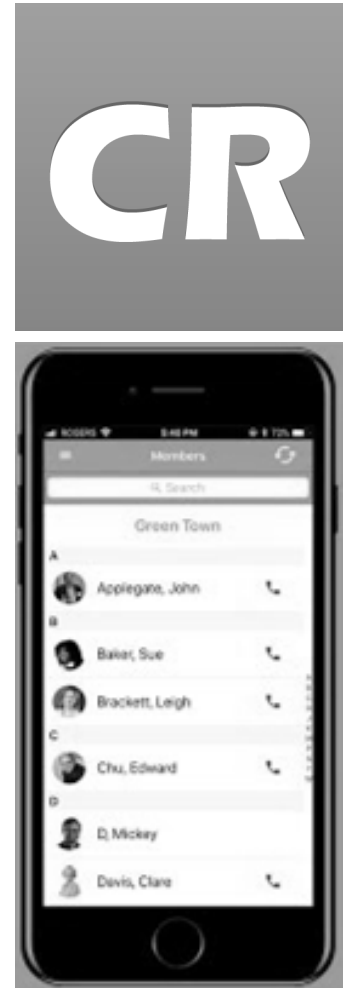
If you are not receiving the **Newsletter** in your inbox, please contact mary@seattlerotary.org.





Membership Roster

Our membership roster, called **ClubRunner**, is available online and is accessed through our website. Your profile and picture have already been added, but you are welcome to make changes. You can also download the mobile app so you can have the membership directory on your phone.





Social Media

We invite you to join us on social media!

Members-Only Facebook Page

Public Facebook Page

Public LinkedIn Page



PLATFORMS WE UTILIZE

ClubRunner – the one-stop shop for your club records and member information. Login to ClubRunner by going to the club website (seattlerotary.org). Click “Member Login” at the top right to access. Please contact Mary if you need your credentials again (these were sent in your welcome email you received after your membership was approved).

EZ Text – platform the club uses to send text reminders to members about upcoming meetings and events. The club adds your preferred phone number into the EZ Text mail group when you become a member. If you are not receiving these texts, please email Mary with your cell phone number so she add you.

Freshbooks – your billing and invoices platform. Please keep an eye out for emails coming from Freshbooks – if your credit card expires while on autopay or another issue arises, they will send a notification so you can go in and update your card details yourself. If your autopay was set up over the phone by staff, note that credit card numbers are not visible once inputted so we cannot make updates to existing saved cards.

QUICK LINKS

[Pre-Pay for Lunch](#)

[View Lunch Programs on Zoom Live \(2024/2025 Rotary Year link only\)](#)

[Club Website/ClubRunner](#)

[My Rotary – Rotary International Member Site](#)

[Networking Etiquette Guide](#)

[What are the Two Rotary Foundations?](#)

[How to Get Involved](#)

[Meeting Recordings on YouTube](#)

NETWORKING ETIQUETTE DOS

Acceptable Networking or Business Development Practices

- Get involved, join committees, attend events, exchange business cards.
- Schedule casual one-on-one meetings outside of regular luncheons with fellow Rotarians to get to know them.
- Offer to host fellowship or networking event at your place of business – provide unique business or industry insight, plant or office tours, etc.
- Offer the conference room at your place of work as a meeting location for a committee you serve on.
- Actively participate in table introductions and table talks.
- Reach out to Rotarians in your field of work or your desired customer's field of work and connect with them, establish relationships.
- Seek out fellow Rotarians for business advice, referrals, introductions, products and services you need in your business.
- Refer Rotarians to other Rotarians for business advice, referrals, products and services whenever possible.
- With permission, add fellow Rotarians to your email list and/or connect with you and your company via social media.

NETWORKING ETIQUETTE NO-NOS!

Unacceptable Networking or Business Development Practices

- Mass marketing to the membership directory in any way, even if your offer is generous.
- Cold calling or prospecting through the membership directory.
- Mass marketing on behalf of your not-for-profit cause. If you'd like to invite fellow Rotarians to a fundraising event, be sure to limit your invitations to Rotarians who you have a personal relationship with and who you would be excited to receive a similar invitation from in return.
- Marketing in your pursuit of political office, on behalf of another's pursuit, or on behalf of any ballot measure or initiative.
- Expecting fellow Rotarians to offer a discount. In support of one another's business at market rates is acceptable. Any discounts provided are strictly voluntary.
- Avoid conducting actual business meetings at the weekly luncheon tables. Save these conversations for a more private location.

**Thank You
for Joining
Us!**

