



# BALLARD ROTAGRAM

**MAY 9, 2026 EDITION**

Editor: Kathleen Linscott

## Member Notes



### May 5th Club Meeting

Club members enjoyed a delicious Cinco de Mayo lunch in Kaffestua at the Leif Erikson Lodge on May 5th! Thank you, President Alana, for choosing a fun and delicious meal option for this meeting!

Attendance Total: 15  
Members: 14  
Guest: Nick Gardner (speaker)

**Program: Nick Gardner and Edible Hope Kitchen**



David Rice introduced the program speaker, Nick Gardner, Executive Director of Edible Hope Kitchen (EHK). David provided a brief history of our club's support for Edible Hope Kitchen, which services about 200 meals a day, 5 days a week.

Nick outlined EHK's mission to feed people in mind,

## Club Calendar

### May 12, 2026: Ethiopia Peace Project Update



**TIME: 12:00 Noon**  
**LOCATION: Zoom**

Please join us in a program that will update us on our inspiring peace project in Ethiopia. Several Rotarians from Addis Ababa will join us on Zoom to describe the latest peace activities. The speakers will include Sharon Ashton and Henock Alemayhu. The goal of the grant was to build peace within communities, large and small, through communication, engaging youth and communities, and peacebuilding through positive peace training, cleaning the Akaki River and planting peace trees. Much, much more has been inspired, including many art-related activities. So be sure to tune in, and be inspired!

Use this Zoom link to join the meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846939804?pwd=fNtCut0FAqGbewY6FoEOzDiZ59ttra.1>

### May 19, 2026: Bryn Bachman on Sustainable Ballard and Meaningful Movies



**TIME: 12:00 Noon**  
**LOCATION: Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St**

Please join us for a program by Bryn Bachman. Bryn leads the Meaningful Movies Project Ballard chapter, where she curates films and runs monthly screenings focused on community and social issues. She also serves on the board of Sustainable Ballard,

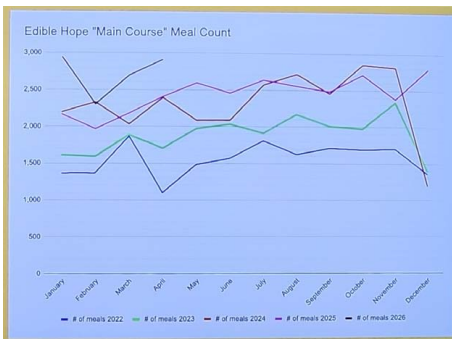
body, and spirit. He explained the demographics of their guests, including those experiencing homelessness, addiction, and food insecurity. Nick highlighted the importance of providing social interaction and normalcy for their guests.

Nick described the daily operations of Edible Hope Kitchen, including the types of food served and the sources of their food. They receive about 60% of their food from Ballard Town & Country Market, 15% from the gleaning team at Sustainable Ballard, and 10% from Food Lifeline. Nick explained the Meals Partnership Coalition, which helps with bulk purchases and political advocacy. The remaining 15% of their food is purchased by EHK, and they receive some financial support from the City of Seattle.



Nick emphasized the importance of community and volunteer involvement, and shared stories of volunteers and guests, and the positive impact of the community at EHK. The community manager, Andy, helps maintain order and de-escalates any conflicts which arise. Nick shared a story about a guest called Sir William, who found housing. He highlighted the importance of volunteers like Bernadette, who has been a dedicated volunteer for 10 years.

Nick provided a brief history of Edible Hope Kitchen, which started in the basement of St Luke's, and its recent move to St Paul's. He discussed the increasing need for their services and the challenges of meeting the growing demand.



The meal count continues to rise.

Nick reflected on his own experience working at EHK, and the positive impact it has had on him. He

a grassroots, volunteer-run organization working to build a more connected and sustainable neighborhood. As a board member, Bryn helps shape the organization's direction, supports programs, and stays closely involved in day-to-day efforts. Meaningful Movies is one of those core projects. The program brings people together through film and conversation to better understand local and wider issues and inspire action.

In her talk, Bryn will share more about the Meaningful Movies Project—highlighting past events, upcoming screenings, and the broader mission behind the work. She will also discuss the May screening of *Join or Die* on Thursday, May 21. She will speak about her goals to strengthen communication across the network by leveraging her background in marketing, including plans to introduce tools like Slack to help bridge gaps, improve collaboration, and support more effective outreach.

**Pay for your lunch ahead of time: (Lunch Ticket for 1)**  
<https://bit.ly/4qOoJI1>

**Don't forget, you can park for free in the parking lot at Leif Erikson Lodge, as well as in the underground parking lot at QFC (across the street from Leif Erikson Lodge)!**

## May 21st, 2026: President's Social and the movie "Join or Die"



**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Center for Spiritual Living Ballard, 2007 NW 61st St**

Our May social moves to Tuesday, May 21st, so that we can attend the film *Join or Die*, a film about why you should join a club — and why the fate of America depends on it. The documentary tells the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking "Bowling Alone" research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis.

Flanked by influential fans and scholars — from Hillary Clinton, Pete Buttigieg, and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy to Eddie Glaude Jr., Raj Chetty, and Priya Parker — as well as inspiring groups building community in neighborhoods across the country, Bob explores three urgent civic questions: What makes democracy work? Why is American democracy in crisis? And, most importantly... What can we do about it?

This is not to be missed! The film will be followed by a community discussion led by Ballard Solidarity (a community of neighbors committed to making Ballard a supportive, safe, and resilient place for all. For more information: [ballardsolidarity.org](http://ballardsolidarity.org)). While the event is free, a suggested \$5 donation to support the screening is appreciated.

To respond that you are going, use one of these links:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/share/1CJHDAZtRM/>

Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movie-screening-join-or-die-tickets-1988271257855>

Website URL <https://meaningfulmovies.org/events/join-or-die-3/>

## June 2, 2026: State Representative Liz Berry

outlined various ways to get involved with EHK, including food prep, cooking, gleaning, and serving. He encourages volunteers to join their community and support EHK's mission.

EHK's upcoming fundraiser is scheduled for October 21st at Old Stove Gardens Brewery. Last year they raised \$102,000! Nick invited us all to join the fundraiser and support EHK.

## Syttende Mai on May 17th!



Sunday, May 17th is Ballard's annual celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day and you are all invited to celebrate it! Here are the key activities, so be sure you are in Ballard on May 17th!

- There will be music performances at Bergen Place all day (up until 4:00 pm)
- The largest 17th of May parade outside of Norway takes place right in the heart of Ballard, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- The Leif Erikson Lodge has scheduled an Open House, serving Norwegian bites and confections, drinks, and entertainment (12:00 to 4:00 pm).
- A gourmet Norwegian lunch at National Nordic Museum (12:00 - 2:00 pm)
- Skål Beer Hall will be open all day, (11:00 am to 10:00 pm), with music and a street-side walk-up grill with take-away food & drink for the parade.

### Traveling Rotarians!

Stan Miner is traveling in Europe this month, and coincidentally, Pete Scott is doing the same! Stan and Pete are planning to meet in France and attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of Paris! Stan took some Ballard Rotary trading banners and hopes to exchange them as he travels and meets with other Rotarians. We look forward to hearing all about it after he gets back at the end of May.



Please join us to hear from our State Representative Liz Berry! Liz Berry is a Democratic member of the Washington House of Representatives, representing the 36th Legislative District since January 2021. The 36th Legislative District includes Seattle neighborhoods Queen Anne, Magnolia, Interbay, Ballard, Phinney Ridge, Crown Hill, and Greenwood. Berry serves as Chair of the Labor & Workplace Standards Committee and is a member of the Environment & Energy and Consumer Protection & Business Committees. She also participates in the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations and serves as a Board Trustee of ArtsFund. These roles reflect her focus on labor rights, environmental protection, consumer advocacy, and support for the arts. This promises to be very interesting and is a great opportunity to ask questions. We'll see you there!

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## Special Events Coming Up!

Save these dates on your calendars:

**Tuesday, June 23: Club visit to Ballard NW Senior Center for a brief tour & lunch**

**Tuesday June 30: Club Transition Celebration dinner at the home of Pete & Linda Scott**

Stay tuned for more details!

## Rotarians Are People of Action!

### May Project: Hygiene Drive for Mary's Place



And as you travel this summer, be sure to take photos of Rotary welcome signs, signs at Rotary parks and other Rotary locations that you come across, or a Rotary club meeting that you attend! Then send them to this editor (kathleenlinscott@msn.com), so that she can include them in our newsletter. Be sure to include yourself in the photo, if possible. Thank you!



**Date:** Saturday, May 23rd  
**Location:** Ballard Town & Country Market, 1400 NW 56th St  
**Time:** 9:00 am — 3:00 pm

Save the date! It's official, our May project is collecting hygiene items for Mary's Place on Saturday, May 23rd, at the Ballard Town & Country Market. The shifts are 90 minutes, and Terry has two shifts left to fill: 9-10:30 and 1:30-3:00. Please contact Terry Collings directly to sign up: [terrycollings@comcast.net](mailto:terrycollings@comcast.net)

## 2026 Rotary District 5030 Learning Symposium



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#### Save the Date!

We are all invited to the very fun Rain City Voices fundraiser at the end of June:



It's an A Capella Space Odyssey! There are two performances, so save the date and make sure you get tickets. To learn more: <https://seattlesings.org/event/starbershop-an-a-cappella-space-odyssey-2872/>

It is always delightful to hear Rain City Voices. And if you like to sing, Rain City Voices would love for you to join them!

Join your fellow Rotarians and club leaders for a day of connection, strategy, and growth! The Rotary District 5030 Learning Symposium takes place on **Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island, WA 98040**. This symposium is designed to provide actionable tools for building impactful clubs, enhancing our public image, and developing the next generation of leadership within our district.

**Registration is required to attend.** The registration fee is \$20 per person, which includes access to all workshops and event materials. Please complete the form below to secure your spot. Use this link to sign up: [2026 District Learning Symposium Registration](#)

We look forward to seeing you there as we work together to strengthen Ballard Rotary and our community of Rotary clubs in District 5030!

## Ballard Senior Center Auction 2026

#### Club Leadership 2025-2026



Please join us at our lunch club meeting at noon every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Tuesday of the month. On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday we meet in person at Leif Erickson Hall, 2245 NW 57th in Ballard and the cost of lunch is \$20. The 2nd Tuesdays are online via Zoom. Use this Zoom link to join the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81846939804?pwd=fNtCut0FAqGbewY6FoEOzDiZ59ttra.1>

On 4th Tuesdays, join us for an informal after-hours social at 5:30 PM at familiar pubs and breweries in Ballard. Check the newsletter for the location!

Excursions on 5th Tuesdays are changeable in location and time so be sure to check our FB page or our website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2026 District 5030 Convention

April 16–19, 2026

Walla Walla | Marcus Whitman Hotel

<https://www.igniterotary2026.com>

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

### Board of Directors

#### President (2025-2026)

Alana Morris

#### President-Elect (2026-2027)

Wil Barrett

#### Immediate Past President

Stan Miner

#### Club Service Chair

James Raptis

#### Secretary

Brian Dang

#### Treasurer

Pete Scott

#### Community Service Chair

Terry Collings

#### Membership Chair

Fred Finkelstein

#### The Rotary Foundation Chair

Stan Miner

#### Public Relations Chair

Kathleen Linscott

#### Peacebuilders Chair

Val Gaifoulline

#### Program Chair

David Rice

#### International Chair and Grants Officer

Kathleen Davis

#### Family of Rotary

William Barrett

#### Vocational Services Chair

Derick Pasternak

#### Youth Committee Chair

Nick Rogness & Mark Stewart

#### Environmental & Sustainability Chair

Andree Hurley

# JOIN THE PARTY!



## Ballard NW Senior Center's SPRING FOR SENIORS AUCTION & GALA

May 31st | 5-9PM  
Leif Erikson Hall

DINNER | GAMES | COMMUNITY

\* \* \* Featuring Auctioneer Stephen Kilbreath \* \* \*

Early Bird tickets on sale through May 8th  
Purchase tickets at [ballardseniorcenter.org](http://ballardseniorcenter.org)

Let's have a Ballard Rotary table of attendees! This year the auction is dedicated to Carlye Teal, past director of the Senior Center and also a Ballard Rotarian of many years, who passed away this past year. This is an important alliance that we want to continue to nurture. David Rice has purchased 10 tickets at the Early Bird price (\$80 instead of \$100), and we are hoping to fill a table at the event. Three tickets are already spoken for, and might disappear fast, so let David Rice know if you will be coming! This is a wonderful event, very fun, and worth your time, so don't miss it.

## Announcing! The Rotogram is Now Available on Our Website!

The screenshot shows the Rotary Club of Ballard website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Events, About, Membership, Projects, Newsletter, Contact, and Members. Below the navigation bar is a banner for the Newsletter. Underneath the banner is a table listing the Rotogram newsletters:

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	Rotogram-2026-04-30.pdf	4.48 MB
	Rotogram-2026-04-13.pdf	1.35 MB
	Rotogram-2026-04-04.pdf	1.49 MB

The Public Image Committee is happy to announce that you can now access our newsletter on our club website: <https://rotaryclubofballard.org>

Just click on the Newsletter option at the top of the home page. Rotograms are listed with the most recent edition at the top of the list. No more worrying if you can't find it in your inbox. And if you want to share an edition with others, just download the file and attach it to an email.

Big thanks to Brian Dang for his work making this possible!

## Ballard Rotary Foundation Directors

Director: Stan Miner  
Secretary: Brian Dang  
Treasurer: Pete Scott  
Member: David Rice

## Celebrate!



**BIRTHDAYS:** Heartfelt happy birthday greetings to the following club members celebrating their birthday in April. Be sure to give your congratulations to these wonderful members at our next club meeting!

Kathleen Linscott	May 1
Ed Robinson	May 30

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES:** Congratulations to the following club members on the anniversary of their joining Rotary Club of Ballard. May each of you remain a member for a very long time to come!

Wil Barrett	3 years
Pete Scott	38 years
Paul Sivesind	17 years



No need to bring cash or credit card, if you use these handy links to pay for your club meeting payment needs:



**Happy Bucks**

<https://bit.ly/4a1tsQm>



**Raffle Tickets**

<https://bit.ly/4qw5y5z>



**Lunch Ticket for 1**

<https://bit.ly/4qOoJl1>

Just fill in your payment information, and then click

## Support Your Club



Support our club by purchasing Brown Bear car wash tickets! The price is only \$10 (retail is \$12) so it is a bargain for you that benefits the club. Send your check to James Raptis, and he will mail your tickets to you. Or you can purchase the tickets at a club meeting, just ask James Raptis!



Buy a peace car flag and support Ballard Rotary! International Peace Day is September 21st, the perfect time to display these flags on your car. Peace car flags are available for the low price of \$10 each, with \$5 going to Ballard Rotary. The flag attaches to your car window, and when the window is closed, the flag flies just above the roofline of your car. Thank you to Rotary Club of Bellevue and Nancy Pasternak, who had the flags printed and made them available to us. To purchase, contact Derick Pasternak, by email or phone.



Purchase a Ballard Rotary baseball cap and wear it proudly, especially when attending service projects! The cost is only \$20! To purchase, contact James Raptis

the **Pay Now** button. Easy-peasy!

## Follow Us on Social Media

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Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@ballardrotary>