



BALLARD ROTAGRAM

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Club Calendar

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Member Notes



Rotary Club of
Ballard

September-
October
Schedule
2026



Hello, Autumn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept 6	7	8 Zoom	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Leif Erikson Lodge	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 President's Social	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Fifth Tuesday Outing	20 Oct 1	2	3	
4	5	6 Leif Erikson Lodge	7	8	9	10



September 1st Club Meeting

Welcome, September! International friendship and connection was the theme for our first club meeting of the month, and we celebrated our ties with Norway. Thank you to all who attended!



A warm thank you to Tina Aure, manager of Leif Erikson Lodge, who left on a couple of tables beautiful bouquets from a recent Celebration of Life that took place in the big hall. They added an uplifting touch to our meeting! Our "caterer" for the day was Costco, thanks to Wil for securing tasty sandwiches and more for the attendees.

Attendance

Members: 11

Guests: 2 (speaker Lori Ann Reinhall and Wendy Jensen, owner of Scandinavian Hearts)

Total: 13

Meeting Pix

September 15th Club Meeting details:

- **SPEAKER:** Jesse Gibbs



- **Topic:** Hot Mess Express
- **Notes:** Hot Mess Express is a women-led nonprofit with affiliates across the United States. Its purpose is to help local, overwhelmed women and moms with things they've fallen behind on. Through nominations, the group dispatches volunteers to the homes of fellow women who need some help. With no judgment, the volunteers help with cleaning, laundry, dishes, organizing meal prep, restoration of household balance, and offering a fresh start. Jesse Gibbs is a graphic designer, a published author, and an advocate for marginalized people. She has been an administrator for Hot Mess Express Seattle since July 2025.

TIME: 12:00 Noon

- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
- **NOTES:** Pay for your lunch ahead of time: <https://bit.ly/4qOoJl1>. And 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)!

President's Social on September 22nd details:



Arnie Papernick and Derick Pasternak



- **TIME:** 5:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** TBD!
- **NOTES:** Wil Barrett is planning for this to be at Golden Gardens, weather permitting. It will BYOB. If the weather is not friendly, then it will be at Rough & Tumble. We'll know more definitely when we get closer to the date. We'll keep you posted!!

Fifth Tuesday Outing September 29th details:



- **TIME:** 6:00 PM
- **LOCATION:** Conor Byrne Pub, 5140 Ballard Ave NW
- **NOTES:** We will be joining Ballard Solidarity for their happy hour! Ballard Solidarity's mission is to make Ballard a place where neighbors know each other, help each other, and work together for the common good. They are committed to making Ballard a supportive, safe, and resilient place for all. Sounds like they are kindred spirits, so let's get to know them!



Guest Wendy Jensen

September 8th Club Meeting

This meeting on Zoom was well attended, and drew folks who care about the current problems with ICE and abusive immigration detainment.

Brian Dang gave a great presentation on the issues regarding the absence of mental health at the ICE Detention Center in Tacoma.

Attendance:

Members: 13

Visiting Rotarians: 2

Guest: 1 (Angie Corwin, scholarship recipient)

Barbecue Special for September 15th Meeting!

Just a heads-up that as a farewell to summer, Wil Barrett is preparing a barbecue lunch for the club meeting on September 15th! He will be preparing the barbecued

October 6th Club Meeting details:

- **SPEAKER:** TBD
- **Topic:** TBD
- **Notes:** If you know of a great speaker, let David Rice know!
- **TIME:** 12:00 Noon
- **LOCATION:** Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St
- **NOTES:** Pay for your lunch ahead of time: <https://bit.ly/4qOoJl1>. And 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)!

September 8th Program: Brian Dang on Mental Health & Social Justice

brisket himself. There will also be mac & cheese and who knows what other delicious noshes, so be there or be square!

Rotarians Are People of Action!

September Service Project



Date: Tuesday, September 22
Time: To be announced
Location: To be announced
Andree Hurley is planning our September project, which will be a trash pick-up on Tuesday, September 22nd, just before the President's Social. No time or exact location yet, more details to follow! But now you will have TWO reasons to join your fellow club members on the 22nd!

Celebrate!



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

Member	Birthday
Debbi Larson	5 September
Andree Hurley	6 September
Daniel Foe	10 September
Doug Warne	15 September
Frank Airey	19 September



The September 8th club meeting featured our own Brian Dang as program speaker. Brian is a Seattle University clinical mental health counseling student, and a member/organizer with Counselors for Social Justice (which has more than 70 student members and is the only Washington State mental health organization in the Defend Migrants Alliance.) The Defend Migrants Alliance is a coalition of more than 100 groups.

With his cohort at Seattle University, Brian made regular visits to NWDC to check on detainees' mental health and to document conditions at the Northwest Detention Center where ICE detainees are placed. They produced a 9-page mental health report that focused on Filipino nationals in the Northwest Detention Center) — published and shared online (see link below).

The conditions inside NWDC, as reported by detainees, include:

- Poor food quality (often described as worse than prison) and inadequate nutrition for medical needs.
- Hot water/low pressure problems in showers.
- Medical neglect: serious conditions sometimes treated only with Tylenol; insufficient continuity of care (example: detainee with stage 4 cancer).
- Mental health crisis responses are punitive: use of isolation/"the hole" and suicide smocks; at least one reported self-harm attempt.
- Sleep is often the only respite for detainees due to bright lights, overcrowded sleeping quarters, and stress.
- Phone and tablet use and commissary items cost money; detainees depend on outside funds to access basics and communications.



Brian described the focus on Filipino nationals and the impact of diplomatic failures. The report centered on Filipino detainees because of structural issues (labor export economy, remittance dependence) and perceived failure/absence of the Philippine consulate to support nationals in detention. Examples of problematic consular responses included performative visits, refusal and delay in dispensing Assistance to Nationals funds.

Brian related their efforts with regard to the specific case of Kuya Rho, a long-detained Filipino national with deteriorating mental health, and described their active campaign to secure consular and legal support and funds. He also related the case of Loreto Javar, a 76-year-old Filipino green card holder with stage-4 cancer who was detained during the naturalization process. He was later released on recognizance after community pressure, but is still restricted with an ankle monitor and ICE check-ins.

Brian explained that campaign tactics included petitions, phone/email bombardments, fundraising for legal fees, publicity and rallies (for example, the Seattle "People's State of the Nation Address" counter-event).

There are visitation logistics and constraints to be dealt with. Visiting involves signing in, leaving belongings, metal detection, speaking through a simple wired

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

Ed Robinson	Many!
Daniel Foe	14

Club Leadership 2026-2027



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. Request a link to the Zoom meeting from our club president.

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

District 5030 Rotary Foundation Gala
Friday, October 16, 2026
DoubleTree SeaTac Ballroom
Doors Open: 5:00 p.m.
Register at district5030.org/event-tickets.

CLUB LEADERSHIP

Board of Directors
President (2026-2027)
Wil Barrett
President-Elect (2027-2028)
TBD
Immediate Past President
Alana Morris
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Peacebuilders Chair
Val Gaifouline
Programs Chair
David Rice
International Chair and Grants Officer
Alana Morris & Derick Pasternak
Family of Rotary
William Barrett

phone line with poor sound quality. And visitors must know the detainee's name or alien number if they wish to visit. Visitation hours vary by classification, and activists coordinate the lists and schedules.

In conclusion, Brian found that mental health harms are severe and exacerbated by detention conditions and inadequate medical/consular response. Also, structural fixes are needed, such as consular accountability, medical access, and an end to punitive isolation practices.

Brian's recommendations for actions that we can take:

- Read and share the NWDC mental health report.
- Amplify and participate in campaigns for named detainees (calls, petitions, fundraising).
- Help publicize the report and local actions (rallies, work parties).
- Consider donating to legal/commissary funds or connecting to legal representation (especially for detainees held far from where advocates are based).

Here are the links Brian mentioned in the presentation:

NWDC mental health report: <https://tinyurl.com/nwdcmcn>

"2000 a Day" campaign (stories project): <https://tinyurl.com/2000aday>

Scholarship Recipient Angie Corwin



At the September 8th club meeting, Angie Corwin joined the Zoom meeting from her car to share her experience as a recipient of a Ballard Rotary scholarship to Seattle Maritime Academy for the 2025-2026 school year. Enrolled in the deck program at Seattle Maritime Academy, her coursework covered line handling, emergency preparedness, navigation and charting, knots and splicing, survival craft proficiency, and other seamanship skills. She trained on an 82-foot former Coast Guard cutter, and used the full bridge simulator for realistic bridge practice.

Within a week of graduating from the deck program, Angie was interviewed with and accepted a position at Kitsap Transit, which operates fast ferries between Kitsap and King Counties, and local routes like Port Orchard to Bremerton. She is working on three vessels and her training on them requires demonstrating core competencies (emergency equipment, startup/shutdown procedures). She is signed

Vocational Services Chair

[TBD]

Youth Committee Chair

Mark Stewart

Environmental & Sustainability Chair

Andree Hurley

Ballard Rotary Foundation Directors

Director: Stan Miner

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Pete Scott

Member: David Rice

Support Your Club



Brown Bear Car Wash is the official car wash of the Seattle Seahawks!

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

off on two of the three vessels, and has begun training on the third.

She works early hours, with her shift starting at 3:30 a.m. and finishing at 11:30 a.m. A notable experience early in her job was participating in the real rescue of a person who fell from a sailboat. She contributed to the retrieval using her training and the proper equipment. This reinforced an important appeal of her job, that of providing safety to the public and being a first responder. Kitsap Transit had multiple rescues over a two-week period that summer.

In reflecting on her personal goals, Angie said she finds public transit work meaningful as public service with public engagement. She plans to continue training, and hopes to be fully signed off on all three vessels within a month or so. Her goal is to obtain a captain's license within a year. She expressed gratitude for the scholarship and that the program built both her skills and confidence.

Angie shared some photos from the Academy and from her work:



Angie and her class at Seattle Maritime Academy



The Carlisle II, a historic wooden passenger ferry from the Mosquito Fleet, operated by Kitsap Transit as a backup vessel on the Bremerton–Port Orchard route.

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.



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

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Angie on the bridge at a Kitsap Transit ferry.



Angie at the wheel on the bridge.

We congratulate Angie on her success, and invite her to come back and visit Ballard Rotary anytime!

September 1st Program: Seattle-Bergen Sister City Program



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At the September 1st club meeting, Lori Ann Reinhold of the Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association presented the history, mission, and recent activities of the Seattle-Bergen relationship. Part of the Sister Cities International's "peace through people" network, Seattle and Bergen have been sister cities for approximately 59–60 years. Lori highlighted cultural exchanges (concerts, art, youth music), education and university-level student opportunities, sports diplomacy (e.g. Berge Seahawks, baseball), trade initiatives (helping Bergen silversmiths access West Coast retailers), and civic collaborations on environmental and drug recovery topics.

Lori emphasized the need to engage younger volunteers, and noted Seattle's municipal support and local partnerships (National Nordic Museum, Sons of Norway, UW, Tacoma Sister Cities). She invited all to attend an upcoming Lake Union Park street fair on September 19th (use this link to learn more: [Seattle Sister Cities Association - Street Fair](#)), and discussed potential Rotary-to-Rotary ties with Bergen clubs, including flag exchanges and student-exchange collaboration.



After her talk, David Rice presented Lori with our club's flag. He stated that a goal of our club is to create a relationship with one of the seven Rotary Clubs in Bergen. We would really like to deepen our relationship with Bergen and Norway, and the Sister City Association's goals align so well with the goals of Rotary. He said that Lori is a force of nature in the Norwegian community here, and described her many accomplishments connecting Ballard with Norway and Bergen in particular.

Contact: info@seattle-bergen.org

Website Link: [Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association | international exchange](#)

Social media: <https://www.facebook.com/seattlebergensistercities>