



Club Meeting

**Bremerton
Meets at Olympic
College Bistro, Building
10
1600 Chester Ave.
Bremerton, WA 98337
Time: Monday at 11:45
AM**

Speakers

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

**Gerald E. EGAN
January 25th
John STOCKWELL
February 3rd
Jerome R. REID
February 7th
JILL B. ROBINSON
February 8th
WAYNE O. LINDBERG
February 8th
Jean M. MITCHELL
February 10th
Frank C. DAYTON
February 19th**

Years of Service

**Steven M. RICE
06-01-1990
34 Years
Karen McKay Bevers
06-01-2012
12 Years
Caroline RIVERS
06-04-2015
9 Years
Daryl Wayne Matheny
06-22-2017
7 Years
Laura McKerrow
05-31-2020
4 Years**



From the meeting of January 22, 2024
BY DENISE LEDINGHAM

REFLECTION



Photo: Dave Gitch giving the Reflection with the subject clock

Dave Gitch recognized **Chad Melton** for being the only one wearing a dress coat. Dave has a clock, which he carefully placed on the podium, and he replaced the battery, but time stood still. He took the clock to a watch repair company in old town Silverdale. The watchmaker took a look and said it needed the whole clock works replaced and would be expensive. He suggested going to Michaels or a similar store to replace the clock works. Dave did this and put the cover on and the hands wouldn't turn for several weeks. After a short while he went back to the watchmaker, and he asked can you do without the second hand? Dave reflected on it and realized he didn't need the second hand. The clock ran just fine without the second hand. Dave had two takeaways: sometimes when you think you are out of solutions, there is an out of the box solution that solves the problem. The second takeaway, is asking himself do I need to buy this thing, or am I hesitant to throw something out, and do I really need the second hand? No, I don't. Dave asked the watchmaker how much he owed, and the watchmaker said nothing. Dave paid for the two lessons he learned that day.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Tanya Hall, Sunshine Coast Rotary Club, Sechelt, BC **Betsy Pentz**, East Jefferson Rotary Club, Geoff's wife **Mary Lou Long**, Tom's wife **Keaton Martinez**, our outbound exchange student to South Korea next year **Reama Schuldt** (Jim Cline's guest) **Alexander Parker** **Eva Nadot**, our exchange student from France **Deborah Jackson**, motivational speaker, being inducted today.

SERGEANT AND HAPPY BUCKS



Marin Solace was the sergeant this week.

Carrie Rivers is happy because in the 20+ years that Pasek Cellars was the sponsor for the Blackberry Wine, she was able to visit the winery and the winery donated one of each bottle of their wine for the Wild Game dinner.

Dale Holdren took his daughter, who was home for a month, to the airport to return to New Zealand.

Laura McKerrow is happy for her daughter doing her clinical year for vet school and passed the licensing exam and will finish her clinical year in the spring/early summer. Laura is very excited for her.

Jim Cline is happy he submitted the application to the city for trash cans to be relocated for the Charleston District to improve the look of the Charleston District. He is happy with the City of Bremerton.

John Stockwell visited other clubs promoting Wild Game Dinner and felt it is a great experience.

Mary Lou Long donated money for some reasons she could not share.

Photo: The Music Committee: John Stockwell solo



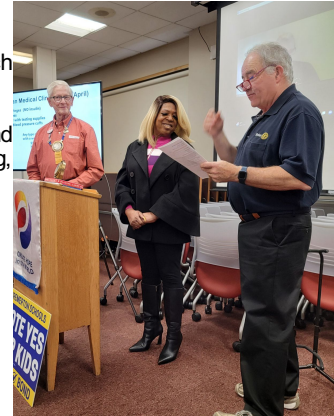
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marin Solace encouraged all **Rotarians** to buy tickets for the Wild Game Dinner and Auction. We have 76 tickets sold. We sold 115 last year.

Keaton Martinez shared that BHS is having a talent show on Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30 pm in the BHS Performing Arts Center. Keaton's band is playing. No cost to attend.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

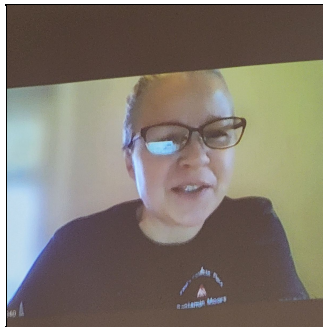
Deborah Jackson was inducted as our newest member. Tom Long sponsored her and introduced her. Deborah is a motivational speaker and life coach and executive director of Surviving Change. She provides services such as time management, structured interviewing skills, eliminate paralyzing self-perceived limitations, funeral and burials, credit retrieval, feeding program, second chance renting, and individual education plan for special needs youth with the Bremerton School District.



PROGRAM

Tanya Hall, Sunshine Coast Rotary Club, Sechelt, BC

Her presentation was **#100 days of service ~ Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia**

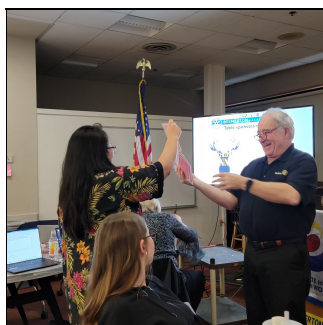


Tanya's partner partner was the District 5040 Governor 2020-2021 and, unfortunately, passed away before the end of his DG year after a 5-year battle with cancer. Her daughter, Georgia, went on exchange to Denmark 18 months later, which led Tanya to embark on her adventure. She used the family of Rotary to see her through on a backpack journey. She called on Rotary clubs in Central America. She did the fundraising on her own, but benefited with her Rotary club's name to assist with fundraising.

Tanya started with her mother in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico as she had musical instruments to donate there. Second, she went to Colima and volunteered on a project entitled Project Amigo. In Puebla she spent Christmas painting a community center before her mom returned home. In Merida, she painted a home for folks that were going through cancer treatments and other treatments. In Belize, Tanya went to the Belize Central Prison. It was a Rotary run prison and she said well-run. She worked in the women section and trained 10 women to be painters. Most women were in the prison due to immigration issues. Tanya painted a Venezuelan Refugee camp in San Jose, Costa Rica. And a police station in Jaco. Tanya was able to get tourists and local Rotarians to help her paint. In Panama she painted garbage cans in Boquete. She also worked in a thrift store to benefit kids with disabilities.


She's going to Colombia again this year under the name, Canada to Colombia for the Kids, bringing along her daughter and niece, adding more locations. In Cartagena she painted the second floor of a school and will paint the first floor this year and build a shelter over the outdoor courtyard. Tanya is also going to Santa Marta and bringing musical instruments to rebuild their marching band in addition to painting various projects. Tanya went to Medellin and painted an orphanage called the Love Garden Foundation. This year they will decorate and furnish the rooms on the 3rd floor currently being built. In Bogota, she was involved with the Sun of the Andes Foundation, which is a facility for families battling cancer. This year the trio will work to create a living plant wall, which she says she has never done and paint the whole facility. Cali will be the last location and includes a home that is for kids going through cancer treatment. This next summer she is going with the help of her daughter, Georgia, and niece, Hana, after their high school graduation. Tanya's passion for Rotary was inspirational.

DRAWING



Jessica Hull had the winning ticket, but no Ace of Spades.

UPCOMING MEETINGS



January 29 â€" Josh Farley, writer for the Seattle Times
February 5 â€" Tom and Tish, Going to Alaska in a row boat
February 12 â€" Sweetheart luncheon
February 19 â€" NO MEETING Presidents Day
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