



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

**February 05, 2024
Tom and Tish, Going to
Alaska in a row boat**

Events

**February 8th
Pre-Wild Game Oyster
Shucking
at Tim Baker's house**

Birthdays

**John STOCKWELL
February 3rd
Jerome R. REID
February 7th
WAYNE O. LINDBERG
February 8th
JILL B. ROBINSON
February 8th
Jean M. MITCHELL
February 10th
Frank C. DAYTON
February 19th
Karen McKay Bevers
February 28th**

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 January 29, 2024 meeting
By Karen Bevers*

GUESTS

Alexander Parker, interested in learning more about our club
Mary Lou Long, Tom Long's wife
Skylar Orona, Ana's daughter
Reama Schuldt, owner of Spread Supplies on Callow
Josh Farley, guest speaker
Sunny Saunders, Blackberry Festival Manager

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

The music committee performed a ditty about the Wild Game Dinner and Ode to Oysters (sung to the tune of Ode to Joy by Beethoven) promoting the Oyster Shucking party at Tim Baker's next week (more on that in announcements below). They were accompanied by our President, playing the jaw harp.



Oysters they are funny things.

Got no brains or legs or feet.

They don't move just lay around and

Then get shucked when time to eat.

If you're given

Too much whiskey

As a form of bribery.

Even if you hem and haw

You might end up eating one raw.

REFLECTION

Karen Bevers shared that her daughter Evelyn (Evvie) is in driver's ed - her daughter who was only 3 when Karen joined the club. She said had she been a sergeant, she thought she'd probably make some good money for the club quizzing members from Evvie's driver's ed manual. She looked for some meaningful quotes about teaching your teen to drive but didn't find anything appropriate for a Rotary luncheon, so she settled for a few dad jokes about driving instead. Such as: What kind of car do dogs hate? *CorVETS*. Why are pigs bad drivers? *They hog the road!*

She closed with the following quote: "The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above average drivers."



SERGEANT

The sergeant was **Doug Berger** who kicked in \$10 in to celebrate his return from

“exotic travel” (his words) with a new Hawaiian shirt and a “big boy” hat (words of his granddaughter).



Happy Bucks:

Gordon Cromwell donated \$100 in memory of his wife’s father - a longtime Rotarian - who recently passed away. He donated a second \$100 in honor of his mother who passed away January 22- just shy of her 99th birthday. Our condolences to Gordon and his family.

Steve Rice shared a happy buck and a cute story about his two-year-old granddaughter who is not yet familiar with family names. She recently pointed at Steve and called him “that guy.” Steve said he always wanted to be called “that guy!”

Geoff Pentz paid a happy buck in honor of the 15 past presidents he served in his many years as secretary, acknowledging he now understands why they always seemed stressed-out this time of year of their presidency.

Chad Melton threw in \$1 for his recent dining experience at Lola, a new restaurant near the old hospital. He is happy to have another fine dining experience on the Peninsula.

Jim Cline kicked in \$5 to thank our speaker Josh Farley for the interview/video he did with Miranda Pinero, co- owner of Cafe Corvo on Callow in a [recent podcast](#) for [The Kitsap Smokestack](#) (more on that publication below!)

Carrie Rivers threw in \$5 but asked for change to help pay the bill for the leaky roof she had fixed last week. She was happy to have friends from high school in the roofing business, and thankful for her mom who watched her kids while she worked all weekend.

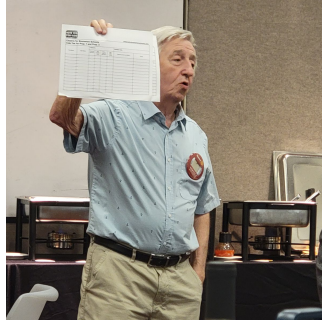
Hearing about Carrie’s roof woes, **Gordon** threw in another extra happy buck and a shout out for **Tim Ryan** who sent a crew to his house to fix his leaky pipes in his cabin and his garage.

The sergeant then fined anybody who has not yet purchased their **Wild Game** tickets. He also fined anybody who has traveled anywhere in the last six months, and encouraged those who hadn’t to do so!

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Bevers gave an update on the **AVID** Program. Second semester started today so AVID seniors are on the home stretch. She shared a bit about the AVID budget that helps fund AVID field trips, student summer experiences, PSAT tests and the year-end AVID Recognition Night.



Wild Game Dinner: If you purchased a table, please send your list of guests to **Marin Solis** (marin@eatwithmanu.com) so we have their names when they check-in at the event. Shout-out to our **music committee** for visiting 5 (yes 5!) local Rotary clubs to promote the Wild Game Dinner.



Jim Cline passed out sign-up sheets on behalf of the **Citizens for Bremerton Schools** and asked all Rotarians to sign up to endorse the campaign (which doesn't cost time or money). There are also opportunities to support the committee such as door belling and phone calling. He reminded everyone to vote by February 13 (ballots are out!). Please send him a note at jdwcline@yahoo.com with questions or to get involved.

Registration is now open for the **District Training Conference** at Semiahmoo May 2-4. **Geoff** and **Betsy** plan to fly up and attend.

Our annual **Oyster Shucking Party** is Thursday, Feb. 8 at Tim Baker's home. No need to RSVP. Just show up! Feel free to bring a favorite "gamy" dish to share if you like, but it's totally optional. Address: 2717 Marine Drive, Bremerton.

Our annual  **Sweetheart Luncheon**  is Monday, February 12. Rotarians and guests will be served a sit-down meal from students enrolled in the West Sound Technical Skills Center culinary program! A request for RSVPs is forthcoming.

There is room in the June 2025 **Rotary Friendship Exchange** to Sweden. **Geoff** was recently asked to chair the committee at the district level so we'll get lots of updates on this really cool program (which is like Rotary Youth Exchange for grown-ups).

Geoff is headed to Mexico, along with Betsy, to see the eclipse and will be taking some **medical supplies for our Mazatlan project, medical clinic and ESL program**. He's looking for old blood pressure cuffs, diabetes test strips and gear, and other first aid supplies so if you have things that you'd like to donate, please talk to Geoff.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was **Josh Farley**, an award-winning journalist and a longtime reporter for the Kitsap Sun. Josh is now an editorial writer / columnist with The Seattle Times.

He started off by saying THANK YOU to the club for all that we've done for the community. In 2020, Josh and a team of volunteers decided to take on restoration of a trashed, overgrown city park known as the Madrona Trails. He is grateful for Rotary's generous support for the project and honor longtime Rotarian Dr. John Stanley. Josh offered to give any and all who are interested a guided tour of the trails and show them where the bench dedicated to Dr. John Stanley is located.



Josh said he's now got his dream job. He is a part of a team of 2 editors and 4 writers on The Seattle Times editorial board. He said there are not very many editorial boards left in the United States. Being a part of an editorial board is very different from reporting. He says they get to "shine a light on things that need to be seen." He said "I used to look for stories, now I look for solutions."

He spoke about a new local start-up publication called "The Smokestack" that is available in bars, restaurants and stores around town. It fills a void in arts and entertainment coverage that was discontinued by the Kitsap Sun several years ago. Josh is the host for the monthly Smokestack podcast that is recorded

live on stage at the Manette Saloon before Trivia Night which is the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.(all are welcome).

Josh spoke about the current crisis with our ferry system. He believes that the root of the problem is that the ferries get lost in the bureaucracy of the Department of Transportation and their importance is underestimated by many in the legislature, and not important to many less familiar with the system. He believes that the Washington State Ferries needs to do an economic impact study on the ferry system to elevate the visibility and show the importance of the system to the state's economy.

He spoke briefly about the year of politics ahead of us - everything from local races and initiatives to the presidential election.

DRAWING

Jill Robinson had the lucky red ticket AGAIN but her luck ran out as she drew the wrong card from Geoff's deck. \$409 remains in the pot for next week!



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS

February 5 "Tom and Tish, Going to Alaska in a row boat"
February 12 "Sweetheart luncheon"
February 19 "NO MEETING Presidents Day holiday"