



## Club Meeting

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

## Speakers

November 04, 2024

[Tom Zwolfer](#)

USS Bremerton

November 11, 2024

[to be determined](#)

November 18, 2024

[Lisa Hope](#)

Kitsap History Museum

November 25, 2024

[Thanksgiving Week \(no meeting\)](#)

## Events

No Events found

## Birthdays

Peter Braun

November 14th

Kimberly N Laughlin

November 24th

Walter S. Draper IV

November 25th

## Years of Service

Steven M. Rice

06-01-1990

35 Years

Karen McKay Bevers

06-01-2012

13 Years

Caroline Rivers

06-04-2015

10 Years

Daryl Wayne Matheny

06-22-2017

8 Years

Laura McKerrow

05-31-2020

5 Years



*From the meeting of 10/28/24*

**BY STEVE LANDAU**

## REFLECTION



**Marin Solace** reflected on how much Rotary has changed her life. It started when her partner **Manu** ran into **Doug Berger**, and Doug invited Manu to attend one of our meetings. Marin came along as an uninvited guest and the rest, as they say, is history. She said she never thought she would be a volunteer, but that's exactly what she is. As well as being president-elect!

## VISITORS & GUESTS

**Susan Young**, Alliance for Equitable Healthcare, program speaker

**Sunny Saunders**

**Jayne Roper**, formerly Barton, former club member, is taking over accounting functions for our club

**Doug Fielding**, Berkeley, Calif., Rotary, visiting family vacation home at Enetai Beach

## MUSIC COMMITTEE



The Music Committee composed a song especially for **Tim Quigley**, who was not present at the meeting because he is working in the Auditor's Election Department.

*To the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad"*

*Tim is working the elections,*

*For – Kit - sap County*

*Sorting all the ballots*

*For someone's victory.*

*Who will be the winner*

*Tim does not care*

*As long as all are counted  
So the election will be fair  
Tim will not know  
Tim will not know  
Who - won or lost  
Tim doesn't care  
as long as it's fair  
That's that way he goes!*

#### SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS



**Jean Mitchell** was the sergeant and she started by calling for “happy bucks” . . .

**Amanda Owen** was happy that **lita Yli-Kukha** and a friend from RYLA came over to her house to carve pumpkins.

**Reama Schuldt** was also happy to be a Rotarian. She said the Saturday clean-up event at her store on Callow Avenue was amazing; she thanked **Doc Blackwell** and **Jim Cline** for their enthusiastic participation.

**Geoff Pentz** received bad news from the Port Townsend marina operator about his 40-foot sailboat. With a 60-foot mast, it was the tallest in the boat yard and had tipped over in a high wind. Geoff was relieved, however, that it did not knock over any boats when it fell. Insurance wrote it off as a total loss.



**Tom Long** was happy for our Finnish exchange student **lita Yli-Kuha**, who started off playing soccer on the BHS junior varsity team and last week was promoted to the varsity team. She is in white jersey in photo.

**President Karen** said she enjoyed having lunch with immediate past president **Geoff Pentz**, who shared some words of wisdom with her. She is elated that her two 1½-month kittens are already using the litter box.

**Marin Solace** was happy to have started school again; she is seeking a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership and business management at Olympic College.

**Dale Holdren** said the film his whole family worked on, “Bob Trevino Likes It,” continued to receive various film festival awards—New Hampshire, Mill Valley, Witchita, San Diego and even Spain.

**Dennis Treger** was proudly wearing his WSU shirt; he pointed out that the Cougs are 7-1 and lead the Pac 12 (more like the Pac 2 now).

**Dave Anderson’s** wife **Sharon** has a group lunch several times a year and it was scheduled for Saturday; on Sunday there was a 45-car pileup on the freeway.

**Jim Cline** had **Reama Schuldt** and **Doc Blackwell** stand and thanked them for their work on the clean-up event Saturday on Callow Avenue in the Charleston Business District. Reama came up with the idea and Doc has been a tireless partner on Charleston revitalization efforts. People were dancing in the streets! Jim said our \$300 donation made a big difference.

Jean turned to meting out fines based on questions about the electoral college. She asked what would happen if the electoral votes were tied and **Steve Landau** knew the answer—the election would be kicked to the House of Representatives, where each state delegation would have one vote.

**Gordon Cromwell** said his son **Gordy** is a fireman and he saw a photo of him cutting into a burning building with a chainsaw. He thanked his Dad for teaching him how to use a chainsaw.

We learned that **George Washington** and **John Adams** were from different parties, but they served as president and vice-president because they were the top two vote-getters.

Why is the election in November? Because it was after harvest time.

Why is it on a Tuesday? To allow voters to go to church Sunday, travel to the polling site on Tuesday and return home Wednesday.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We listened to a brief video (sound only) from **Keaton Martinez**, our outbound exchange student to South Korea. He participated in a festival that featured soccer matches, school bands and food sold by faculty and students. He also drove a co-cart and won a karaoke prize.

**Reama Schuldt** said her store is hosting a bike rodeo with other organizations on Saturday, Nov. 9. There will be a class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. dealing with bike maintenance and other issues.

**President Karen** indicated that we have just signed a lease renewal for our storage space in the Fourth Street Building and after the next meeting, volunteers are needed to help reorganize Rotary’s stuff. It should only take a half-hour if enough people show up.

## PROGRAM

**Susan Young**, a former K-12 teacher and member of the Alliance for Equitable Healthcare, talked to us about efforts to ensure access to affordable, comprehensive and equitable health care throughout Kitsap County. It is a grassroots organization formed by persons concerned about what is happening with health care in the county. She said people are having a terrible time getting appointments for primary care. A 2023 community needs assessment done by St. Michael's Hospital identified two major areas of concern: access to behavioral health services and access to primary care in general.

The Alliance is looking at forming a Public Hospital District in Kitsap County to serve as a mechanism for providing sustainable funding for health care organizations. The district can be formed by citizens petitioning the county government, to be followed by an election to form the district. Once formed, it would be governed by publicly elected commissioners. There are currently 46 hospital districts in the state.



Susan Young gets our traditional speaker's gift of a jar of Bremerton Rotary Blackberry jam.

## EXCHANGE STUDENT



*BHS student Atley Carter and our exchange student Iita Yli-Kuha carved pumpkins at*

*Amanda Owen's house as her baby Rex looked on. Iita's pumpkin is the large one in the middle; it is meant to be a cat.*

#### DRAWING

**Dave Anderson** got a shot at drawing the elusive Queen of Spades, which **President Karen** assured us was still in the deck.

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Nov. 4: **Tom Zwolfer**, USS Bremerton

Nov. 11: Veterans Day, no meeting

Nov. 18: **Lisa Hope**, Kitsap History Museum

Nov, 25: Thanksgiving Week, no meeting

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