



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

March 04, 2024
Tom Wolfe
Bremerton Police Chief
March 11, 2024
Julius Blackwel
March 25, 2024
CAPT Crinklaw
PSNS Commanding Officer

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Daniel SULLIVAN
March 1st
Chuck Capps
March 21st
Katie Walters
March 21st

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 Rotary Meeting of February 26, 2024

Posted by *Walt Draper*

INTRODUCTIONS

Visitors & Guests:

Visiting Rotarians
Assistant Governor **David White**, East Bremerton Rotary Club

Guests:

Rosie Garbe, today's speaker
Mary Lou Long, wife of Tom
Alexander Parker, prospective new member

Bremerton High School Students

- James Penitus**
- Tyson Penitus**
- Dyon Sellars**
- Maurice Allen**
- Frank Allen**
- Marquise Allen**
- Neiahmaya Chapman**



Reflection: The Reflection was delivered by **Scott Willard**. His subject was "Is it the Truth?" Scott provided commentary on the underlying truths found in the Rotary 4-Way test.



Music Committee: The Music Committee was not prepared and had nothing to offer. There was scattered applause. Instead, **Carrie Rivers** recited a poem, Dr. Seuss' "Happy Birthday to Me." The poem was in recognition of her son's imminent sixth birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Larry Eyer both read a "thank-you" note from Kitsap Lake Elementary teacher Mrs. Sylvanus and her third-grade class and passed around "thank you" notes from other teachers and students for our recent presentation of dictionaries to all third graders in the district.

Laura McKerrow provided a preliminary report on Wild Game Dinner results

Scholarships - \$23,800

Silent Auction - \$5,000

Oral Auction - \$15,000

Dessert Auction - \$1,500

Ticket Sales - \$14,000

Total - \$59,300

Tom Long solicited volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee to recruit host families for our incoming foreign exchange student next school year. Need three families living in the Bremerton School District for approximately three months each



Dave White, our Assistant Governor, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to past-president **Denise Ledingham** for her efforts in End Polio Now fund raising.

Steve Rice presented the club with a \$500 check, a generous gift from an AMD mentor, **Will Clemmer**.



Alexander Parker was inducted as a new Rotarian by President Geoff and sponsor, **Daryl Matheny**. Alexander professed that "The best memories in my life are when I gave back." Alex received the usual swag. "Welcome Aboard," Alex.

SERGEANT AND HAPPY BUCKS



Karen Sawyer-Meehan was our Sergeant.

Happy Bucks:

Chuck Capps gave a total of \$30 for two purposes. First for the success of the Wild Game Dinner, and second, in memory of his deceased friend.

Dave Gitch contributed, noting that if his birthday were on February 29, he would be "21" this year. **John Stockwell** contributed, noting a great five days he just spent in Comox, Canada with all of the District Foreign Exchange students. **Steve Rice** is happy that he is going to Brazil for the wedding of a former exchange student. Steve also had happy bucks in recognition of the Bremerton Boys Basketball Team, which is headed to the State 2A quarterfinals in Yakima. Bremerton School Superintendent, **James Crawford**, had happy bucks in gratefulness to the voters for passing both the operating levy and the construction bond in the recent election. **Jim Cline** had a happy buck for his son's birthday. Son is an educator in Central Kitsap and a comedian at the Jewel Box Theater in Poulsbo. Jim also promoted "One block, many books" on Callow Avenue this Saturday. Karen cut Jim off for talking too long.

Karen then asked a series of questions that came up at the recent PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) training. She highlighted unique facts about Bremerton Rotary's history. [Long running fund raisers, a very successful AVID program, etc.]

LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Dale Holdren introduced our speaker, **Rosie Garbe**. Rosie is the Executive Director of Scarlet Road, a non-profit that provides **essential services to victims of sexual exploitation. Scarlet Road's mission is "Seeing and Serving the Unseen."** Sexual exploitation is a widespread problem. An available hotline had 16,000 calls last year. The actual number is likely much higher and in the

300,000-400,000 range. There were 180 known victims in Kitsap County last year.

The average age of victims is fifteen. And it is a myth that the only targets are girls and women - 40 of the 180 last year were male. It is also a myth that the problem is only in areas of poverty. Victims actually come from every economic strata. Rosie showed a video of one client's story, Jessica's Journey: "Survival becomes the Norm." And the survivor has no trust in anyone or anything. Scarlet Road has a three-tiered approach, "prevent, reach, and restore."

In closing, Rosie solicited sponsorship for their upcoming Gala this coming May.

DRAWING



Deborah Jackson had her number picked in the raffle. Alas, no joy!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 4 â€” **Tom Wolfe**, Bremerton Police Chief

March 18 â€” **Julius Blackwell**

March 25 â€” **CAPT Crinklaw**, PSNS Commanding Officer

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