



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

March 18, 2024
Julius "Doc" Blackwell
March 25, 2024
CAPT Crinklaw
PSNS Commanding Officer

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Chuck Capps
March 21st
Katie Walters
March 21st
Julius Blackwell
April 5th
Steven M. RICE
April 11th

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 March 11, 2024

By Karen Bevers

Visitors and Guests:

- â€¢ **Sunny Saunders**, Blackberry Festival Manager
- â€¢ **Nanette Hearn**s, Frannie May Foods
- â€¢ **Charles Pounds**, GM at Anthony's
- â€¢ **Hillary Franz**, guest speaker

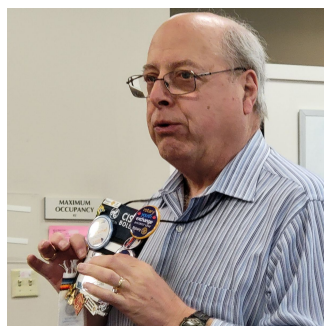


Music Committee: John Stockwell and Larry Eyer shared a song about forest fires, written in honor of today's guest speaker, Commissioner of Public Lands, Hillary Franz.

â€œForest on fire, who lit your spark?
Was it some fool trying to light up the dark?
Maybe a smoker, whose butt went astray?
Too foolish or stupid to use the ash-tray.

Worse yet a fire-bug in arson's delight
Watching with glee as all creatures take flight,
Who knows how it started, spreading so far,
All of life's wonders reduced unto char.
I'd wring your damned neck if I knew who you are.â€

ANNOUNCEMENTS



John Stockwell met lots of Rotarians from around the world at the North American Youth Exchange Network conference in Vancouver, BC. last week. More than 300 people attended. Next year's conference will be in Merida, Mexico.

Tom Long gave a report on Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) interviews last week. Thank you to Rotarians **Ana Orona, Doug Berger, Gerry Egan, Tom Long** and BHS

senior **Dillon Lovestedt** for participating in the interviews. Nine BHS students were selected to attend RYLA, which will be held June 6-9 at YMCA Camp Colman near Longbranch. Tom read some positive comments about AVID in a couple of the student applications: â€œ...significantly helped me to become the student I am today.â€ and â€œ...AVID has been one of my most meaningful classes.â€

Tom is still looking for three Rotarians to serve on a committee to identify three host families (in the Bremerton School District) for next year's inbound exchange student.

Sunny Saunders needs volunteers on Wednesday to help unload 1,000 jars of jam from a delivery truck into our BBF storage area. If you might be

able to help, please contact Sunny at sunny@sunnyjackevents.com.

Reflection: Doc Blackwell gave the Reflection. Short and sweet.

SERGEANT AND HAPPY BUCKS



James LeRoy was Sergeant. **Karen Sawyer-Meehan** and James had attended the Port Orchard Rotary's Annual Crab Feed dinner Saturday. **President Geoff**, who had recruited them to go, bailed because, unfortunately, he was in the emergency room. James checked-in as Geoff who had pre-registered with his credit card for the event. James said he had a REALLY good time with Geoff's credit card during the auction.

James started with a quiz about St. Patrick's Day:

- â€¢ What color was originally associated with St. Patrick's Day? Blue
- â€¢ Which river in the US is dyed green for St. Patrick's Day? Chicago River
- â€¢ What was the true intent for St. Patrick's Day? To honor the patron saint of Ireland for his efforts to bring Christianity to Ireland.
- â€¢ What is the probability of finding a four-leaf clover? 1 in 10,000
- â€¢ What U.S. city hosts the shortest St. Patrick's Day parade? Hot Springs, Arkansas (the parade is 98 feet long).
- â€¢ How many U.S. presidents are of Irish heritage?: 23

Happy Bucks: **Doug Berger** gave 10 happy bucks in honor of his 51st wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's Day. **Karen Bevers** is proud that her son, **Keith**, is a two-time league champion in wrestling and straight-A student. **Dave Anderson** threw in a happy buck for attending his Lake Quinault High School's 69th year reunion. 100% of the surviving members attended - 7. There were 11 members in his graduating class. **Deborah Jackson** gave a happy buck to celebrate her recent presentation to the Silverdale Rotary Club last Thursday. She has been invited to speak at other clubs as well. She thinks we are an "awesome club."

Steve Rice - Terri & Steve took tandem bikes to ride in Walla Walla. Attracted attention (cheers) to their own parade. Daughter **Annie** is expecting again - a 2nd grandchild in October!

Greg Wheeler threw in some happy bucks in honor of the Joiner family - goes back a long time with the family and basketball. Great to have her at Rotary. **Gordon Cromwell** paid a happy buck in honor of club member, **Chris Henrickson**, who went out of his way helping with his mom's funeral and burial. **Alexander Parker** paid his first happy buck as our newest member. His mom is a cancer survivor and sadly her cancer is back. Despite this, he paid a happy buck because the doctors think her cancer will be easy to treat.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Commissioner of Public Lands, **Hillary Franz**, our guest speaker, was happy to be back in Kitsap. She raised her family in Kitsap County on a farm on Bainbridge Island. Her job is to manage 19 million acres of public (aquatic and forest) lands in the state of Washington to generate funding to help fund K-12 education (in some poor counties, 40% of the school budget), public health,

colleges, and county governments. She has gotten legislation passed for public land proceeds to fund school capital projects and not just maintenance.

She took office in 2017 at which time she knew nothing about forest fires. But she knew she couldn't afford to get it wrong. She was shocked at the lack of resources for fighting forest fires. She toured the state and asked people what she needed to do. She determined you can't run from one fire to another - you have to be proactive. She fought for - and got - more funding for forest restoration and fighting forest fires. Millions of acres of forest are dying and it only takes one stray cigarette to start a huge fire. Her department set a goal to restore the health of our state's 1.25 million acres of forests. Only 164,000 acres burned last year which was a huge decrease. They are halfway to the goal in six years and anticipate they will achieve the goal of their 20-year plan in 10 years.

Hillary said that there are insufficient fire fighters available. She has started a program to train incarcerated individuals in prison to be firefighters.

Hillary's motto is "All Lands, All Hands, Altogether."

DRAWING



Doug Berger had the lucky red ticket but his luck ran out and he did not pull the Ace of Spades.

Upcoming Programs:

March 18: Julius "Doc" Blackwell

March 25: CAPT Crinklaw, PSNS Commanding Officer

April 1: TBD

April 8: Washington Destination Imagination

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