



**Club Meeting**

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

**Speakers**

**March 25, 2024**  
**CAPT Crinklaw**  
**PSNS Commanding Officer**

**April 01, 2024**  
**Rachael Studebaker**  
**Creative Mornings**

**April 08, 2024**  
**Bruce Richards**  
**Washington Destination Imagination**

**April 15, 2024**  
**Denise Landis**  
**Bremerton YMCA**

**Events**

**No Events found**

**Birthdays**

**Chuck Capps**  
**March 21st**

**Katie Walters**  
**March 21st**

**Julius Blackwell**  
**April 5th**

**Steven M. RICE**  
**April 11th**

**Dale N. Holdren**  
**April 18th**

**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 18, 2024*

**BY DENISE LEDINGHAM**

**REFLECTION**

**Alexander Parker** read the reflection "The Orange" by Wendy Cope

At lunchtime I bought a huge orange - The size of it made us all laugh.  
I peeled it and shared it with Robert and Dave - They got quarters and I had a half.  
And that orange, it made me so happy,  
As ordinary things often do  
Just lately. The shopping. A walk in the park.  
This is peace and contentment. It's new.  
The rest of the day was quite easy.  
I did all the jobs on my list and enjoyed them and had some time over.  
I love you. I'm glad I exist

**VISITORS & GUESTS**

- Mary Lou Long**
- Suzie Butler**, Tom Long's daughter, and Larke Johnsen's host mother
- Sunny Saunders**, Blackberry Festival Manager
- Larke Johnsen**, exchange student 2019-2020 (during COVID)
- Nanette Hearn**
- Cori Kauk**
- Reama Schuldt**

**SONG**



**John Stockwell, Larry Eyer, and Tim Quigley** sang "The Irish Blues" by Pat Donohue.  
Below is the chorus excerpt.

"Well last night we really got going  
And last night the Guinness was flowing  
With singing and dancing I couldn't refuse  
I woke up today with the Irish Blues."

**HAPPY BUCKS**



**Jean Mitchell** was the sergeant Monday.

**Carrie Rivers** was happy for attending the Blake Sheldon concert with dad (**John Stockwell**), son (**Sean**), and an exchange student from Hungary. She was also happy as her son had a choir concert and she was really proud of him.

**Tom Long** is happy **Laerke Johnsen** is visiting from Denmark.

**Gordon Cromwell** enjoyed the Irish tunes from the song committee.

**Steve Rice** was happy that his great, great, grandfather came from Ireland.

**Marin Solace** is happy as her baby turns 1 year old this Thursday.

**Ana Orona** is happy for **Geoff** taking her, her husband, **Max** and daughter, **Skylar** to the San Juan Islands via his plane.

**Mark Miller** was happy for helping Westsound Tech.

**Dan Sullivan** was happy for being in Hawaii and celebrating his 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and he and his wife's birthdays.

**Marty Cavaluzzi** is happy for his father's life well lived. His father was diagnosed with lung cancer and passed at 89 years and had a great life.

**Denise Ledingham** is happy for spending 10 days in Florida on the boat, fishing, and celebrating her mother-in-law's 80th birthday.

**Larry Eyer** was happy to spend time with friends visiting from India.

**John Stockwell** was happy to go to the Blake Sheldon country music concert. It was fun and an exchange student from Hungary, Nadine, became a country music fan.

**Steve Rice** was happy again. He thinks of **Laerke** each year in June for the time she spent thinning the apple trees in his yard but is disappointed she is here in March.

**Doug Berger's** daughter, President-Elect **Karen Sawyer**, received her permit for her shop.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Karen Sawyer** was awarded the ceremonial badge and is now the President-Elect and will assume the President role July 1, 2024. She has attended PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) and is inspired!



**President Geoff** presented **Cori Kauk** of the Bremerton Foodline, with a \$2,500 check from the Community Grants Committee. She is the new executive director. **Marin Solace** is serving as a table captain for the Bremerton Foodline fundraiser at 7 am, on April 23, 2024 at the Kitsap Conference Center.

**President Geoff** is headed to Mazatlán to take medical supplies and is accepting donations of supplies and will be gone for a few weeks, missing the April 1 and April 8 meetings.

Outbound exchange student **Keaton Martinez** has a fundraiser to raise money for the Bremerton High School Track and Field Team athletic gear. Summer exchange student and Karen's daughter, **Evvie Beavers** is also involved in this BHS fundraiser. To donate, [https://app.moneydolly.com/fundraiser/103448/participant/494879/order?utm\\_source=app&utm\\_medium=share&utm\\_campaign=share\\_fund\\_details](https://app.moneydolly.com/fundraiser/103448/participant/494879/order?utm_source=app&utm_medium=share&utm_campaign=share_fund_details)



**Deborah Jackson** announced the WA State African American Achievement awards are April 27, at 5 pm for a social and 6 pm for dinner at Olympic College. She is also hosting "Real Talk with DMJ" on BKAT. It airs weekly on Saturdays at 5 pm.

#### PROGRAM



**Julius Blackwell** discussed his non-profit **DocLuvtheKids**, and his other business ventures, **BoomHouse Studios** and **Lions Den 360**. He shared how his nonprofit started with collecting shoe donations and how he leverages food and entertainment to bring the community together. His non-profit gives out backpacks. The first year they gave out 70 backpacks and last year gave out 500


backpacks. His mission is to bring the help to the people who need it. He had an event on Callow Avenue called One Block Many Books on March 2. He also has a Brisket and Brews fundraiser. On April 13 there will be the shoe event and they will feed 200-300 people and provide free haircuts and hygiene services and job training. He has been doing Feed the Streets for ten years and provided turkey dinners to homeless camps where people were living on the street. Last year his organization gave 600 meals to homeless in Port Orchard, Poulsbo, and Bremerton. He is putting together a Halloween event. He discussed his childhood challenges as a boy growing up in Bremerton and how it framed his efforts and focus on young kids. BoomHouse Studios is a recording studio focused on film and audio. He started a program called More than Music which teaches studio etiquette and graphics/recording. He also owns Lions Den, which supports local artists in music which will always be a part of the community.

#### DRAWING

**Tom Long** had the first winning ticket. He could choose Girl Scout cookies or draw a card today. He drew a card and was not a winner.

**Carrie Rivers** had another winning ticket. She drew a card and was not a winner.





**Alexander Parker** (photo above) had another winning ticket. He drew a card and was not a winner.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

March 25, **Captain Crinklaw**, PSNS Commanding Officer

April 1, April Fool's Day, **Rachael Studebaker**, Creative Mornings

April 8, **Bruce Richards**, Washington Destination Imagination

April 15, **Denise Landis**, Bremerton YMCA

*Photos and Proofreading by Tom Long*