



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

April 29, 2024

Randal King

**Kitsap Builders
Association**

May 06, 2024

Jill Stanton

**Bremerton Housing
Authority**

May 13, 2024

**Military Appreciation
Luncheon**

**@ Kitsap Conference
Center**

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

**Denise Ledingham
April 27th**

**CLINT SHINKLE
April 27th**

**Alexander Lee Parker
May 15th**

**AARON LEAVELL
May 22nd**

**James DW Cline
May 24th**

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 April 22, 2024

BY STEVE LANDAU



President Geoff presented President-Elect **Karen Sawyer-Meehan** with a baseball bat for "stepping up to the plate" to assume presidential duties starting in July. Right, **Coolidge Schjoldt**, Reama's son, started the meeting by ringing the Rotary bell. Nicely done Coolidge!

John Stockwell led the patriotic song, which was the Air Force fight song. He provided musical accompaniment from an app on his phone. Many of those present seemed to know the words to the song.

REFLECTION



Gordon Cromwell said he was working in his garden recently and the weather was excellent, until a wind kicked up, driving him inside. He looked at himself in the mirror and wondered "Who is that old guy?" Gordon said that neuroscientists tell us that by the time we reach middle age, we perceive ourselves as 15-20 years younger than we are. Gordon said we can't escape the chronological age, but we can continue to perceive ourselves as younger. Good strategies include getting more sleep, broadening social ties, and having new experiences and challenges.

VISITORS & GUESTS



Mary Lou Long and future RYLA student Treyden Hesch

Katie Ketterer, city employee, contact person for Quincy Square project

Harriette Bryant, board member, Music Discovery Center

Jon Green, board member, Music Discovery Center, retired as principal bassist of the

Seattle Symphony

Rep. Greg Nance, appointed to take the place of **Rep. Christine Rolfes**

Sunny Saunders, Blackberry Festival Manager

Ronnie Jackson, Realtor, entrepreneur

Mary Lou Long

Reama Schuldts, Spread Supplies, Charleston business owner, inducted later in the meeting

Tyler and Coolidge Schuldts, Reama's husband and son

Treyden Hesch, BHS junior, will be going to RYLA courtesy of a District 5020 e-club.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

John Stockwell read some lyrics to a song titled, "Would You Like to Play the Guitar?" It was dedicated to those giving the program about the Music Discovery Center.

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS



Mark Miller was the sergeant and he said "El Presidente" had asked him to cut it short, so he just asked for happy bucks:

Tom Long was glad that **Treyden Hesch** will be able to go to RYLA. He was our first runner-up, but an e-club in District 5020 stepped up to sponsor him. This is no small matter, since RYLA costs \$440 per student.

Dave and Sharon Anderson just got back from a couple of weeks in Puerto Vallarta, where they viewed the solar eclipse at 90% coverage. He also enjoyed playing some rounds of golf.

Guest **Ronnie Jackson** was glad that someone found his keys and returned them to him.

Karen Sawyer-Meehan enjoyed attending a trade show for stationery vendors last week in San Francisco. She said she turned down an invitation to serve on the greeting card association's board because of her upcoming duties as Rotary president.

Building on Gordon's reflection, **Laura McKerrow** added another way to feel younger "have a husband who's 17 years younger than you."

Chad Melton said his son set a 6th grade cross country record at Central Kitsap High School.

John Stockwell is proud of his daughter and employee **Carrie Rivers**. When a blower unit meant to cool the equipment room went out, she had it replaced while John was out of town.

Karen McKay-Bevers, her arm in a sling, said that although she had sprained her wrist and broken her elbow, bruised her knee and scraped up her face in a fall, she is thankful she didn't hit her head harder. She will have limited use of her right arm "her dominant arm" for 6 to 8 weeks.

Steve Rice had good words for St. Michael's Medical Center. He said his wife **Terri** was out with their granddaughter Ruthie, when she (Ruthie) pushed a piece of apple up her nose. They went to the St. Michael's ER, where it she was to have it removed. However, Ruthie sneezed and blew it out before a doctor saw her. Steve wondered how much the hospital would charge for that.

Doug Berger enjoyed a presentation about the Rotary International Foundation at the North Mason Rotary Club.

NEW MEMBER



Reama Schuldt was inducted into our club Monday with her family at her side—husband **Tyler** and son **Coolidge**. She was introduced by her sponsor, **Jim Cline**, who has worked with her as patrons of the Charleston Business District. Reama is the owner of Spread Supplies, a new and used arts supplies store on Callow Avenue. She has received a 2024 Earth Day Award from Kitsap County for her approach to recycling art materials.



Reama grew up in a Dallas, Texas, suburb, where her family had a tradition of service. She showed a certificate her great-grandfather received for 50 years as a Shriner. At age 12, Reama joined a youth group to do volunteer projects such as landscaping and picking up litter. When she left home she continued to look for volunteer opportunities. She has volunteered with Northwest Harvest. Reama said she looks forward to serving

Bremerton with all of us.

Jim Cline said the plants our club paid for are ready to be planted in planter boxes throughout the Charleston Business District. They will plant them on Friday with help from the city of Bremerton.

QUINCY SQUARE UPDATE



City employee **Katie Ketterer** reported on the progress of the Quincy Square project on 4th Street that we are planning to support with a donation. It is out to bid, with construction expected to begin this summer and is expected to be completed by the end of the year or early next year. She said two art committees had selected artwork—a large mural of Quincy Jones on the side of the parking garage at 4th and Washington and large scale bronze sculpture of him as well. Quincy Jones is an accomplished American songwriter and record producer who came to Bremerton in 1940 and spent some of his growing up years here. Quincy Square seeks to convert a block of Fourth Street from Pacific Avenue to Washington Avenue into an urban arts and performing center.

PROGRAM: Music Discovery Center

Steve Rice introduced the program on the 4½-year-old Music Discovery Center (MDC), a countywide nonprofit organization that seeks to increase access to music education, mentorship and performance for area youth, especially underserved youth. It is goals

are:

1. To develop and host the largest musical festival on this side of Puget Sound;
2. To build a comprehensive mentoring and teaching network in the area;
3. To host the largest continuing public open mic jam sessions in the area;
4. To eventually have their own musical studio in the Quincy Square development.



Assisting Steve in his presentation were MDC board members **Harriette Bryant** and Jon Green, pictured above. Harriette explained MDC's roots and that the organization is an outgrowth of the City of Bremerton's soon-to-be-constructed Quincy Square project. Harriette and the city had solicited support from Black community leaders for the Quincy Square project and contacted Quincy Jones, who enthusiastically supported the project. She said the city is working with Rice Fergus Miller Architects to design and complete the construction oversight of the project. Jon Green talked about MDC's Music in a Box program to gather donated musical instruments for local youth. He also told about the Make Music Day Festival that will take place June 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Rotary Evergreen Park, featuring amateur as well as professional musicians.

Steve asked the question "Why is Music Important?" He said that when he and Terri were raising their kids, they saw what an impact music made and continues to make in their lives.

DRAWING

Doug Berger drew a card on behalf of **Chad Melton**, who had left his tickets with Doug. No winner this week.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 29: **Randal King** from the Kitsap Builders Association

May 6: **Jill Stanton** from the Bremerton Housing Authority

May 13: Military Appreciation Luncheon (at Kitsap Conference Center)

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