



### Club Meeting

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

### Speakers

**May 06, 2024**

**Jill Stanton**

**Bremerton Housing  
Authority**

**May 13, 2024**

**Military Appreciation  
Luncheon**

**@ Kitsap Conference  
Center**

**May 20, 2024**

**Bremerton High School  
ASB/NJROTC**

**May 27, 2024**

**MEMORIAL DAY  
HOLIDAY (no meeting)**

### Events

**No Events found**

### Birthdays

**Alexander Lee Parker  
May 15th**

**AARON LEAVELL  
May 22nd**

**James DW Cline  
May 24th**

**Scott Willard  
May 25th**

**Reama Schuldt  
May 29th**

### 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 29, 2024

**BY STEVE LANDAU**

### REFLECTION



**Dave Gitch** reflected on **Gordon Cromwell's** reflection last week on strategies to appear younger than our chronological age. He said the Seattle Times reported on a 111-year-old man in England who said the secret to his longevity was moderation and eating fish and chips. He never smokes, never drinks and doesn't follow any special diet. He said ultimately living long is luck and there's nothing we can do about it.

### VISITORS & GUESTS

**Nanette Hearn**s, to be inducted as new member  
**Jeanni Johnson**, Nanette's aunt  
**Kamari Joiner**, Nanette's granddaughter  
**Rasheed Joiner**, Nanette's grandson  
**Barbara Peters**, Chicago, guest of **Deborah Jackson**  
**Tony Daniels**, Chicago, guest of **Deborah Jackson**  
**Mary Lou Long**  
**Sunny Saunders**, Blackberry Festival Manager  
**Randall King**, Kitsap Building Association, speaker

### MUSIC COMMITTEE



**John Stockwell** and **Larry Eyer** led us in a rousing rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" in honor of **Steve Landau's** Mariners and **Chad Melton's** Houston Astros.

### SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS

Sergeant **Chuck Capps** prefaced his remarks thusly: "I am here for my enjoyment, not yours, and to take your money."

Happy bucks: **Carrie Rivers** enjoyed a fun couple of weeks entertaining her husband's friends from Italy. They took a hike through the woods and had dinner at **Marin Solace's** restaurant.

**Kyle Kincaid** celebrated his son's 43rd birthday. There was a time, Kyle said, when he didn't think he (Kyle) would live as long as 43.



**Gordon Cromwell** participated in scholarship interviews for students at Bremerton High School and was blown away by their dedication, drive and accomplishments.

**Marty Cavalluzzi** was glad that **Deborah Jackson** had invited him to attend the African American Achievement Awards event at Olympic College. He enjoyed the great entertainment and loving and supportive environment.

**John Stockwell**, bedecked in a vest covered with youth exchange pins, spent the weekend with next year's outbound exchange students, helping District 5050 along with our District 5020 at an orientation for 26 kids. District 5020 is adjacent to our district, located north of Seattle, including Whatcom and Skagit Counties, and the British Columbia mainland excluding Vancouver, B.C

**Jeff Weiss** said he got a call from his son **James**'s school, asking him to come in the next morning. He was apprehensive, but it turns out James had won the Kindness Award!

**Dave Anderson** said his oldest grandson is graduating from Washington State University's architecture program summa cum laude and will be entering a graduate program.

**Marin Solace** is happy her sister is pregnant (she also got married); Marin got to see her overnight when her sister had a layover at the airport.

**Sunny Saunders**, our Blackberry Festival Manager, is looking forward to her first festival event of the season, the Bremerton Night Market.

**Larry Eyer** enjoyed visiting Nashville, where he went to the Country Music Hall of Fame and was surprised to see Jimmy Hendrix enshrined there. Also, on Sunday his 1-year-old grandson was baptized.

**Jean Mitchell** said that our former member **Mark Steelquist** is still involved in youth work. He is raising money with pledges per mile for a bicycle ride he is taking from Santa Monica to Cape Canaveral. Mark left April 1 and will arrive at the end of May.

**Mary Lou Long** is glad that our club still says the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fines: Chuck asked all former military members to rise; anyone sitting at their tables was privileged to contribute a buck.

He fined anyone who hasn't signed up yet to work the Blackberry Festival. There were groans throughout the room and protestations that sign-ups hadn't yet begun; Chuck wasn't moved.

Chuck said his 15-year-old son is drawing attention from a recruiting baseball coach at WSU. Everyone was fined, except Cougs were exempt.

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#### NEW MEMBER



Nanette Jones-Hearns is pinned by her Aunt Jeanni Johnson



**Nanette Jones-Hearns** was inducted into our club Monday, with her family at her side. She has been in the restaurant business for over 30 years and is the owner of Frannie Maes Foods LLC, specializing in relish and catering. Her company is known for cha-cha relish, which goes well with fried chicken. Nanette said her family has been business entrepreneurs in this area for several generations; her grandmother Emma ran the restaurant Emma's Barbeque and her uncle owned a shoe repair business. Nanette is a Bremerton High School alumnus, also

graduating from Olympic College, where she received her associate degree in business.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**President Geoff** said that our annual Military Appreciation Luncheon is coming up in two weeks (May 13). It will be held at the Kitsap Conference Center. This is a very special event and all club members are encouraged to attend. You should have received an evite invitation.

**Doug Berger** handed out envelopes with the annual Paul Harris Fellow solicitations. Members are encouraged to make an annual contribution of \$100 or more. This money goes to support the Rotary International Foundation, which funds our humanitarian projects around the world, including Polio Plus. Once a member has contributed a total of \$800 over several years, with a club contribution of \$200 (for a total of \$1,000), that member becomes a Paul Harris Fellow. Members can continue to give money, receiving multiple Paul Harris awards. Doug hopes to complete the fundraising campaign by June so that our **President Geoff** gets credit for having the money raised during his presidential year.



**President Geoff** said our year-end event, where we "kick out" the current president and induct the incoming one, will be held June 20 at a location to be determined.

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#### PROGRAM



**Randall King**, Executive Director of the Kitsap Building Association, was our speaker. He told us about his organization, which is located next to **President Geoff's** old dive shop on the west side. Randal is not a builder himself—he owned and managed hotels throughout the U.S. and managed film crews until he sold his business in 2021—but he was attracted by KBA's commitment to housing affordability. The median price for new home construction in 2022 in Kitsap County was \$590,950 with the cost of regulation contributing \$126,000.

*From the group's website:* "The Kitsap Building Association is an association of professional builders, subcontractors, service providers and purveyors representing the construction industry. The association provides information, education, and services that promote the health and welfare of the construction industry." The organization sponsors the KBA Workforce Development Association, which educates high schoolers and young adults about the construction trade through the Builder Grant Program.

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#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 6: **Jill Stanton** from the Bremerton Housing Authority  
May 13: Military Appreciation Luncheon (at Kitsap Conference Center)  
May 20: Bremerton High School ASB/NJROTC Report  
May 27: Memorial Day—no meeting

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