



### Club Meeting

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

### Speakers

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

### Events

**No Events found**

### Birthdays

**Steven M. RICE  
April 11th  
Dale N. Holdren  
April 18th  
Denise Ledingham  
April 27th  
CLINT SHINKLE  
April 27th**

### 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 8, 2024*

**BY STEVE LANDAU**

**President-Elect Karen Sawyer-Meehan** led the meeting in the absence of **President Geoff**, who is still in Mexico, enjoying the sun and delivering medical supplies to a small village near Mazatlan. When it came time for the patriotic song, Karen asked for someone to lead it and **Dave Gitch** jumped in with his deep baritone voice to start singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

### REFLECTION



As Earth Day approaches (April 22) **Larry Eyer** reflected on how miraculously made and beautiful our planet is. Larry and his wife **Mary** enjoyed several days on the north coast of Washington; they love our natural surroundings. Larry encouraged us to be good stewards of our environment.

### VISITORS & GUESTS

**Carly Meurs**, Leadership Kitsap, speaker  
**Paul Noakes**, Kitsap Creates and the STEM Academy at the Marvin Williams Center

### MUSIC COMMITTEE



John Stockwell and Larry Eyer

Wearing eclipse glasses (sort of), the musicians performed an eclipse-inspired song:

Tune-â€œThatâ€™s Amoreâ€

*When the moon hides the sun like a hamburger bun  
It's an eclipse  
The corona will shine, sun and moon are in line  
It's an eclipse*

*Cocks will crow, cock-a-doodle-doo, cock-a-doodle-doo  
'Cause they think it's the morning  
Hearts will rend, thinking it's the end, thinking it's the end  
Like an ominous warning*

*When the dogs start to bark 'cause the day's turning dark  
It's an eclipse  
When you can't see the street or the path at your feet  
You should know  
When it feels like the night, but you know it's still daytime, your mind flips*

*Don't worry, what you see happens naturally  
It's an eclipse*

#### SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS



**Dennis Treger** was the sergeant, and he began by throwing in some happy bucks of his own for his daughter **Casey**, who has qualified for the Boston Marathon. She has been a practicing pulmonologist for several years. Older Rotarians might remember that Casey helped check in people at Wild Game before we used computers.

**Doug Berger** had happy/sad bucks . . . happy because he came prepared to view the eclipse but sad because he wasn't able to see. He had what he called a "precision tool" for eclipse viewing that consisted of a paper plate and a card with a hole in it.

**Karen Sawyer-Meehan** had a great spring break, although her daughter got sick. She recovered in time to go back to school. Her daughter is moving into her "big girl bedroom" and Karen needs an interior painter.

**Karen McKay-Bevers** spent a week in Oklahoma visiting family. They didn't experience a tornado, although there was a tornado watch in effect. She is happy that her daughter **Evvie** has been accepted into the Rotary summer youth exchange program. Karen's family will host a girl from a small Italian village near the Swiss border for a month, and Evvie will spend a month at the girl's home in Italy and do some extensive traveling in Italy and Switzerland.

**Carrie Rivers** enjoyed her spring break with her children, including visiting Mt. Rainier, the Freemont Troll and a bouncy park.

**Gordon Cromwell** said that **Dave Gitch** is now a de-facto member of the Music Committee based on his rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

**Walt Draper** was back east for a month. He attended a Rotary club meeting in southern Alabama and said they had happy dollars instead of bucks, but it was kind of lame, lacking the brutality of our club.

**Tom & Mary Lou Long** enjoyed two weeks in Hawaii with former exchange student from Denmark, **Laerke Johnsen**.

**Jim Cline** said he spent last Friday in the best place in the world, and he didn't have to get on an airplane. He was referring to the First Friday event taking place downtown, in Manette and in the Charleston Business District.

**Daryl Matheny** welcomed back bulletin editor **Steve Landau**. He said Steve has done a great job with the bulletin. Steve was happy to be back after surgeries and illnesses of himself and his wife **Julie**.

**Doug Berger** took his three grandsons to the movies to see King Kong and Godzilla save the world again.

**Sergeant Dennis** urged everyone to sign the Rotary directories for the new members

who have joined the club recently.

Noting that there was a big basketball game that evening, Dennis asked Husky supporters how far they had gotten in the NCAA tournament. Answer: They didn't make it. Then he bragged that the Cougs made the first round before bowing out.

With the first big golf tournament of the season, the Masters, pending, Dennis asked Gold Mountain's resident expert **Daryl Matheny** how players qualify for the tournament. He then asked Daryl how he'd fare in the Masters, to which Daryl replied ROB (run out of balls). Dennis thanked Daryl for the job he is doing as club secretary.

#### PROGRAM



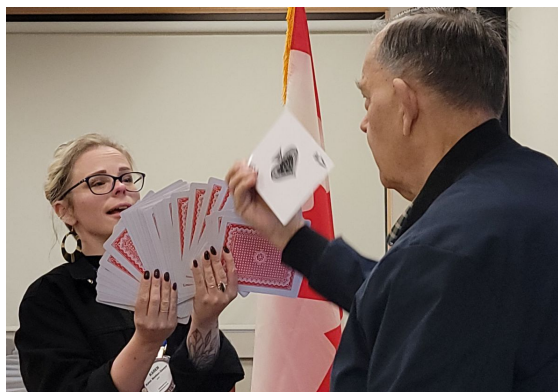
The speaker was Leadership Kitsap Executive Director **Carly Meurs**. She grew up in Manchester and graduated from South Kitsap High School as well as Eastern Washington and Salem International University. A Leadership Kitsap graduate in 2017, Carly was hired as LK Program Director and took over as Executive Director from Kitsap County Commissioner **Katie Walters**.

**Doug Berger** introduced Carly; he was one of the community leaders who founded Leadership Kitsap in 1996. All the Chambers of Commerce in the county participated and our Bremerton Rotary Club has supported the program over the years. Each year about 30 persons are selected for the program, designed to give potential community leaders a broader picture of Kitsap County. They meet once a month for 10 months. Participants are divided into smaller groups who tackle "signature programs" to benefit the community.

This year there are five groups supporting signature programs. These projects are as follows:

1. Establishing a basketball tournament for teenage youth throughout the county;
2. Working with the Suquamish Tribal Wellness Center to disseminate Naloxone boxes; Naloxone is a life-saving drug that can prevent opioid deaths;
3. Creating the framework for a quarterly cooking class, seasonally crafted and taught by local chefs, in cooperation with the Kitsap Community Food & Co-Op;
4. Assisting the Kitsap History Museum in creating building markers for 12 historic sites in downtown;
5. Relaunch of the Kitsap County Parks Passport Program that encourages youngsters to visit all of the county's parks.

#### DRAWING



**Dave Gitch**, he of baritone fame, had luck on his side and pulled the Ace of Spades. He will be rewarded appropriately; Dave decided to donate his winnings to Leadership Kitsap.

#### EXCHANGE STUDENT NEWS



**Laerke Johnsen**, exchange student from Denmark in 2019-2020, finally got to take her trip to Hawaii with **Tom & Mary Lou Long**. She had to go home early during her exchange year because of COVID, and missed the trip.



**Keaton Martinez**, our current outbound exchange student to South Korea, competed in a track meet in Bremerton prior to his departure.

#### UPCOMING PROGRAM

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

*Proofreading and photos by Tom Long*