



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

**May 20, 2024
Bremerton High School
ASB/NJROTC**

**May 27, 2024
MEMORIAL DAY
HOLIDAY (no meeting)**

**June 03, 2024
Sunny Saunders
Presentation on
Blackberry Festival
June 10, 2024
Dani Gray
Bremerton Downtown
Association**

Events

**June 20, 2024
Kickout Dinner & Year-
End Party
Evergreen Pizza
5 p.m.**

Birthdays

**AARON LEAVELL
May 22nd
James DW Cline
May 24th
Scott Willard
May 25th
Reama Schuldt
May 29th
Timothy S. QUIGLEY
June 15th**

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**



From the meeting of May 13, 2024

BY KAREN MCKAY BEVERS



The Bremerton High School NJROTC Honor Guard presented the colors.



President Geoff opened the meeting and gave a brief history of our club for our military guests. After the pledge of allegiance and national anthem, **Laura McKerrow** shared Theodore Roosevelt's "Man in the Arena" poem for our reflection.

VISITORS & GUESTS



Right: Ana Orona with her husband, Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class, Max Hall

We had 19 military guests in attendance for our annual Military Appreciation Lunch

Manu Alfau, Marin Solace's husband
Betsy Pentz, Geoff Pentz's wife
Linda Draper, Walt Draper's wife
Max Hall, Ana Orona's husband
Tammee Matheny, Daryl Mathney's wife
Amanda Owen, exchange student to France 2004-2005, guest of Tom Long
Dillon Lovestedt, BHS senior, RYLA, Armed Forces Ambassador
Nora Ramsted, BHS junior, RYLA, Armed Forces Ambassador
Zach Pentz, son of Kevin Pentz and grandson of Geoff Pentz
Lauren Toth, outbound exchange student to Finland last year
Keaton Martinez, outbound exchange student to South Korea in August

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS

Walt Draper was the sergeant Monday.

Happy bucks:



- **Steve Rice** was happy to share that he and **Terri** just returned from Brazil for the wedding of a former summer exchange student. He had hoped to see another former exchange student, **Guga Fabron**, but only got to connect briefly via phone because as a pediatrician, Guga is very busy in his home town treating patients due to the massive flooding in the region.
- **Geoff Pentz** threw in a buck in honor of his favorite grandson **Zach** (the only one named Zach).
- **Jerry Reid** donated \$100 Happy Bucks in honor of our military guests and expressed his thanks for all who have served. He also threw in \$2 additional not-so-happy dollars. After working in his garden, heâ€™s sore and not happy about it.
- **Dave Anderson** gave happy bucks because his wife had a great Motherâ€™s Day. His son took his wife to the Mariners game and the Ms won! He also has two grandsons they are celebrating - one recently graduated summa cum laude in architecture from WSU and is now working on his masters. The other grandson is a golfer who will be competing in the state tournament next week.
- **Marin Solace** gave a Happy Buck in celebration of being accepted into Leadership Kitsap for 2025.
- **Peter Braun** gave \$5 for having all 5 kids show up for Motherâ€™s Day yesterday (one from as far away as Texas)
- **Katie Walters** gave a happy buck for her husband having completed 36 days hiking from France to Spain including the Camino de Santiago.
- **Nanette Jones-Hearns** gave \$20: \$5 in honor of her son who served 22 years in the Air Force; her father who served 35 years in the Navy; her husband, who served 22 years in the Marines; and the final \$5 was for herself on Motherâ€™s Day!
- **Kevin Pentz** threw in Happy Bucks for the beautiful weather this weekend, and thanked **Mayor Greg Wheeler** for his role in the efforts to address the ongoing cyanobacteria problem in getting Kitsap Lake clean. He also threw in a buck in honor of his son who was at the meeting today and has his sights set on a service academy.

Walt did a great job raising money and showing our clubâ€™s ignorance on obscure military trivia. Rotarians who have served were recognized - and fined; those who havenâ€™t served were also fined (more!).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Bevers reminded club members that we need kindergarten readers for our reading program that kicks off next Friday at West Hills STEM Academy. Volunteers will read a book to a kindergarten class and work with the teacher to distribute a book to every student. Books will have a label in them (no names) and will be at the schools ready for distribution when Rotarians arrive. [Please SIGN UP here.](#)

SPEAKER



CMDR Johnson accepts jar of blackberry jam from President Geoff.

Our guest speaker was **Commander Brandon Johnson**, Executive Officer, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility.

He discussed the importance of adaptability and resilience in the face of adversity.



- Our families are “trusty sidekicks”™ for those of us in the military.
- Secret ingredients for personal growth and success are within all of us..
- Duct tape and chewing gum can fix anything (in reference to MacGyver).
- He spoke about the adaptability and resiliency of the military shown after 9/11, and about how Osama Bin Laden’s body was flown to the USS Enterprise when he was serving onboard and given a burial at sea in May 2011.
- Changes in warfare, new technology - the Navy faces new challenges that require adaptability and resilience. There are many parallel changes in the military and civilian world.



Clear for take off!

Bremerton Rotary Year-End Celebration

June 20th, 5:00pm
Evergreen Pizza

\$25 per person to RSVP

Please RSVP by June 13th • *Guests are welcome!*

Dress for the theme: Time Flies

Pin on your wings, don on your best pilot hat,
go for aviator sunglasses, flight attendant accessories, etc.



RSVP using this form:
www.bit.ly/b-rotary-year-end

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Club of Bremerton

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 20: Bremerton High School ASB/NJROTC Report

May 27: Memorial Day – no meeting

June 3: Sunny Saunders, full presentation on Blackberry Festival

June 10: Dani Gray, Downtown Bremerton Association

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