



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

**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**

**June 17, 2024
Juneteenth
Presentation**

Events

**June 20th
Bremerton Rotary
Kickout Dinner
@ Evergreen Pizza**

Birthdays

**AARON LEAVELL
May 22nd**

**James DW Cline
May 24th**

**Scott Willard
May 25th**

**Reama Schuldts
May 29th**

**Timothy S. QUIGLEY
June 15th**

**TOM A. LONG Jr.
June 17th**

**David K. Anderson
June 18th**

**CHUCK HENDERSON
June 19th**

Years of Service

**Steven M. RICE
06-01-1990
34 Years**

**Karen McKay Bevers
06-01-2012
12 Years**



From the meeting of May 20, 2024

BY STEVE LANDAU

REFLECTION

Karen Sawyer-Meehan quoted Malcolm X on the occasion of the slain civil rights leader's birthday on May 19: "When 'I' is replaced with 'we', even illness becomes wellness."

VISITORS & GUESTS



President-Elect Karen Sawyer-Meehan with her dad, Doug Berger, and daughter, Lily

Chief Brian Newvine, BHS NJROTC Naval Sciences Instructor

Lily, daughter of Karen Sawyer-Meehan

Attianna Cabato, BHS ASB Class Liaison

Helene Rode, BHS ASB Vice President and Valedictorian Class of 2024

Claire Cortez, BHS ASB President, Bremerton Rotary scholarship recipient, RYLA

Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Andrea Brown, BHS NJROTC Commanding Officer

Cadet Cmdr. Monroe Shoup, BHS NJROTC Past Commanding Officer

Sunny Saunders, Blackberry Festival Manager

Amanda Owen, former outbound exchange student to France, 2004-05; she now works from home for a legal firm in Seattle and is interested in our club

Mary Lou Long

MUSIC COMMITTEE

John Stockwell and **Wayne Lindberg** led those gathered in the official Bremerton High fight song. Although quite a few people stood up as Bremerton grads or supporters, not all of them knew the words.

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS



Gordon Cromwell was a last-minute fill-in as sergeant.

Given **President Geoffâ€™s** time constraints, Gordon was only able to ask for happy bucks, and there were plenty of those:

Doug Berger was just back from a 4,000-mile-road trip to North Dakota and several national parks, including Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Badlands and Yellowstone.

Jim Cline was glad to see the Charleston Business District represented in the Armed Forces Parade in Bremerton last Saturday.

Reama Schuldts was happy that her 8-year-old sonâ€™s Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle team won first place at the Scout level and will move up to the Navigator level next year. She is also looking forward to the one-year anniversary party for her store, Spread Supplies, on June 1.

Caroline RIVERS
06-04-2015
9 Years

Daryl Wayne Matheny
06-22-2017
7 Years

Laura McKerrow
05-31-2020
4 Years

Steve Landau was happy to have attended the Rolling Stones concert at Lumen Field in Seattle. He was amazed by the spunk of 80-year-old Mick Jagger and Keith Richards. Steve thanked **John Stockwell** for inspiring him to go, because John raved about the last Stonesâ€™ concert five years ago, which Steve regretted not going to.

Not to be outdone, **Jill Robinson** is looking forward to an upcoming concert by 91-year-old Willie Nelson.

Karen Sawyer-Meehan had a happy buck for her daughter **Lily**, who attended a culinary course at the YMCA and came home and made bread with yeast for the family.

Carrie Rivers said her oldest Rotary baby, **Sean**, turned 14 on Thursday.

Tom and Mary Lou Long celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. He said that his son, **Tom Jr.**, a former Navy captain, felt the most impactful course he had taken at Bremerton High School was NJROTC. On another topic, Tom said Bellevue Rotary is funding an additional BHS student to attend RYLA.

Andrea Spencer spent the weekend in Hood River, Oregon, watching her daughter take part in a competitive mountain biking competition. She had a first place win with the fastest time in her category.

Marty Cavalluzi had happy bucks for the Kitsap Community Foundation fundraiser that raised \$240,000, as well as the 110-some OC students marching in the Armed Force Day Parade Saturday in downtown Bremerton.

John Stockwell reached his limit in shrimp both Friday and Saturday.

Dave Anderson watched his middle grandson shoot 79 in the district golf tournament.

Gordon Cromwell said his grandson in Montana qualified for the state track championship in the 440 relay.

Returning member **Elizabeth (Gilje) Shay** said that she graduated from the old West High School. She thanked club members for welcoming her back; Elizabeth is a past president from 2006-07.

Blackberry Festival Manager **Sunny Saunders** had the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for her new office on the Bremerton Boardwalk.

From last week: **Peter Braun** was happy about his twinsâ€™ success in their first year of collegeâ€”**Sam** at Texas State, where he has a 3.9 GPA, and **Cooper** at Gonzaga in the Engineering School.

ASB UPDATE



BHS ASB officers Claire Cortez, Helene Rode and Attianna Cabato

Three ASB officers updated us on recent activities at Bremerton High. They were ASB President **Claire Cortez**, ASB Vice President **Helene Rode**, and **Attianna Cabato**. They said they have had amazing participation in pep assemblies. They have been working all year to prepare a Multicultural Assembly. They noted that BHS has a large diversity among its students and they want to celebrate it. Sixteen students were knighted at a knighting ceremony Friday, including all three of the

presenters and two staff members—their Principal (and club member) **Ryan Nickels** and head groundskeeper and soccer coach **Lance McCoy**. They are looking forward to graduation on June 7.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tom Long said that **Claire Cortez**, the ASB President at Bremerton High School, had received one of our Rotary scholarships and had also been chosen for the Community Service Award given by **Mayor Greg Wheeler** for exemplifying the ideals of volunteer community service. Tom gave a history of the award.

President Geoff thanked **Daryl Matheny** and **Denise Ledingham** for their efforts on our Military Appreciation Luncheon.

Denise Ledingham is updating the Rotary directory and asks and members who need changes in their listings to email her at: dledingham@parametrix.com.

President Geoff welcomed back former member **Elizabeth (Gilje) Shay**, who is rejoining our club. She was club president 15 years ago and was part of the Rotary team that went to Mulege, Mexico, to support our water project there.

Geoff is looking forward (!?) to his Kickout Dinner on June 20, where he expects to get roasted on the topic of airplanes. It will be at Evergreen Pizza and will feature tapas prepared by **Marin Solace's** husband **Manu**, who trained as a chef in Spain.

Doug Berger is wrapping up the annual Paul Harris campaign and urged members to send in their contributions in the next two weeks.

John Stockwell announced nominations for club officers and Board positions. Our bylaws call for reading these at three meetings, with voting taking place after the third reading. Nominees are:

President: **Karen Sawyer-Meehan** President-Elect: **Marin Solace**

Treasurer: **Laura McKerrow**

Secretary: **Daryl Matheny**

Board of Directors (elect 3): **Ana Orona, Mark Mitchell, Scott Willard** and **Jim Cline**

Bremerton School Superintendent **Dr. James Crawford** received his permanent blue badge after completing the red badge requirements.



Blackberry Festival Manager **Sunny Saunders** reported that booth space was sold out 45 days ago and there are about 50 on a waiting list. She will be changing the layout of booths on the boardwalk to comply with the Fire Marshal's new rules. Sunny unveiled the 2024 pink- and burgundy-colored t-shirts. She has also ordered hats and hoodies. The Downtown Bremerton Association will be staffing the info booth this year. Sunny will give a more complete Blackberry report at our June 3 meeting. A signup sheet for volunteers will be emailed to all members soon.

PROGRAM



Cadets Monroe Shoup and Andrea Brown with their NJROTC teacher Brian Newvine

The program on Bremerton High School's long-standing Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps was introduced by **Chief Brian Newvine**, a Naval Sciences instructor in the program. Students who complete all four years of NJROTC are eligible to eligible join any branch of the military at a higher pay grade. There are currently about 109 students in the unit. About 60 percent of the cadets go on to higher education.

Then he turned it over to two students, **Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Andrea Brown**, the new Commanding Officer of the unit, and **Cadet Cmdr. Monroe Shoup**, the previous C.O. The NJROTC unit participates in many local events, including retirement ceremonies for military personnel, West Hills Elementary's STEM night and Veterans Day assemblies at the middle and elementary schools. They provide a color guard for various events, including our own Bremerton Rotary Blackberry Festival.

DRAWINGS



Dave Anderson, Nanette Hearns and **James Crawford** took their turn drawing a card in search of the Ace of Spades. None of them came up with it.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 27: Memorial Day—no meetings
 June 3: **Sunny Saunders**, full presentation on Blackberry Festival
 June 10: **Dani Gray**, Downtown Bremerton Association
 June 17: Juneteenth presentation

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