



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

June 17, 2024

**Juneteenth
Presentation**

June 24, 2024

**Sunny Saunders
Blackberry Festival
report**

July 01, 2024

No meeting

Events

June 20th

**Bremerton Rotary
Kickout Dinner
@ Evergreen Pizza**

Birthdays

Timothy S. QUIGLEY

June 15th

TOM A. LONG Jr.

June 17th

David K. Anderson

June 18th

CHUCK HENDERSON

June 19th

DENNIS TREGER

June 29th

Caroline RIVERS

July 1st

Gordon N. CROMWELL

July 3rd

John F. MITCHELL

July 8th

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 June 10, 2024

By Steve Landau



*Left, **Karen McKay-Bevers** is about to sample the catfish/fried chicken meal.
Right, President-Elect **Karen Sawyer-Meehan** gets the coveted President's 8-Ball.*

REFLECTION



Mark Miller said he didn't get the memo that it was his turn to do the Reflection, but he gave it his best shot. He said we had just had "that great spread" back there, referring to the Southern-themed meal catered by **Nanette Hearn's** outfit Frannie Mae's Foods. He said the young ladies who prepared the food demonstrated their talent and gave us "happy tummies." Mark said that everyone has some talent they can bring to our Rotary club.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Jessica Comes, speaker, Executive Director, Downtown Bremerton Association

Tim Ryan, former member of our club***

Sunny Saunders, Blackberry Festival Manager

Amanda Owen, to be inducted today, and her son **Rex**

Aaron Neske, Amanda's husband

Jeani Johnson, Nanette Hearn's mother

Kamari Joiner, Nanette's granddaughter

Ronnie Jackson, Nanette's godson

LaDonna Pepkinski

Pat McCauley

Leo Covey

Coleridge Schuldt, son of Reama Schuldt



*****Tim Ryan**, a former longtime member, visited us at Monday's meeting. He maintains residences here and in Palm Desert, California. Tim has a large family, with eight kids. He has an amazing 34 grandchildren, and an even-more amazing 46 great-grandchildren! Tim carries some sheets of paper that list all of them and their birthdays so he can keep them straight. Tim was in the construction industry here for many years. He is 91 years young and looks great!

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS

The sergeant was **Kevin Pentz**, and he asked for "happy bucks":

Laura McKerrow
05-31-2020
4 Years



Dave Anderson enjoyed the fried catfish provided by **Nanette Hearn**. He said the last time he had catfish was in Athens, Georgia, and it tasted like mud. He also had happy bucks for attending graduation ceremonies in Sedro Woolley, where his son has taught for 16 years. His son was invited to be the commencement speaker for the fourth time.

Marty Cavalluzzi, who was born in Texas, also enjoyed the catfish. He was looking forward to Olympic College

Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday.

John Stockwell enjoyed an RV outing with his wife **Debbie** and another couple. He was also happy because his grandson, who was an exchange student to Brazil, just got home.

Laura McKerrow went to New York for her daughter's graduation from medical school. She also went to Canada to visit her mom.

Denise Ledingham has a lot of gratitude for ophthalmologist club member **Dr. Dale Holdren**, who came into his office on a Saturday to remove a piece of metal from her husband Todd's eyes, part of the aftermath of his construction accident.

Karen McKay-Bevers was looking forward to going to the airport Tuesday to pick up a Rotary summer exchange student from Italy. She will stay with their family for six weeks and then **Evvie**, Karen's daughter, will return with her to Italy for a six-week visit.

Steve Rice recalled that when he came to Bremerton in 1987 to start his architectural practice, he was in sore need of work. **Mike Connolly**, a Vice President at Olympic College, starting feeding him jobs, which got him over the hump. Steve said Mike passed away last week.

Walt Draper IV said his oldest grandson and namesake **Walter Scott Draper VI**, 33, will be graduating from Olympic College Sunday with a four-year degree in cybersecurity from Western Washington University.

Dave Gitch said he read over the weekend that **Tim and Tish Quigley** celebrated their 57th anniversary, so he donated 57 cents. Then he told us a catfish story involving his son in Minnesota.

Tom Long was back from spending five days attending RYLA "the Rotary Youth Leadership Award" at YMCA Camp Coleman. He said there were 100 students in attendance, and we were able to send 12, four of whom were sponsored by other Rotary clubs.

Carrie Rivers enjoyed taking her kindergartner **Liam** to the zoo.

Karen Sawyer-Meehan attended her daughter **Lily's** recital Sunday and said she actually remembered all the right notes.

Sergeant Pentz then fined everyone who wasn't an only child and everyone who hasn't been flying with his dad, **Geoff**. This of course raised a lot of money.

NEW MEMBER



New member **Amanda Owen** holding son **Rex**, her husband **Aaron Neske**, President **Geoff** and sponsor **Tom Long**

Amanda Owen's induction was a family affair, with her husband **Aaron Neske** by her side and her son, **Rex**, in her arms. She is a second generation Rotarian; her father is a member of the Mill Creek Rotary Club. Amanda was a Rotary exchange student to France in 2004-05 and has always had an interest in Rotary. Amanda moved to Bremerton in the summer of 2022 and achieved her lifelong dream of being close enough to the shore to be able to drag her kayak into the water by herself. She attended the University of London and upon graduation moved to Turkey to teach English and French for a year. She is a legal analyst in Seattle. Her nine-month-old son **Rex** loves books, rattles and the bucket swings at Rotary Evergreen Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Stockwell passed around ballots for Rotary officers and Board members. There were four candidates for the Board of Directors—**Ana Orona**, **Mark Mitchell**, **Scott Willard** and **Jim Cline**. It was thought that we had to choose three, but on further examination, there were four spots, so all four will be elected. Thanks to them for volunteering to serve. The other officers were unopposed.

Blackberry Festival Manager **Sunny Saunders** reported that we will be giving up the Blackberry/Rotary office in the 245 Blvd. on Fourth Street. She needs help moving some items, which will be stored in the building's basement. **Karen McKay-Bevers** has asked club members to show up to help after next week's (June 17) meeting, because many hands make light work.

President Geoff announced that he and member **Jim Cline** are forming a new Rotary committee, the Bremerton Streets Committee. He hopes to get some funding in the budget.

PROGRAM



Jessica Comes, Executive Director of the Downtown Bremerton Association, was our guest speaker. She has been in the job just three months but is very enthusiastic about her new role. The DBA is a 501 C-3 charitable organization dedicated to revitalizing the downtown Bremerton area. One of DBA's main goals is getting accreditation from the Main Street America organization; currently they are affiliated with Main Street. DBA is seeking to attract new business to downtown Bremerton and make it a thriving economic hub.

Jessica told us about some upcoming events sponsored by DBA:

• **Femmes & Thems Night Out**, June 20, 4:30 to 8:00 pm, an evening of shopping and dining in Downtown Bremerton, the Charleston District on Callow and Manette.

• **Rock the Dock** has been changed from a weekly event in August to a two-day music festival Aug. 17-18 with popular bands, food trucks, a beer garden and art

installation

â€¢ **Brew Break Workshops** on a variety of topics on what it takes to open a business here.

DRAWING

Jill Robinson had the winning ticket but didnâ€™t draw the winning card, which we think is still the Ace of Spades, although **President-Elect Karen** changed it to a different card last week.



Coleridge Schuldt, son of **Rema Schuldt**, rings the Rotary bell to close the meeting

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 17: Juneteenth presentation by **Doc Stockwell** and **Deborah Jackson**

June 24: **Sunny Saunders**, full presentation on Blackberry Festival

July 1: No meeting

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA)



12 Bremerton High students were able to attend the RYLA Conference last weekend at YMCA Camp Colman. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Award.



Left: As part of a teamwork exercise, two students walked out on the wires as far as they can bracing against each other. Right: A student climbs a tree in the High Vee challenge.



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