



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

June 10, 2024
Dani Gray
Bremerton Downtown Association
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

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 3, 2024

BY STEVE LANDAU

For our patriotic song, we sang "It's a Grand Old Flag" with a second verse substituting "club" for "flag".

REFLECTION

Jean Mitchell read a poem about growing older with a funny ending as her reflection.

VISITORS & GUESTS



Amanda & Rex Owen and Ana & Skylar Orona

Jacquelyn Speare, First Friday organizer, speaker
Mary Lou Long
Skylar Orona, Ana's daughter
Amanda Owen
Rex Owen, Amanda's son

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS

Jean Mitchell did double duty as the sergeant, as well as reflector. She asked for happy bucks . . .

Dale Holdren was happy that the UW Husky crew teams went to the national championships and won all four events.

Tom Long delivered ten bucks that his dentist, **Tim Verharen**, a former member, wanted to donate to the club when he heard about our membership growth.

Karen McKay-Bevers was happy that the BHS Athletics Department threw a schoolwide celebration of sports. Her daughter, **Evvie**, won five awards, including being named Rookie of the Year for all of Bremerton High. Evvie has participated in track for nine years.

Dave Anderson had a sad buck to mark the passing of South Kitsap Rotarian **Danny Brown**. He had been instrumental in running the RAGS garage sale.

Steve Rice marked 34 years in Rotary by donating 34 happy bucks. He joined the club on the same day in 1990. Steve will be converting his membership to emeritus status, so he won't be seeing us as often, but will continue as an AVID mentor.

Denise Ledingham gave **Daryl Matheny** a bottle of his favorite wine "cabernet sauvignon" to show appreciation for his efforts on the Military Appreciation Luncheon. Denise had a happy buck for **Chad Melton** and the team at **St. Michael's Medical Center** for providing excellent care for her husband **Todd**, who had picked up a large board that had a jagged edge that went into his arm.



Todd frames houses.

Jerry Reid was happy about the recent rains because it helps his Christmas trees grow big and strong.

Jim Cline said that **Reama Schuldt** had celebrated her birthday last week, as well as the one-year anniversary of her store, Spread Supplies.

Alexander Parker said his mom had successful surgery to remove a cancerous tumor as large as a softball. She won't require chemotherapy, but will be on medication the rest of her life.

Marin Solace is ecstatic that her baby boy is finally walking. She said he started walking over the weekend and now he can't stop. Just wait until he gets his drivers license!

Jean proceeded to mete out fines based on information she gleaned from the roster booklet. She asked how new members could ditch their red badge by doing only one thing (usually four steps are required). Guest **Amanda Owen** had the answer: bring a new member into the club. We also learned the following facts about our club:

â€¢ We have had 92 past presidents.

â€¢ We have 44 current Paul Harris Fellows.

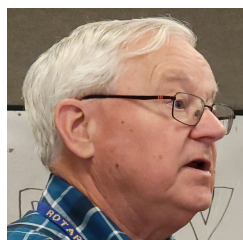
â€¢ From 1980-2023 we contributed \$850,000 to scholarships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunny Saunders, our Blackberry Festival manager, said she is having a hard time getting sponsors. She hasn't heard back from some of our previous sponsors. This is part of a national trend apparently. She asked for our help in identifying possible sponsors. She will have the Blackberry Festival posters out by the end of next week.



Karen McKay-Bevers thanked all who had participated in the kindergarten reading program last week. Our readers handed out 450 books in English and Spanish to the kindergarteners. Karen said she had a hard time getting enough readers, so she gave a special shout-out to **Ana Orona**, who went to every classroom in every one of the six elementary schools we visited.



Doug Berger is trying to wrap up the fundraising drive for the Paul Harris campaign, which supports the Rotary International Fund and its projects around the world. He said to expect a call from him if you haven't already given. Paul Harris Fellowships can be made in the name of a spouse or grandchild.

PROGRAM



Our speaker was **Jacquelyn Speare**, a professional art educator, who is one of the co-chairs of the Bremerton First Friday Art Walk, which takes place monthly in four local neighborhoods: Charleston, Downtown, Lebo and Manette. She started by having us all participate in a hands-on creative arts project that involved drawing the First Friday logo; she gave us very specific step-by-step instructions on drawing the eight-limbed squid.

The inaugural First Friday took place Friday, Sept. 1, 1995, inspired by artists participating in the art gallery now known as Collective Visions. Jacquelyn became involved with First Friday in 1995. She said the event showcases a lot of "cool things" in the local arts scene. Businesses take part by hosting artists or creative projects. One of the

supporters of First Friday is Heavy Jeens, a public poster project sponsored by **Karen Sawyer-Meehan**'s business, Pier Six Press.

The next First Friday will be held this coming Friday, June 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. rain or shine (the weather is predicted to be excellent). **Jim Cline**, another supporter of First Friday, said the impact this event is having on the community goes far beyond art, and involves bringing us together and highlighting the unique talents in our community.



President-Elect Karen gives a jar of blackberry jam to our speaker Jacquelyn Speare.

DRAWING

Dale Holdren had the winning ticket, but wasn't able to pull the winning card, as specified by President-Elect **Karen**, the 4 of clubs.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 10: **Dani Gray**, Downtown Bremerton Association

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

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

July 1: No meeting

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