



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

**July 15, 2024
Derek Means
Coffee Oasis
July 22, 2024
R. Chris King
St. Michael's Cardiology**

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

**Ana Orona
July 15th
William J. Drollinger
July 26th
Kyle Kincaid
August 7th
Andrea Spencer
August 9th**

Years of Service

**Steven M. Rice
06-01-1990
35 Years
Karen McKay Bevers
06-01-2012
13 Years
Caroline Rivers
06-04-2015
10 Years
Daryl Wayne Matheny
06-22-2017
8 Years
Laura McKerrow
05-31-2020
5 Years**



By Steve Landau

From the meeting of July 8, 2024



Phoebe Spencer, Andrea Spencer's daughter, did the honor of ringing the Rotary bell to initiate the meeting three times in fact. Phoebe has her own Rotary badge, which says she is a Future Rotary President! At right, to help remind us of our ex-president, **Geoff Pentz**, who is now traveling in Alaska with wife Betsy, we have a photo of him that we can periodically wave around (held by **Marin Solace**)

REFLECTION



Laura McKerrow reflected on the nature of fireworks. While we may buy them, by their very nature we share them with everyone.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Eric Morley, Krampus Bremerton, Speaker
Phoebe Spencer, daughter of Andrea Spencer
Jessica Cline, Jim's daughter, "who wanted to come and see what I do here"
Coolidge Schuldt, Reama's son

In the absence of **President Karen**, who was vacationing in Montana, Past President **Doug Berger** led the meeting. He said it's kind of a tradition for him to host the first meeting of the year in the absence of the new president.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

John Stockwell, **Wayne Lindberg** and **Larry Eyer**, aka The Songsters, performed an original song about the heat wave. They also made reference to Labor Day and the Blackberry Festival coming soon.

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS

Tom Long donated 20 happy bucks in honor of his 20 years of service as our club's Youth Exchange Officer, which is coming to an end. **Amanda Owen**, who was a Rotary exchange student to France from 2004-2005 from the Mill Creek Club, is our new YEO. **Jill Robinson** chipped in some happy bucks for Tom later. **Steve Rice** further tooted Tom's horn for him. Steve had been YEO for six years before Tom, and he said it's one of the biggest jobs in the club, although rewarding. He encouraged us to give Tom a standing ovation. **Marin Solace** said Tom was the YEO when she was in high school and became a Rotary exchange student to Finland in 2010-2011. She was then **Marin Kirchenbauer**. It's really nice to see former exchange students getting involved with Rotary at a later date.



Marin Solace was the sergeant and she asked for “happy bucks” . . .

Doug Berger said he taught his grandsons, ages 9 and 11, to ride a bicycle over the weekend.

John Stockwell enjoyed having all the grandkids, as well as his daughters’ families, out to the cabin for 4th of July weekend.

Reama Schuld said **Keaton Martinez**, our outbound exchange student to South Korea, played music in front of her store for three hours.

Ana Orona boasted that her 2-year-old daughter **Skylar** is now potty trained. My, how Rotary has changed over the years!

Laura McKerrow had said she would give 100 happy bucks if everyone paid their membership bills before the end of the Rotary fiscal year June 30. She said we were about halfway there, so she gave 50 bucks. Then she donated an additional 50 for everyone in the club who had made her life easier by paying on time.

Jim Cline said there’s great news on Callow Avenue; namely, that the City has moved a crosswalk to a new mid-block location and is improving it. He said his daughter, **Jessica**, was going to take her drivers test the next day and he was sure she was going to nail it.

Then **Sergeant Marin** fined anyone who hadn’t gotten a buzz on the Fourth of July. She also fined everyone who has complained about how much food costs at a restaurant, and then she was done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Mitchell said she had sent the Reflections schedule for the Rotary year out via email. She included more people so that they each have a chance to speak to a group. The Reflections commitment works out to 2-3 minutes every five months.

Past President Doug said last year was a good year for new members and **President Karen** hopes to continue that record. He encouraged us to invite new member prospects to a meeting. “Let’s make this next year a really solid year for Karen,” he said.

PROGRAM



Eric Morley, the founder of Krampus Bremerton, was our guest speaker. He is a Bremerton transplant from Salt Lake City and is passionate about his new home town. He landed here after he spent a year in Seattle looking for housing.

The Krampus is a mythical folkloric figure with origins 1,000 years ago in the Bavarian regions of Europe, primarily Austria. He is said to accompany St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, on visits to children during the night of Dec. 5, immediately before the Feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6. He is sort of a counterpart to St. Nicholas, who rewards children for being good; in contrast. Krampus carries a switch to punish naughty

children. The Krampus is an anthropomorphic goat figure with one human foot and a very long tongue. (This information is taken from Morley's talk and confirmed with information from Wikipedia).

Morley formed a Krampus club and started observing Krampusnacht four years ago in Bremerton. He said 4,000 persons attended a Krampus festival Dec. 1, 2023, and he hopes to have 6,000 this year. Downtown businesses who participated in this event reported record sales.

DRAWING

Alexander Parker had the winning ticket and drew the King of Spades, just one card off from the Queen of Spades which carries the prize.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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July 22: **Dr. R. Chris King** from St. Michaels Cardiology

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