



## Club Meeting

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

## Speakers

**August 26, 2024**

**Lisa Hope  
Kitsap Historical  
Society**

**September 02, 2024**

**LABOR DAY-NO  
MEETING**

**September 09, 2024**

**Karen Vargas  
Historical Preservation**

## Birthdays

**Bryan Wichert  
August 22nd**

**Daryl Wayne Matheny  
September 4th**

**Greg J. Wheeler  
September 11th**

## 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**



From the Rotary Meeting of 08/19/2024

**Posted by Alexander Parker**

## INTRODUCTIONS

### Visitors & Guests:

Mary Lou Long  
Patty Lent  
Sunny Saunders  
Lara Warthen  
Chris Warthen

### Exchange students:

Alison Warthen  
Hana Oâ€™Brian  
Lita Yli-Kuha  
Keaton Martinez

### Prospective member:

Kim Laughlin

### Reflection:

**Denise Ledingham** â€” Her first time giving a reflection. Her father always told her to be grateful for what she has. Here are quotes of gratitude:

â€œFeeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.â€” William Arthur Ward

â€œEnjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.â€” Robert Brault

â€œAs we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.â€” John F Kennedy

â€œBe thankful for what you have; youâ€™ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you donâ€™t have, you will never, ever have enough.â€” Oprah Winfrey

â€œForget yesterdayâ€”it has already forgotten you. Donâ€™t sweat tomorrowâ€”you havenâ€™t even met. Instead, open your eyes and your heart to a truly precious giftâ€”today.â€” Steve Maraboli

### Music Committee:

The Music Committee spoke of Labor Day coming, which means the Rotary Blackberry Festival is nearly here. Mondayâ€™s song was about signing up Rotary volunteers for shifts, especially set-up and breakdown. Help sell wine at the happiest booth of all. Here are the lyrics:

*Sign up, sign up for Rotary we need you without fail  
To work at var-i-ous booths at our Blackberry sale.  
We need evâ€™ry Rotarian to sign up for a shift  
And if you donâ€™t add your name weâ€™ll assign you, catch my drift?*

*We need help for the set-up and for the breakdown  
Or be roving sup-port, where you can wander around.  
Thereâ€™s need at Wine Booth to sell to one and all  
Help to sell the wine at the â€œhappiestâ€” booth of all.*

*Sign up, sign up for Rotary, itâ€™s almost the deadline.  
Timeâ€™s past for contemplation, please sign up now on-line.  
You can help with Rot-ry whether you are old or young;  
Many hands make light work and (it?) helps the job get done.*

### Exchange Students:



Finnish exchange student Yli-Kuha arrived at Sea-Tac on Aug. 13. Greeting her were her first host mom, Patty Lent, and BHS student Atley Carter.



Lita Yli-Kuha from Finland and summer exchange students to Japan Amy Warthen and from Japan Hana O'Brien; right, Lita with Finnish flag.

**Tom Long** introduced this year's exchange students who visited Monday's meeting. **Lita Yli-Kuha**, our inbound exchange student from Finland, introduced herself and presented a banner from her club. **John Stockwell** and **Tom Long** hoisted the Finnish flag in Lita's honor.

**Alison Warthen** "Went to Japan for six weeks. She had an amazing time, she loved it, and felt it was very different from here. She thanked the club for the opportunity.

**Hana O'Brien** - Visiting from Japan (her dad is English)

## SERGEANT AND HAPPY BUCKS

*Happy Bucks:*

**Tom Long** "gave a happy buck for all of the exchange students

**Dennis Treger** "gave a happy buck for being there Monday after the surgery he had recently. Two weeks out of it, and everything is good. He also thanked the club for the nice flowers he received.

**Dave Gitch** "Gave a happy buck for all of the support and words of comfort that were sent to him over the last three weeks, following his wife **Sue's** passing.

**Tim Quigley** "Gave a happy buck, has been off since May working for the county Elections Department. He is proud of our local Elections Department. He also shared these bucks as thanks for the rest of the Music Committee, whom he hopes did well in his absence.

**Marin Solace** "Gave \$5 for a good experience with the designer who has helped work on the Wild Game Dinner and she is excited by how everything is looking.

**John Stockwell** â€“ Gave a happy buck for how well the exchange student leadership has handled the exchange students this year.

**Patty Lent** - Is happy to be a host parent, and for the new salmon soup recipe that **Yli-Kuha** brought with her from Finland.

**Karen Sawyer-Meehan** â€“ Gave \$10 for happy bucks, her family went to the Forest Theater yesterday and it didnâ€™t rain until the end of the play. And she was happy to perform her first induction Monday as president.

#### **Sergeant questions:**



**Mark Miller** was the Sergeant Monday. He asked questions focused on the Kitsap County Fair and the Bremerton Rotary Blackberry Festival.

*When was the first Kitsap Fair??*  
Port orchard 1923

*When was it moved to Bremerton?*  
1958 (currently at the Fairgrounds north of the city)

*Whatâ€™s the big difference between the Blackberry Festival and the Fair?*  
The Blackberry Festival is free.

*Whatâ€™s the best way to get to the festival?*  
Usually the foot ferry, though that isnâ€™t happening this year.

*What are you going to see at the festival?*  
Wine and jelly.

#### **NEW MEMBER INDUCTION**



**Kim Laughlin** was inducted into our club Monday. **President Karen** gave Kim the reasons for which she was accepted. She shared the Four-Way Test, the Objective of Rotary, pins, and Kimâ€™s red badge. Karen shared the steps that Kim should take to change her red badge to blue.

In 1999 Kimâ€™s parents retired to Bremerton from Kansas City, so she has been visiting here since there. In 2006, her job took her to Charlottesville, NC, and then in 2021 she moved to Bremerton to take care of her father. More recently, more of her family has moved to the area and she is excited to see her nephew grow up in this community. She doesnâ€™t know many people in the area and looks forward to meeting more people through Rotary so that she can get more connected, and find more ways to give to this community that she loves. Welcome to our club, Kim!



**President Karen** gave former president **Geoff Pentz** his normal membership badge, reverting from his president's badge.

## LUNCHEON SPEAKER

**Julia Jansen** of Pacific Planetarium



The Planetarium reopened to the public in October of last year after closing for the pandemic. The Planetarium is on Pacific between 8th and 9th. An easy walk from the ferry terminal, it used to be a fire station. They've been in that space since 2011.

They are working on new things, one of those initiatives is focusing on careers in STEM and STEAM. In everything they do, they're focused on inclusion, interaction, and

STEAM = Careers in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The Planetarium helps provide fun interactive experiences in a way that shows a variety of levels of difficulty, and gives an introduction to a variety of potential STEAM careers.

Outreach They have inflatable planetariums that they can take to schools and organizations, anywhere in Kitsap County. That way schools don't have to think about logistics or buses, etc. so that the planetarium can reach more kids with less of a time commitment from the schools. They can serve up to 60 kids per outreach show, or an entire school in one day. That means lower costs per student, which is more affordable for schools.

They also host STEAM nights and open houses, which are available for whole families. They have interactive flat screens as well for times when a planetarium is too much.

Public themed shows They have ticketed events at first Fridays, and have monthly themed shows. They pride themselves on providing a variety of show types that cater to everyone from space novices to experienced space enthusiasts. Private events birthday parties, other events, etc. A great way to nurture a love of space, and helps fund educational programs for other groups who might have limited budgets.

Julia emphasized that art is also important to this sort of education, that design and abstract thinking are just as important to these sort of space-related careers, and not just STEM professions. They advocate for STEAM, which induces Arts, not just STEM.

Their shows focus on topics like astronomy, engineering, earth science, history and culture, and more.

The planetarium is also working on future virtual programs, weekend and daytime shows, and shows specifically for younger kids and families. Some of them will start as soon as next month.

## Questions

**Sunny Saunders** asked if we could get a planetarium at the Blackberry Festival. Unfortunately, the blow-up planetariums might fly away outside. But they are working on other experiences that could work in the future, like the touch screens.

**Dave Gitch** asked who finances the planetarium. And how does Julia know so much about all this? Digitalis education solutions: They make planetarium systems for groups all across the globe. So the Pacific Planetarium is a test location for some of their new gear. Julia has a degree in physics and has spent a lot of time in her life volunteering at planetariums. This is her passion.

**Mary Lou Long** asked if they have found life on other planets. Julia answered that it's a great topic and mentioned future missions going out soon searching for life.

**Amanda Owen** asked about camps.

They don't have any camps currently, but are working on ramping back up stuff like that.

Someone asked if there were any connections with astronauts. They don't have any yet, but they would love to bring in that sort of expertise.

**Geoff Pentz** asked if they present any laser shows. This Planetarium doesn't have one of those systems and doesn't have much space for one, but recommends Pacific Science Center, which does have those laser shows.

**Reama Schuld** mentioned how much she loved the Planetarium and appreciates that it is here in the community and feels we are very privileged to have it locally. Julia agreed that planetariums are rare, and most people attend planetariums only once in their life.

**Dave Anderson** Asked more about Digitalis Education. Digitalis is located in the same building, and has been there since 2001. They're a team of engineers and educators who build their own hardware and software that allow people to visualize really neat things like the sky throughout time. All of the systems are built here in Bremerton and are sent out across the country and the globe. Digitalis is focused on what makes planetarium systems special, and easier for educators to use.

**Mark Miller** Asked if they were doing anything for Monday's "blue moon." They're going to look into that.

**President Karen** presented Julia with blackberry jam and a donation to the Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus campaign and thanked her for presenting.

#### **BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL UPDATE**



**Sunny Saunders** gave updates on the upcoming Blackberry Festival. There will be a meeting next week after the Rotary meeting, or you can visit Sunny's office at 5:00 that day. It's mandatory to attend one of these meetings, so that volunteers know about safety and security for the event, and can pick up their shirts.

Sunny has brochures for everyone to share throughout the community.

The Seattle Times is going to do an article about the Blackberry Festival and fun things to do in Bremerton, so Sunny is doing an advertising push for the event with the Seattle Times. Sunny is available if anyone has questions.

#### **DRAWING**



**Doug Berger's** ticket was drawn. He had Lita draw a card. She did not draw the Queen of Spades.

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Aug. 26: **Lisa Hope**, Kitsap Historical Society  
Sept. 2: NO MEETING (Blackberry Festival going on)  
Sept. 9: **Karen Vargas**, Historical Preservation

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