



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

August 12, 2024

Jonathan Perry

**Bridging Bremerton Art
Wall**

August 19, 2024

Bremerton Planetarium

August 26, 2024

Lisa Hope

**Kitsap Historical
Society**

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Kyle Kincaid

August 7th

Andrea Spencer

August 9th

Bryan Wichert

August 22nd

Daryl Wayne Matheny

September 4th

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

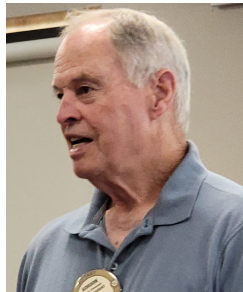
5 Years



BY DENISE LEDINGHAM

REFLECTION

Gordon Cromwell led the Reflection:



Friendships - recently hosted some friends that worked for his wife and reminded him of the general health and psychological well-being of having friends. People should spend a little more time reconnecting with people that they have friendships with. This is key to our well-being and maintaining a cohesive society.

He shared a famous quote: "There are good ships and wood ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships, may they always be!"

VISITORS & GUESTS

Mary Lou Long

Sunny Saunders, Blackberry Festival Manager

Kim Laughlin

Keaton Martinez, outbound exchange student to S. Korea

Mary and Dan DeMers Mazatlan humanitarian efforts

Jeff Coughlin, City Council member, Kitsap Historical Society and his son Max

SONG



The music committee was a little light Monday--**Larry Eyer** was solo. He shared a story about astronauts and engineers in honor of the guest speaker. **Jeff Coughlin** had a career with NASA.

Becoming an astronaut is one of the most difficult careers to achieve: The eight new astronaut candidates selected by NASA had to endure rigorous checks into their science, engineering, and flight experience, as well as exhaustive medical and fitness tests and other hurdles. But one requirement for the new recruits may surprise you -- poetry. An astronaut in 2013, Victor J. Glover recalls having to compose a tweet, a limerick or haiku. Larry shared the limerick about cosmology followed by some silly engineer jokes such as:
"Did you hear about the person who invented the escalator? They were mechanically inclined."
"What did the electrical engineer say when he got shocked? That hertz!"
"Why was the thermometer smarter than the test tube? He had more degrees."

HAPPY BUCKS

Gordon Cromwell was the sergeant today, doing double duty as the reflector.

Elizabeth Shea was glad to be back and she will be visiting her grandbabies in London soon and will be back in October.

Laura McKerrow had a happy and sad buck for her last meeting. She is headed off to Florida. She has enjoyed being part of the club.

Reama Schuld is happy as her son is visiting a friend, so he is gone for the week.

Karen Sawyer-Meehan thanked Laura for getting her set up as President. Karen was happy that the Bremerton Zine Fest ended Sunday and it was a smashing success at the Fountain Room. **Dani Gray** is speaking about it in October.

Dan and Mary DeMers, Monday was the third time visiting our club. **Geoff Pentz** was with them in Mexico. Thank you for the support down there. Takes a club, a village, a team, and understanding the mission. Happy to be here,

Gordon asked questions about the warm weather, the Mariners, and the Olympics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunny Saunders, Blackberry Festival Manager, did a show-and-tell of the new merchandise including hoodies for members, t-shirts, wine glasses, Chapstick, etc. She asked people to pass out leaflets promoting the festival.

Keaton Martinez, our outbound exchange student to South Korea for 2024-25 is working on a garden project at the high school. The class of 2016



had left a garden as a class gift. At RYLA camp they were to come up with a community service project. His team made a video and presented it at the camp. Keaton has wood, the soil, and just needs to build the bed. He has plants at his house and has a meeting with the school principal next week to discuss the garden. He is requesting the current Key Club and Interact Club if they can take care of them when he is on exchange. Interact is affiliated with Rotary, Key Club is a Kiwanis organization.

Mary and Dan DeMers gave an update on their project near Mazatlan that we are supporting. They have a doctor and a dentist and are receiving a lot of donations including beds, clothes, etc. The efforts continue to gather more resources. **Geoff and Betsy Pentz** drove down a load of medical supplies to them recently. She thanked us for supporting their project. It takes a village, a team and understanding the mission. She was happy to visit our club.

PROGRAM



Jeff Coughlin, City Council rep for Manette and the downtown area, and Kitsap History Museum Volunteer Director, discussed the Historic Sites Walking Tour.

Jeff has been in Bremerton since 2012. His husband is an industrial and mechanical engineer at the Shipyard. Jeff had a career with NASA. He was a Kitsap History Museum board member. He has been the Volunteering Director since COVID when the other director moved out of state. He is a City Council member and is running for County

Commissioner.

A Leadership Kitsap project established the historical walking tour and built a plaque for each historic site so the community and visitors can learn about each site. The plaques have a QR code which takes you to a website with a description of each site. The Leadership Kitsap team worked with business owners to mount the plaques for each historic building or place in the window.

Jeff Reviewed the website <https://kitsapmuseum.org/walking-tour-2/> which has a map that shows all of the sites and describes each site. Jeff showed other resources on the website including archives and collections.

DRAWING

Kyle Kincaid's ticket was pulled. The cards were missing so there will be two drawings next week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 12, Lisa Hope

August 19, Bremerton Planetarium

Photos and proofreading by Tom Long

EVVIE IN ITALY



Evvie Bevers is having a blast in Italy with **Vittoria Botta** (taking a selfie) and friends. This is the second part of a summer exchange that involved Vittoria visiting Evvie's home in Bremerton. (Photo submitted by **Karen McKay-Bevers**)