



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

September 30, 2024

Elliot Birkley

**Rebound exchange
student from Bolivia**

October 07, 2024

Iiita Yli-Kuha

**Our inbound exchange
student from Finland**

October 14, 2024

NO MEETING

**Indigenous People's
Day/Columbus Day**

October 21, 2024

Katie Pratt

Northwest Vernacular

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

WILLIAM M. M Roberts

September 25th

James Crawford

September 28th

Denise Landis

October 4th

Kade Platta

October 4th

Deborah Jackson

October 17th

ELIZABETH A. Shea

October 24th

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 meeting of 9/23/2024

BY STEVE LANDAU

Past President **Doug Berger**, in the absence of both **President Karen** and **President-Elect Marin Solace**, returned to the podium to lead the meeting.

REFLECTION

Jean Mitchell kept it short and sweet: "You know your children and grandchildren are growing up when they stop asking you where they came from and stop telling you where they're going."

VISITORS



Iiita Yli-Kuha, left, our inbound exchange student from Finland, rings the Rotary bell to start the meeting. At right, Amanda Owen took Iita to the Seattle Center, where a sidewalk vendor had snakes for tourists to take photos with.

Tina O'Brien, CEO, Kitsap Community Foundation, speaker

Grace Ginaven, Tina's daughter and tech aide

Rex Owen, son of Amanda Owen

Jayne Roper (formerly Barton), former club member, is going to be taking over our accounting functions

MUSIC COMMITTEE



Tim Quigley invited all the blue badge club members to come to the front of the room to form a Blue Badge Chorus to sing that old standard, "This Rotary Wheel." Most people have not memorized this trope, so they were given cheat sheets.

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS

Alexander Parker was the sergeant and he started out with happy bucks:

Carrie Rivers was happy because her eldest son, a freshman at BHS, performed well in his second cross country meet, a 5K race. He is excited because he'll be going to his first rock concert, along with **Karen McKay Bevers'** son **Keith**.

Marty Cavalluzzi had 10 happy bucks because he was able to attend our meeting,

even though it was the first day of school at OC. Usually, Mondays are the worst days for him. He was happy that enrollment is up 14.5%. Six thousand students were attending class on Monday alone.

Dennis Treger was wearing the same shirt he has for the last two weeks, although it was washed in between. This is in honor of the Cougs' three-game winning streak to start the season. They beat San Jose State in double overtime Friday night.

Amanda Owen was happy because she officially is a student at Olympic College, enrolled part-time.

Doug Berger said OC Prez **Marty Cavalluzzi** told him about the opening of a state-of-the-art shop building on the OC campus.

James LeRoy dropped off his son at Western Washington University in Bellingham, where he is in his senior year studying marketing.

Tim Quigley was happy to have **Amanda Owen** and her son **Rex** in the Blue Badge Chorus. Rex is a future Rotarian.

Exchange student **Iita Yli-Kula** said she went to Seattle and took pictures with snakes.



Sergeant Alex donated the five bucks he found on the sidewalk while walking his dog.

For fines, Alex asked various questions about Rotary. He asked which countries don't have any Rotary clubs. A correct answer was China and North Korea, although there are several more. He asked what the original Rotary motto was in 1911: "He profits most who serves best." "Service Above Self" came a lot later. We also learned that the PolioPlus campaign originated in

1985, and the requirement that club members be men was removed from Rotary's constitution in 1989.

PROGRAM



Tina O'Brien, CEO of the Kitsap Community Foundation, was our guest speaker. She told us how her organization helps non profit organizations in Kitsap County to thrive. They work directly with donors and professional advisors to craft individualized giving plans. Currently they manage 140 funds with assets of \$14.5 million. They also work with agencies to set up endowment funds which will support a favorite nonprofit after a donor's death. They also have a community grants process, which gives nonprofits money for operations and other needs. Kitsap Community Foundation supports the Kitsap Great Give, now in its 12th


year, which over a decade has raised more than \$17.5 million for local nonprofits. They have an annual Kitsap Celebration of Philanthropy, in which five awards are given. They are also partnering with a company called Freewill that allows applicants to create a will in as little as 20 minutes; seven in ten adults currently do not have a will to spell out how their assets are to be distributed.

DRAWING



Carrie Rivers made another attempt to pull the designated card out of deck, but was not successful this time.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



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