



This week's Rotary speaker



Speakers

January 24, 2024

Captain Douglas Graber,
Commanding Officer of
the USS Nimitz

A chance to learn about the operations and activities of the USS Nimitz

February 07, 2024

John Baule
History of Fruit Labels in Washington State

February 14, 2024

Amber Smith
State of Washington Litter Prevention Program

February 21, 2024

Don DeMers & Russ Shiple
Classification Talks

Birthdays

Lance P Walters
January 24th

Andrew R. Graham
January 27th

Alexandra R McLaughlin
February 1st

Christopher H. James
February 17th

Wedding Anniversaries

Tina Robinson
February 6th

Gena M. Wales
February 18th

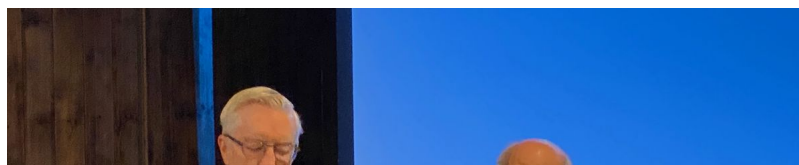
Years of Service

Jill M. Wallen
02-02-2005
19 Years

Last week we heard from Derek Means of Coffee Oasis, who shared an update on the organization that has been providing shelter and services for homeless youth in Kitsap County for more than 25 years, as well as his personal story of addiction, incarceration and redemption. It was a powerful glimpse at what some kids have to live with, with a message that it is possible to turn lives around. Our club has been very involved with supporting Coffee Oasis, dating to several ideas during President Steve Treanor's year and even earlier with projects at the Burwell Street location.

This week we'll hear from Capt. Doug Graber, CO of the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier. The Nimitz is currently homeported at Naval Base Kitsap in Bremerton, [after returning from a deployment last July.](#)

Rotary announcements



Patty Murphy
02-18-2009
15 Years

Kenneth Lee Hegtvedt
02-11-2015
9 Years

Alan R Beam
02-18-2015
9 Years

Paige A Jarquin
02-08-2022
2 Years

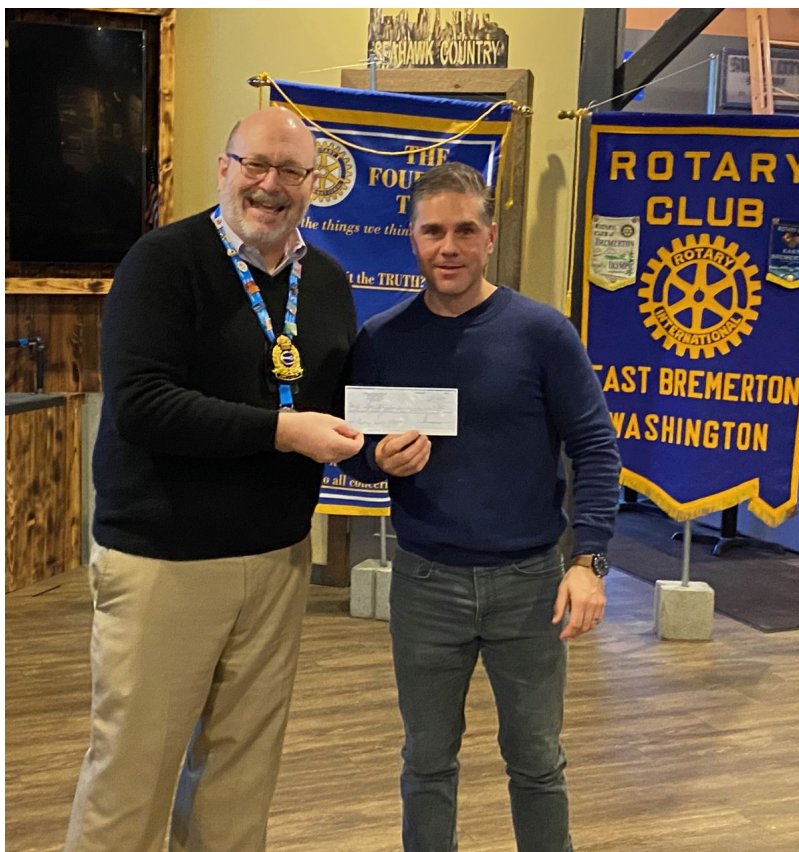
Jeremy Cross
02-11-2023
1 Year

Ali L. A. Cross
02-11-2023
1 Year



Something wild this way comes...

"Oh the cat's in the kettle at the Peking Moon..." our friends Tim Quigley and John Stockwell of the Bremerton Rotary Club serenaded while visiting last week -- and if you missed it the Bulletin is not going to explain that lyric, other than it rhymes with "hair ball on my spoon." The two "singing club" members ventured to the east side to advertise their club's 44th annual Wild Game Dinner, an annual fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, February 10 at the Kitsap Conference Center. If you're interested in tasting whatever they found in the woods this winter (or just contributing to a good cause and having fun with Rotarians), [you can find more information or buy tickets here.](#)



BINGO for Coffee O

After our speaker concluded, President David presented Derek with a \$290 check, raised at a recent bingo night hosted by Andy Graham at McCloud's.

Night to Shine returns

Donna Evans announced that the 'Night to Shine' event, which hosts a 'prom' type fun night for students and young adults with development disabilities, will return for the first time since 2019. The event includes 250 youth. so

will return for the first time since 2019. The event includes 200 youth, so volunteers are warmly welcome. The event will be held Friday, Feb. 9 at the New Life facility in Silverdale. Our club is a financial supporter of Night to Shine, through our charitable giving, and contact Donna if you'd like to help out that night.

If you have an item to include with the Rotary announcements, please email David Nelson at heyrels@gmail.com.

Who's happy?



From the Jan. 17 meeting...

Alijah Hawley had the happiest of bucks, returning to an EBR breakfast with a report that he, wife Claire and new baby Ellie (born Dec. 19) are doing very well... **President David**, for his Green Bay Packers taking down the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL playoffs... **David Nelson**, for the \$68,000 Kitsap Sun readers raised during the annual Bellringer holiday drive to benefit food banks... **Doug O'Donnell**, for returning to the balmy west side of the mountains after shivering in Eastern Washington... **Vic Uish**, for our speaker's inspirational story... and guest **John Stockwell**, who saw a lot of old friends at our club.

Denny Smith had his number called, and came up a big winner with the gold ball!

Greeters This Week - January 24

The Greeters/Finemasters for the January 24 Meeting will be **Chris James** and **Chris Piercy**. **Lance Walters** will lead the Flag Salute/4-Way Test and present the Invocation.