



This week's Rotary speaker

Speakers

September 18, 2024

Joe Crain

Expansion Plans for St Vincent DePaul in Bremerton.

September 25, 2024

Mayor Greg Wheeler

Update on what's happening in the City of Bremerton.

Birthdays

Jay A. Lovato

October 4th

Tina Robinson

October 5th

Wedding Anniversaries

Douglas D. Fairbanks

September 21st

Years of Service

Tina Robinson

10-12-2016

8 Years

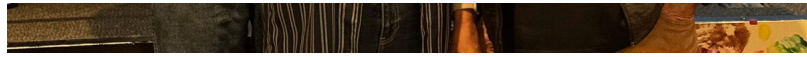


Last week we heard from Mike Columbus about a program called Mike's Rides for Lives. This nonprofit, which Mike founded by is mainly run by a board, have given away a vehicle for the past three years to a deserving person. The criteria is that the "ride" must significantly impact the person's life and give them a path forward, and Mike shared that the recipients have been grateful and used the new transportation to take steps forward. Rides for Lives is always fundraising, and also at the beginning of its cycle to accept nominations for the next donation.

This week we'll hear from Joe Crain from St. Vincent De Paul in Bremerton, [where a major project is now in the works to rebuild the organization's longtime campus](#) in a way that will consolidate services and add housing and more at Callow Ave and 12th Street.

Rotary announcements





Blackberry Festival's happy totals

The EBR Foundation accepted a check for the proceeds from the Blackberry Festival pie/cobbler fundraiser. In all we sold more than \$5,700 worth of pies, and as noted before that was done without working the second half of Sunday or Monday, because we sold out. Thanks again to everyone who got involved, and for those already planning for next Labor Day weekend.

Work in the Preserve with EBR

Our forest leadership team's next project with WYC is coming up this Friday, Sept. 20, when we'll have approximately 50 young people out to help dress the trails with fresh wood chips. Everyone is welcome to come volunteer for as long as you are able. Start time 9 a.m. and lasts until 3:30 p.m.; see Vic Ulsh or Jon Buesch for more details.

Then... Walk in the Park with EBR

Our club is holding an informal fellowship opportunity on Oct. 12, with a guided walk through Illahee Preserve led by our preservation committee. Come get a look at the work that gets done through hours of volunteer work by EBR members.

Polio Plus month coming up

Patty Murphy announced that October is Polio Plus month for Rotary International. For our club, that means any gifts to Polio Plus will be matched by EBR, up to \$4,000 total.

B&G Club event on October 4

East Bremerton Rotary has historically been a big supporter of the Boys & Girls Club, and one way we show that is by attending the organization's annual "Treasure Hunters" fundraiser at the Admiral Theater. Right now club members Sue Shipley, Stacy Dore, Patty Murphy and David Emmons are all signed up to go. Contact one of them if you're interested, or just buy tickets. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

Special Olympics looking for volunteers

The Special Olympics has reached out to East Bremerton Rotary to ask for volunteers to join an event at All Star Lanes in Silverdale on Sunday, Sept. 22. Shifts are available from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and coaching experience is not necessary. Volunteers are needed in support roles.

To register, visit our webpage <https://>

specialolympicswashington.org/event-volunteers/ for instructions on registering on our new portal. You can see the various roles and shifts by clicking on the link next to the Silverdale event but you must return to the portal's link (<https://portals.specialolympics.org>) to first create an account and then register for your desired shift. Group members over the age of 14 are encouraged to register as individuals – youth ages 11-13 must have an adult register first as a Group Lead, create a group, and then add the youth to their account. More detailed information and user guides are available on our webpage.

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

Who's happy?



From the Sept. 11 meeting...

Tom Brobst was happy for his 34th anniversary... and **Donna Evans** was happy for her 42nd... and **Jon Buesch** was happy for his 52nd... and **Jill Wallen above**, topped 'em all by being happy for her 67th! (That last one is a birthday, however...)

Doug O'Donnell, getting ahead of the finemasters by admitting his phone rang... **Joe Stevick**, for Mike's talk, especially how he handed the hecklers... **Steve Treanor**, for a trip to Yellowstone National Park... **Chris James**, for an Alaskan cruise... **Stacy Dore**, for President Andy's work at Blackberry Festival, and for a trip to Victoria with her son... and **Tommy B** again, for a fishing trip with Sonny Loidhammer.



Donna Evans was the lucky winner but didn't have the hot hand, which means... *THERE'S ONE BALL LEFT IN THE BAG!* So come early tomorrow with fistfuls of cash to buy the lucky ticket this week, and skip the tricky part of pulling out the gold golf ball you need to win the prize pot.