



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

March 17, 2025 Sunny Saunders Blackberry Festival March 29, 2025 Bremerton Rotary Wild Game Dinner

Events

March 29th Rotary Wild Game Dinner Speaker: Bremerton Rotary Wild Game Dinner

Birthdays

Katie Walters March 21st Chuck Capps March 21st Julius Blackwell April 5th Steven M. Rice April 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

from the meeting of Monday March 10

By Doug Berger

Welcome by President Karen Pledge by Tom Long Patriotic Song by Larry Eyer - Star Spangled Banner

Reflection by Doug Berger



Being a Rotarian means actively participating in the affairs and service projects of one's club, demonstrating commitment to Rotary through service to the club, community and the world. It involves experiencing fulfillment from "service above self", expanding one's circle of acquaintances, fostering life-long friendships and contributing to the community.

Introduction of guests:

Jessica Wilson w/ Jim Cline Bonnie Leckron - Scouting America Megan Aquilar - Go on the Mission - prospective member Iita Yli-Kuha - our exchange student



Bremerton High School Choir: Karen McKay-Bevers, Ryan Nickels, President Karen Sawyer-Meehan, John Stockwell, Tim Quigley, Larry Eyer, and Jim Cline

Music Committee: John Stockwell, Larry Eyer and Tim Quigley

Women's Day Tribute Song Bremerton High School Basketball Team State Champions Wild Beginnings promotion

Sergeant: Jean Mitchell

Happy Bucks:

Doug Berger - attending Admiral Theater Musical Menopause 2 with wife and friends. At least ten men in the audience of a fully packed house of women!

**Larry Eyer** - Celebrating many of the family birthdays in the month of March by going to the NEW Aquarium

**Jim Cline** - Successful 1st Friday events down in the Callow District

**Dave Gitch** - for helping Past President **Chris Henrickson** buy shoelaces for his tennis shoes

**Betsy Hagedstedt** - 1st Friday photo and art collaboration exhibit her husband presented

**Karen McKay-Beavers** -attending the Kooza Cirque du Soleil show in Redmond with her family was amazing - she was their publicist for 2 years

**Jean Mitchell** - happy that our club finally has a new treasurer - **Jim Cline**

**Sergeant Jean** raised fines for:  
Wild New Beginnings theme:

Not knowing:  
the Date  
the Location  
the Time

Not doing the following for the event:  
Invite someone  
Donate to the event  
Volunteer for the event

Announcements:

**Past President Geoff** had the club formally elect by acclamation **Jim Cline** as the new Treasurer

**Tom Long** read an update from past exchange student **Grace deMeurisse**, Denmark 2014-15 who completed her Doctorate in Language Studies at the University of Florida.

**Karen McKay-Bevers** forgot to mention this at the meeting:  
Blackberry Festival Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 17  
Immediately following the regular luncheon.  
All are welcome!

PROGRAM:

**President Karen** asked several Rotarians, at the suggestion of Past President **Denise Ledingham**, to give some member talks about themselves.



**Alexander Parker** - about his early volunteering experience as Mr. Sun Block character in a San Francisco Park

**Larry Eyer** - from Kelso High to Kitsap Community Resources and the many interesting projects which were always new and interesting for him



**Dave Gitch** - former CEO at Harrison Hospital - talked about an elderly woman near his former employer Harborview Hospital in Seattle. The woman would push shopping carts up the hill each day slowly block by block and return them down the hill at the end of the day. He wished he had stopped to learn more about her but noticed that she as a result of her daily routine had very strong calves!



**Denise Ledingham** – she suggested the member talks and was also asked to do one. She talked about the busy travel schedule she is keeping for her company, which has kept her very busy, but not too busy to be building a new house in Florida, which she stressed was being built for when she is much older!



**Andrea Spencer** - Bremerton Planning Director talked about how she ended up as a city planner. She loves her work on large scale projects in Bremerton, but especially helping people with smaller projects and permitting "feeds her soul".



**Jean Mitchell** - Talked about how she came to the Bremerton Rotary from Seattle, while working for American Airlines as a ground agent. She has dealt with all kinds of airline passenger complaints and still has commuted to our club from Seattle for over 20 years and rarely misses a meeting!

Drawing: **Andrea Spencer** won the drawing and just missed the Queen of Spades!

Meeting Adjourned