



Club Meeting

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

Speakers

March 31, 2025
[Weekly Club Meeting](#)
April 07, 2025
[Weekly Club Meeting](#)
April 14, 2025
[Erin Wilkinson](#)
Bremerton High School

Events

March 27th
[Wild Beginnings Oyster Shucking](#)
March 29th
[Rotary Wild Beginnings Dinner & Auction](#)
April 3rd
[Rotary Screening of "Bob Trevino Likes It"](#)

Birthdays

Julius Blackwell
April 5th
Steven M. Rice
April 11th
Dale N. Holdren
April 18th

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

Rotary
Club of Bremerton

Silent Auction 5:00pm
Dinner 6:30pm
March 29th, 2025
Kitsap Conference Center

WILD BEGINNINGS DINNER AND AUCTION

BREMERTON ROTARY CLUB
45TH
ANNUAL
DINNER

THERE'S STILL TIME TO BUY TICKETS: [Click here](#)

from the meeting of Monday March 24

By Steve Landau

REFLECTION



Jim Cline reflected on radiating positivity. There are simple things we all can do to fulfill this: thanking a waitress or telling the manager how good the service was; leaving things cleaner than when you got there; and recycling. He said there is going to be a cleanup on Callow this Saturday and invited us to come see the planters we donated. He said to greet other people with a smile. Then Jim had everyone stand up and greet someone around them.

VISITORS & GUESTS

Bonnie Leckron, Scouting America, Scouting executive for Peninsula territories
Coolidge Schuld, Reama's son, in his 4th year studying Spanish at Armin Jahr. He will be participating in the Washington State Science and Engineering Fair
Danielle Potwin, local ceramic artist, see her work at the silent auction table at Wild Beginnings
Sunny Saunders
Iita Yli-Kuha, exchange student from Finland

MUSIC COMMITTEE



John Stockwell and **Larry Eyer** played a song about the Wild Beginnings Dinner and Auction, with lyrics provided by **Tim Quigley**. Only problem: Tim wasn't there, so they struggled reading his lyrics on a cellphone.

SERGEANT & HAPPY BUCKS



Alexander Parker, the day's sergeant, asked for happy bucks, but first he fined the Music Committee for not being prepared.

Alexander started off happy bucks by giving some for his recent release of You Tube videos, which earned him \$200 in two days!

Karen McKay-Bevers couldn't help bragging again about her son **Keith's** exploits as a wrestler. There was a wrestling banquet and he was selected by the coaches for athletic excellence. She is especially proud because he also got the sportsmanship award, which is selected by his teammates. Her daughter, **Evvie**, was selected to go to RYLA and she is just feeling "giddy."



Carrie Rivers was glad she got to make the birthday cake for **Marin and Manu's** two-year-old. Also her son, **Sean**, had a choir concert and she was thrilled by members of the Rotary family showing up, including **Karen McKay-Bevers**, her husband **Jeff** and son **Keith**. Karen's daughter **Evvie** was in the choir with Sean. Karen's family sat behind her and Karen picked on **William**, her youngest, to get his goat because he was distracted by playing games on her phone. But he was at least quiet.

Dave Anderson's third grandson just got his Eagle Scout project approved. His other two grandsons already are Eagle Scouts.

Tom Long is happy that he and **Mary Lou** are taking our exchange student from Finland, **Iita Yli-Kuha**, to Oahu and Kauai Saturday.

Geoff Pentz is happy about the 3rd generation of Rotarians in his family. Grandson **Zach Pentz** is being sponsored to go to RYLA; he is a student at Klahowya Secondary School.

Gordon Cromwell said he has been a judge at the Bremerton High School Science Fair and he was really impressed by the quality of work.

President Karen was glad to have attended Port Orchard Rotary's Crabfeed with her father, mother and husband. The crowd was amazing, but Karen was somewhat disappointed by their auction items compared to ours.

Sunny Saunders said she usually doesn't celebrate her birthdays much, but she's throwing a big party at McCloud's restaurant for her upcoming 50th.

Sergeant Alexander then asked everyone to throw in a dollar if they weren't planning on attending the Callow Cleanup. He also fined everyone \$3 who hadn't bought something from a Bremerton business this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Karen said we had sold 78 dinner tickets (as of Monday) for Wild Beginnings, but we need 30 more. Spread the word among your friends and acquaintances.

Tom Long is taking our exchange student from Finland, **Iita Yli-Kuha**, to Hawaii with **Mary Lou**. Tom knows the Hawaii District Youth Exchange Chairman and asked about exchange students on Kauai and Oahu. There is a girl from Norway, **Frida Paulsson**, living on Oahu and Tom contacted her host mother, **Cheryl Holdcroft**. It

turns out Cheryl is from Suquamish, went to Bainbridge High School and was a Rotary exchange student to Japan 1982-1983. She is past president of the East Honolulu Rotary Club and Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Club Chair. It turns out that the late **Paul Pazooki**, a former member of our club was Cheryl's dad's partner at Map Ltd Engineering in Silverdale and a close family friend. Cheryl said that Paul along with another partner, **Dennis McMenamin**, talked Cheryl's parents into letting her go to Japan as a Rotary exchange student."

Further evidence that it's a small world was that **President Karen** went to Paris alone when she was 19 and asked a group of ladies to take her picture in front of Notre Dame. It turned out they all worked at the Bremerton library.

Carrie Rivers is still selling tickets for our 50-50 raffle at Wild Beginnings, with half the money going to the club and half for the winner. She started with putting in \$100 of her own money. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets.

Dennis Treger announced that he just cut five checks for the Community Welfare Committee totaling \$4,000. Donations went to:

- Bremerton Community Farmers Market, \$2000
- Kitsap Regional Library Foundation, \$750
- Operation Home Front, \$500
- Kitsap Water Festival, \$500
- Kidzz Helping Kidzz, \$250

NEW MEMBER



Megan Aguilar was inducted into our club, with her sponsor **Geoff Pentz** at her side. Megan was born and raised on a 5-acre farm in Centralia and grew up with a deep appreciation for hard work and community. She graduated from the University of Washington, majoring in molecular and cellular biology. She married her high school sweetheart, **Pedro**, who is currently working at PSNS. Megan is the operations director at Go on the Mission and resides in Bremerton with her husband and their son, **Noah**. Megan said she is excited to be here. She mentioned that 50 years ago, her mother-in-law was a Rotary exchange student. She has lived in the area for 16 years, having moved here after college. Welcome to our club, Megan!

PROGRAM

For our program **Jean Mitchell** (aka Gramma Jean) gave us what we used to call a classification talk. She told us about her 27½ years as a front counter agent in Seattle for American Airlines. She said this was the hardest job she's ever loved. Like most of the Seattle employees, Jean worked a part-time shift. She chose a vacation relief shift, which means her schedule was constantly changing. She was fortunate to have



seniority in bidding for shifts. For many years she would work a shift in the morning on Thanksgiving, then get together with family at the 13 Coins restaurant near SeaTac, and then work an evening shift. Her schedule would allow her to go hiking with the Boy Scouts in the summer.

Jean urged air travelers to be kind to their front counter agent. She has dealt with a lot of unruly passengers and said, "You have no idea how desperately miserable I can make your life." She has learned to deal with passengers who are screaming in her face. They can only do so for so long, then she can call the airport police. Only once in her career did she file an assault report; it turned out to be a homeless person. She can also be very helpful to respectful passengers; **Carrie Rivers** thanked Jean for getting her family home from a trip about 20 years ago.

Jean advised us not to leave double tags on your luggage with different destinations and to take off straps. You never know where your luggage will go. But in most cases, if your luggage doesn't make it to your destination, it will probably be delivered to your destination by the time you reach it.

RAFFLE



Gerry Egan's longtime habit of buying one raffle ticket at each meeting paid off as he selected the winning card.

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