

# Rotary

## Club of East Bremerton



## This week's Rotary speaker

### Speakers

**March 05, 2025**

Kathy King  
LeMay Auto Museum  
(America's Car Museum)

**March 19, 2025**

Chief Patrick McGanney  
Update on the  
Bremerton Fire  
Department

**March 26, 2025**

Aljolynn Sperber  
Visit Kitsap Peninsula

**April 02, 2025**

Captain J.D. Crinklaw  
Update on Puget Sound  
Naval Shipyard

### Birthdays

David Emmons  
March 4th

James Aho  
March 11th

Mike Columbus  
March 24th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Victor C. Ulsh  
March 25th

### Years of Service

James E. Ryan



Last week David Nelson gave us a current events talk about one of his passions, high school basketball, with the news that the **Olympic League champion Bremerton Knights are among the favorites to win the 2A state championship** this year. Coach Miah Davis and the team won its regional game easily last Saturday over Lakewood ([read the Kitsap Sun story here](#)) and play again Thursday at the Yakima Sun Dome. The Knights, now 19-5, just need three more wins to become state champs.

This week we'll welcome Kathy King from the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma, to share more about "America's Car Museum."

## Rotary announcements

04-01-1984  
41 Years  
Victor C. Ulsh  
04-01-1993  
32 Years



## Support EBR through the Kitsap Great Give

The event that for the past few years has raised the most money for EBR's charitable giving projects is underway now. Our club is once again participating in the Kitsap Great Give, an annual community day of philanthropy put on by the Kitsap Community Foundation that helps more than 300 nonprofits raise money. **This is the time for members to make a gift to the EBR Foundation on par with what you would have given to our former auction fundraisers**, and we raised approximately \$20,000 through the event a year ago. Encourage friends or other EBR supporters to join as well.

The Kitsap Great Give is officially on Tuesday, March 11, but gifts may be made now. Go to the [Kitsap Great Give website](#), and browse through nonprofits participating or search for East Bremerton Rotary.



## **The Kettle Award comes home!**

Last Wednesday Salvation Army Capt. Lance Walters was joined by volunteer coordinator Gloria Moen, who presented East Bremerton Rotary with the Red Kettle Award. We earned the designation by raising more than \$6,000 while ringing bells for the Salvation Army last Christmas season, tops among service clubs in the area. Ron Muhleman is already recruiting for next December's event so we can defend the title!



## **Comedy night a success**

Thanks to everyone who came out to last weekend's comedy night fundraiser at the Cloverleaf. We laughed, played a raffle, and raised \$2,800

for the club to keep doing good work in the community!



## WYA at Illahee Preserve

Thanks to our Illahee Forest Preservation Committee, who organized another successful work party with the Washington Youth Academy. Nearly 50 cadets from the Bremerton-based school helped all day on a beautiful Friday, hauling and spreading wood chips around the preserve's trails. Thanks to all who attended and helped out.



**Welcome Mary Von Ranker**

We have a prospective member who will be coming forward for a vote to join EBR soon. Mary Von Ranker is the volunteer coordinator for Habitat for Humanity, and has been attending our club meetings recently. She's a gardener and garden educator, has worked on international projects and is enthused about getting involved in East Bremerton. Say hello when you see Mary next!

EAST BREMERTON ROTARY  
PRESENTS

# MARCH MADNESS

*Bracket Challenge*

**\$20 PER TICKET**



SELECTION WED MARCH 19TH AFTER MTG

**SEE JAY LOVATO FOR TICKETS**

**1ST PLACE: \$300**  
**2ND -4TH PLACE: \$100**  
**\$680 TO EAST BREM ROTARY FOUNDATION**

## March Madness Bracket Challenge

The annual NCAA college basketball tournament's approach means it's time to draw names and make some money for the East Bremerton Rotary Foundation. Jay Lovato will be selling tickets for \$20 each on March 5 and 12. Selections will be drawn on March 19 after the club meeting. The club member who draws the winning team's name gets \$300, with \$100 going to the other Final Four teams.

***If you have an item to include with the Rotary announcements, please email David Nelson at [heynels@gmail.com](mailto:heynels@gmail.com).***

## Who's happy?



*From the Feb. 26 meeting...*

**Jeff Rowe** was happy for the doctor's opinion that he does NOT need a revision surgery on his knee, which meant he was free to attend the Rotary club president training workshop known as PETS, which he enjoyed...

**David Emmons**, for **Andy's** and **Jay's** work in organizing the Bingo fundraiser, where he won an air fryer that he is putting to use... **John Armstrong**, for Bremerton High Coach Miah Davis, doing a great job with this year's team and for hosting a junior high school all-star basketball game each year along with EBR member **Jeremy Cross**... **David White**, for Andy supporting the district hospitality suite at PETS last weekend... **Stacey Dore**, who attended the Poulsbo Rotary Club's Blues and Jazz festival and had a great time...



**Ali McLaughlin**, who has been named an interim Vice President at St. Michael Medical Center... **Russ Shiplet**... happy to sponsor the return of a Kitsap Punt, Pass and Kick competition in May... **Doug O'Donnell**, remembering that one of his classmates won the kick competition when he was a kid... **Vic Ulsh**, for **David Nelson** stepping in for the program this week... and **David Nelson**, because we can see what effort it takes for Vic to provide such great programs each week... **President Andy**, for Ali's job, Vic arranging a program at the last minute, for David doing the program, and for Gloria for involving us in the Salvation Army kettle program...and **Dick Simms**, for the dictionary distribution to third graders starting up again...

**Chris Piercy** won the drawing (*for the second week in a row*), but drew a white ball (*also for the second week in a row...*). If the bulletin committee's math is correct, there's one ball left in the bag and it is GOLD...