

Rotary

Club of East Bremerton



This week's Rotary speaker

Speakers

April 02, 2025

Dan Weedin

Navigating Life's Back 9:
A Playbook for Peace of
Mind & Purpose

April 09, 2025

Brent Rotter & Ranae
Beeker

Accessibility for Mobility
Impaired in Kitsap.

April 16, 2025

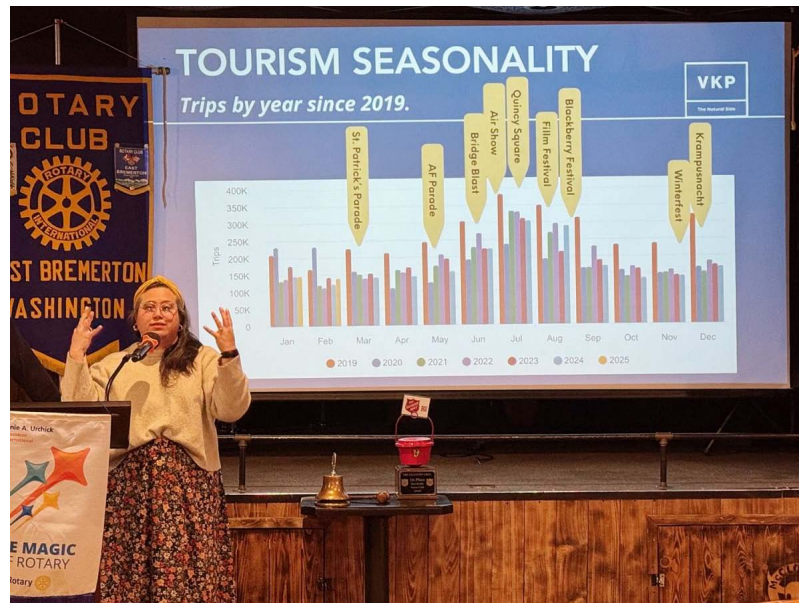
John Gese

Kitsap County Sheriff
Department

April 30, 2025

Meeting Cancelled -
Rotary Party Prior
Evening

No Meeting Today 4/30



Last week we were joined by **Aljoylnn Sperber, executive director of Visit Kitsap**, the region's agency focused on tourism across the county. Aljoylnn shared some numbers on the impact of tourism on Kitsap's economy (below), previewed some of the upcoming events coming to Bremerton that are key to bringing visitors, and encouraged us all to be ambassadors for the area. Learn more about [Visit Kitsap here](#), and check out the agency's ideas for [spring activities with this sample itinerary!](#)

Birthdays

Gena M. Wales
May 1st

Wedding

Anniversaries

Christopher H. James
April 15th

Years of Service

James E. Ryan
04-01-1984
41 Years

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM

VKP

The Natural Side

VISIT KITSAP PENINSULA

The Natural Side of the Puget Sound

3.28
million visitors in
2023

\$102.1
million in lodging

5.7%
growth between
2022-2023



\$61.2
million in
recreation



\$485.7
million USD
generated from
tourism direct sales.

*65% of all business
sales in Kitsap County*

Victor C. Ulsh

04-01-1993

32 Years

Jonathan P. Buesch

04-30-1997

28 Years

Jerry LeTexier

04-27-2005

20 Years

Carl J. Glivar

04-13-2021

4 Years

Lance P Walters

04-04-2023

2 Years

Craig Volwiler

04-06-2023

2 Years

This week a familiar face will make the trip down from Poulsbo, and the prolific **Dan Weedin** -- an author, business advisor, coach, community booster and this season a candidate for mayor of his city -- will be at breakfast with an inspirational message.

Rotary announcements



It's never that wet in the woods

Thanks to our Illahee Preserve Committee and the volunteers who showed up on a rainy Friday morning last week to do a work project with the cadets from Washington Youth Academy. More than 40 young men helped us put wood chips on the trails to prepare them for spring rains and increased use. Vic, Jon, Jim Aho, Craig Volwiler, Jeff Rowe and David Nelson from the club were all among the help (apologies to anyone who was left off, the Bulletin Committee had a rake instead of a pen and paper in hand). Nice job everyone!

The Final Four

The NCAA college basketball tournament and the EBR March Madness Bracket Challenge are down to the final weekend. Tina Robinson (Florida), Alan Beam (Duke), Chris Piercy (Auburn) and Dick Sims (Houston) are the names our finemasters will want to keep at the top of their lists... Good luck folks! And good on EBR for raising several hundred dollars for our Foundation budget with this effort.

Officer and chairs for 2025-26

Club officers and committee chairs for the coming Rotary year, which begins in July, have been approved. They are:

President: Jeff Rowe
President-elect: Ali McLaughlin
Secretary: Craig Volwiler
Treasurer: Ken Hegtvedt
Sargeant-at-Arms: Bill Benson
Past President: Andy Graham
Club Administration: Gena Wales
Community Service: Stacey Dore
International Service: Jay Lovato
Membership: Mike Columbus
Public Image: Alan Beam
Youth Service: Tom Brobst
Vocational Service: Ali Cross

Upcoming events

- We'll have a '**Fifth Wednesday**' club social on TUESDAY, April 29. Plan for McCloud's at 5:30 p.m.
- Stacy Dore will host **an EBR Fireside**, which are informal club socials at a member's home, particularly done to welcome newer members, on the evening of Thursday, May 29.
- And May 30/31 is the annual Rotary District Conference for 5020, this year held in Tacoma. More information, signups and hotel reservations [are available here](#).

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

Who's happy?



That's three in a row! **Jon Buesch not Boosch** pulled the golden ball, a week after David Emmons had the touch and two weeks after Jay Lovato had the hot hand. Are we sure there are still white balls in that bag?

We'll find out tomorrow...

As for the happy bucks... golfers in the crowd all know the term 'a mulligan.' We promise they were good last Wednesday, so come ready to share the love again tomorrow.