

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter - December 2017

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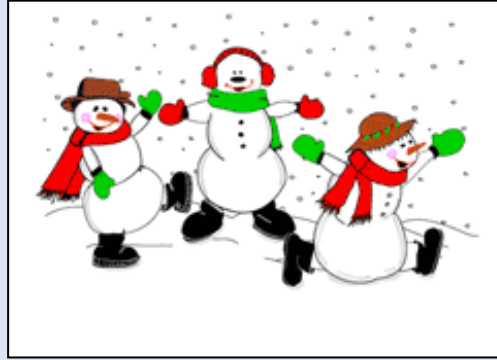
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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Dec. 7 – Mtg Noon, The Source, Speaker TBD

Dec. 12 – Satellite Mtg, 6:30 p.m. location TBD

Dec. 14 – Mtg Noon, The Source, Speaker TBD

Dec. 16 – Bellringing Service (see item under service)

Dec. 20 – No Board Mtg

Dec. 21 – Round Table Social, Noon, Pancake House, Kitsap Way

Dec. 28. No Mtg

Jan. 4 – Mtg Noon, The Source, Speaker TBD

## Service Opportunities!

### Kiwanis Bellringers

Saturday Dec. 16, 9:45 – 6  
We will be at all 3 doors at Fred Meyers to collect money for Salvation Army to feed hungry people and shelter the homeless.

(see separate article)

### Bremerton Foodline Holiday Basket Assembly

Dec. 16, 10 a.m. for 2 hours; contact Brandie at 360-479-6188 to sign up

### Kiwanis Park Cleanup

Our commitment to our park is year round; donuts provided; Contact Sunny for this month's date.

*Remember that the club programs and fun events start with a member chairperson. Please see Patti to help make our club experience great!*

**Kiwanis empowers communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children.**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Bremerton Kiwanis Family,

The holidays are upon us and winter arrives officially on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Almost three months into my term of office and we have accomplished good things but there will always be more service needed in our community. Please be sure to check out our website for upcoming events, photos and more Kiwanis "family" information.

I want to thank everyone that was able to attend our **annual Luncheon at the Admiral on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Thanks to Liz Gross, we made it possible to bring together not only our friends at the Central Lions but also both the Downtown Rotary and the East Bremerton Rotary clubs. See pictures in the photo album or online at our website. We had a wonderful luncheon prepared by Chef Ted and the staff and kicked off the initial planning for a Bremerton Community Joint Service Project. *The challenge is what project should we accomplish to better our community?* As announced at the luncheon, we are forming a steering committee to guide this process. I will need at least one other Kiwanis club member to join me as representatives to that committee. I request you contact me if you are interested in this project because we will be announcing the first committee meeting soon. ***What great things can be accomplished if we all come together to make a difference?***

November has been a busy month. Thanks to the club volunteers who provided service **assembling the holiday baskets at the Bremerton Foodline** on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Denise Kennedy with husband Joe and son, Brandie Short, Patti Peterson, Teresa Bryant and Lisa Heahman joined scouts, ball teams, navy families, Edward Jones' offices, and more who turned out to prepare more than 650 baskets of non-perishables, and bag onions and potatoes in record time to create the opportunity for Bremerton families to have a nice Thanksgiving meal. Please see a photo or two on the "Album" page.

On **December 16 from 9:45 until 6:00**, we will be conducting our **annual Bellringer service with the Key Club for the Salvation Army**. A sign-up sheet is available and we need at least 4 adults per 3 hour shift to accompany the Key Clubbers who are already practicing their songs. Please watch for a Kiwanis News Flash email or sign-up at a regular meeting. Your family members are welcome to join us! Don't forget that after we finish at 6 p.m., some of us will go to the Salvation Army building (upper level) to count the money collected. We have a friendly competition between the teams at all three doors to see who gets more money in the kettle, so get your shift space reserved. This Red Vest Day is a great way to meet the people in our community and show them what Kiwanis is all about. Questions? Please contact Patti P.

Please check the **coming calendar and Volunteer opportunities sections** for more information. Some dates represent our "usual" activities but there are a few changes and new items. We miss each of you when you takeoff for those family trips and vacations...Mexico and Florida sound pretty nice as the weather gets colder. Do take the time to check out Kiwanis clubs in your destination area. The remarkable part of our Kiwanis family is its international base that stretches to most states and countries. Wherever you go, you can make contact with Kiwanis.

As we look forward to the season of love, kindness and hope that marks the beginning of a new calendar year, I send you best wishes for family, friends and fun!

*Patti Peterson, President*



**Darroll's December Cryptoquote:** (email Darroll with your answer)

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**Darroll's December's Trivia Question:** (email Darroll with your answer)

**Kiwanis has how many Districts?**

**Get the answers from Darroll at the regular club meetings.**

**Inspirational Quote of the Month:** "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' "  
Fred Rogers

## **Club Program & Project Highlights**

Our schools are preparing for that brief but important holiday break. Keep an eye for kids in your neighborhood especially if it snows. In the coming weeks of January I urge you to contact the various advisors to ask what you can do to help with our SLPs. Can you offer some leadership in these programs? Contact the current advisor(s) information at each program level.

### **SUCCESS and Elementary Level Programs –**

*We currently have no on-going programs at this level. If you have free time during the day, perhaps you can help us work on a new program. As a minimum, we will have one story time in the works... read a story to children at a local elementary school or library... a two hour commitment once a month that will brighten your day! We can also look forward to Pinewood Derby time in the spring with West Hills STEM Academy students. Please notify Patti if you have an idea for service leadership at this level.*

**BUILDERS Club Program Information** – *Our Builder's Club goal is to build relationships and support each other at the Middle School level. We welcome Dennis Williams back as a Builder's Club advisor and supporter. Currently meetings are planned to be held on Tuesdays of each week from 3 to 4 p.m. A little prep time and one hour really means a lot to these kids. Contact Stephanie Blotzer for more information.*

**KEY Club Program Information** – *Key Club is all about teens learning a service way of life. We are very fortunate to have their vibrant personalities and enthusiasm as the energy at many of our service projects. Having a Key Club Lt. Governor is even more activity. We need Youth Advisors to assist with guidance, chaperoning, and sometimes transportation; the kids take care of all the rest. Meetings are held weekly at BHS weekly. Darroll has been bringing Key Clubbers to join us at our regular club lunch meetings. Perhaps you could be a sponsor for more kids to attend? Contact Deann Irish or Darroll Clark for more information.*



## Kiwanis Club of Bremerton – Service Opportunities

### November Special Olympics Bowling by Beverley Luckey-Short

The bowling event was held on Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at All Star Lanes. The day started off with a great breakfast, excellent fellowship and the smiling faces of our outstanding Key Club. The Key Clubbers who braved the cold weather to enjoy an early morning dining experience had a wonderful time. Thank you to the club members who chipped in paying for the meals.

The event was a huge success! This was the most organized and smooth flowing Special Olympics event I have been involved in. The majority of the volunteers were recruited through the email list that I maintain throughout the year and it never fails to amaze me how many people forward the email to friends and family. The Special Olympics staff and office volunteers did a great job letting the volunteers know what jobs were available and keeping them gainfully employed. The online registration was a great time saver before the event and during the event. I hope when the time comes for the Basketball Tournament, all of our Kiwanis members will take advantage of the online registration.

*Bev*

***We have two opportunities on the same day this month... stop by one or both for a couple of hours for your service this month. Please tell Patti or Bill E. to report your service hours.***

***1) Dec. 16 Holiday Basket Assembly Day, 10 to noon*** – Join our community and spend a couple of hours creating baskets for the annual Holiday Basket assembly for December at Bremerton Foodline. There will be more than 600 baskets to get ready; the more people the faster we get done. Check in with Brandie at 360-479-6188 to get details and to ensure that we save a snack for you!

***2) Dec. 16 Kiwanis Bellringer Day, 9:45 to 6 (3 hours shifts)*** - 3 entry doors to cover at Fred Meyers with at least one adult and Key Clubbers. See Patti at regular meetings for signup sheet. Come and count the money at the 6<sup>th</sup> street Bremerton offices after 6:30. Which door team will get the most contributions for the Salvation Army?

### Joining Together for Fun

The heart of our Kiwanis Club is our time together making new memories and serving. Your help in organizing and participating in these events is essential to our success. Mark your calendars!.

**CLUB SATELLITE** – This extension of our club meets once a month after work hours for those who are unable to attend the weekly noon meetings. Your Kiwanis Satellite Club started the Wonderwear project and sponsored the Spring & Fall potluck social events last year. They are working on a food drive for this spring. ***Next mtg. December 12, location TBA – 6:30 pm. Contact Deann Irish or Bev Luckey-Short for more information;***

**Interclub Meetings** – An interclub is our way to meet fellow Kiwanians for a meeting on their turf. Four members are needed to count this get together. We have Kiwanis friends throughout Kitsap County, Gig Harbor, Belfair and beyond. Why don't you take on the coordination of an interclub meeting visit?

**Round Tables** – A round table is a social event where members meet for conversation and perhaps a meal along with conversation and tall tales! ***The next Round Table will be Thursday Dec. 21 at noon for lunch. Contact Chairperson Patti Peterson to confirm your attendance and don't forget to bring a friend or family to join us.***

If you would like to hold a Round Table social event, please announce your proposed Round Table at the meeting in the week prior to the date, request a "News Flash" from your newsletter editor, request email RSVPs, and make table reservations with the restaurant. We look forward to more impromptu times like this to socialize.



## Club Business and Meeting Minutes

We are experimenting with providing board minutes upon request rather than including them in the newsletter. For copies of Board meetings minutes on Sept. 20, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 25, and Nov. 15 please email President Patti P. Minutes from Club Satellite's most recent meeting are also available upon request from the newsletter editor.

## Photo Album:

**Denise Kennedy & family joining in service packing Thanksgiving baskets at the Bremerton Foodline.**



To see some of your photos of Kiwanis events here, submit the photos digitally to Patti P. and Roger Z. so they can be included on the website and in the newsletter.

Thanks for sharing

**Buffet Line of yummy food!**



**Selling Drawing Tickets!**



**Bob Morgan with the service club logos.**



**Pam C., Mary F. and Aly R. with a Rotary friend ready to eat.**

Angelique Irvin, winner of the 50/50 drawing and a poinsettia!

**Lions at Table 7**



**GREAT FOOD, GREAT PEOPLE, AND LOTS OF FUN TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!**