

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter - February 2018

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The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.

-Picasso



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Feb. 1 – Mtg Noon, The Source, “Graduate Kitsap & North Mason”

Feb. 8 – Mtg Noon, The Source, “Brem School District Levy Update”

Feb. 15 – Mtg Noon, The Source, Ed Wolfe

Feb. 20 – Satellite Mtg, 6:30 p.m. location TBD

Feb. 21 – Board Mtg, 6:15 United Way bldg

Feb. 22 – Mtg Noon, The Source, “Coats for Kids”

Service Opportunities!

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!

Valentine's for Vets

Come to a meeting and write a quick valentine's note to a Veteran at Retsil. A little love goes a long way to making someone's day better. See page 4.

Volunteers needed?

See page 4

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Bremerton Kiwanis Family,

Our winter months are flying by and we are already greeting February. January was pretty busy with fun and service that made a difference in our community. I am proud of what our club is doing for service projects and the great fun of our meetings. I join with people like Dennis W. and Chris F. who have put a few "Happy Bucks" in the spittoon to celebrate belonging to such a great group of caring people. AWESOME! This is a shorter newsletter for a short month! Those get in the newsletter without your help. Please contact me or come to meetings and give us your proposals for a great Kiwanis kind of year!

Please be sure to check out our website for upcoming events, photos and more Kiwanis "family" information. Share your photos with Roger and we will have a current website full of good stuff!

As we enter this month it is time to start working on the challenge arising from our big joint Lunch of Service **on Nov. 22nd**. We will be joining our friends at the Central Lions, the Downtown Rotary and the East Bremerton Rotary clubs. The Steering Committee has issued a request for ideas and at least one sounds doable and worthy for our community. Carol Sue Barker will be helping us lead the way so be watching/listening for more details. ***What great things can be accomplished if we all come together to make a difference?*** We still have room for more members on the committee so please contact me if you are interested in participating.

Our **January service** effort was wonderful. We collected socks in our club "Sock-It-To-Me" drive, contributing 252 pairs of socks and partnering with the Silverdale Kiwanis Club to request donations for "Simply Socks" at Fred Meyers on Jan. 20. The total from that drive for both club's work along with the Key Club volunteers gathered more than 3000 pairs of socks! **The results of Kiwanis members working together is AMAZING.** I had the fun of handing those donated socks out on **Jan. 24 at the Project Connect event at the Salvation Army.** It was heartwarming to see the grateful smiles of so many for new socks to keep their toes warm. They send a resounding "THANK YOU" for your help.

As I write this, we are looking at a busy weekend of service for the end of the month with both the **Special Olympics Basketball** event and **Kiwanis Park Cleanup** on January 27th. On all these occasions, we meet some wonderful people who benefit from your volunteer time that makes our community better. **Thanks to Beverley Luckey-Short** for her coordination help to make our community's Special Olympics events happen. **Thanks to Sunny Wheeler** for working with Bremerton Parks to keep our park all spiffed up.

We have lots of great events coming this spring. On **March 4th** the **Satellite Club** is holding a **food drive** to benefit Bremerton Foodline at the west side Safeway store from 10 until 2. **March 11th** is the date for our annual brunch at **CI Shenanigans**; See **Bud Cole** to make a reservation. We are planning to join in the fun of **St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th** in downtown Bremerton. Thanks to Teresa Bryant for the idea and tracking down some options for muffins or scones to sell and the chance to make some new friends. **Sunny Wheeler** is already starting to coordinate the **Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt**, held this year on **March 31st at Kiwanis Park**. Please check the **coming calendar and Volunteer opportunities sections** for more information.

We miss each of you when you are gone for those family trips and vacations. Do take the time to check out Kiwanis clubs in your destination area. Wherever you go, you can be a part of Kiwanis.

Thank you for your help for the children and our community! Let's continue to reach out to others and be the example for what makes our world better!

Patti Peterson, President

(Please email Darroll or see him at a regular meeting for your answers to the January Cryptoquote and Trivia Question). If you want him to continue, please tell him!

February's Trivia Question:

What international organization was named the Kiwanis International 2017 World Service Medal recipient?

Inspirational Quotes of the Month:

“Only if we understand can we care. Only if we care will we help. Only if we help shall all be saved.” Jane Goodall

“Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.” Martin Luther King Jr.

A Little Humor for the Month:

“High tech has gotten a little out of hand. My grandchild has an imaginary playmate that requires batteries.”

“Retirement is the time when you never do all those things you said you wanted to do if you only had the time.”

Club Program & Project Highlights

Our schools may yet have snow days. Remember to keep an eye for kids in your neighborhood. 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. 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 Clark 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

We have these opportunities for the month of February. Please tell Patti or Bill E. to report your service hours. Volunteers are needed; several organizations could use a few hours of your time. Submit your suggestions for service opportunities via email to Patti.

***Eastside Baby Corner (West Sound)** has issued a challenge to our club to match Kiwanis Club of Gig Harbor's work party. This organization provides new or gently used children's clothing, toys, books, and other supplies through social service agency requests. A work party helps to sort donations and check to make sure that items are clean and in good repair before being offered to those in need. Alternately, service could include a collection drive of needed items or disposable diapers. See Patti Peterson for more information.*

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. February 20, 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 as an official interclub get together. We recently hosted the Port Townsend Kiwanis club at a January meeting... maybe we should reciprocate? 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! **We are looking for another Round Table social event in February.** Let's talk it up at the regular meeting and make it a happening! 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 early or 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 from Sept. 2017 through Jan. 2018 please email President Patti P. Minutes from Club Satellite's most recent meeting are also available upon request from the newsletter editor.

Photo Album:

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



***Derek Kilmer and Erica Delma
(Kiwanis of Port Townsend) at our
Jan. 25 meeting.***

***Patti P. getting ready to hand out socks
at Project Connect Jan. 24th.
SOCK-IT-TO-ME***

