

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter - March 2018

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Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Administrator – Sunny Wheeler



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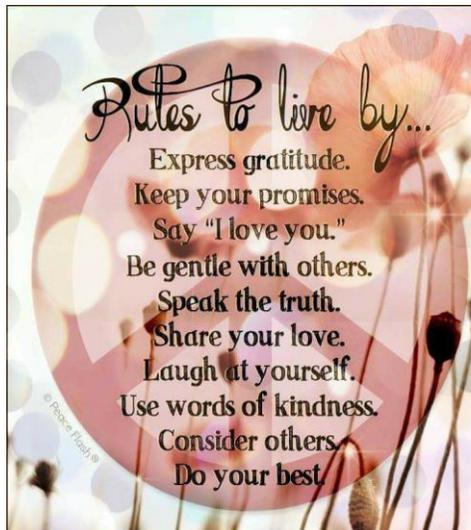
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mar. 1 – Mtg Noon, The Source, "Bremerton Parks Fdn", Sunny Wheeler

Mar. 8 – Mtg Noon, The Source, "Brem Firefighters", Chris Rotter

Mar. 15 – Mtg Noon, The Source, "Downtown Brem Assn" Gina Schultz

Mar. 17 – St Patrick's Day Parade

Mar. 20 – Satellite Mtg, 6:45 p.m. location TBD

Mar. 21 – Board Mtg, 6:15 United Way Bldg.

Mar. 22 – Mtg Noon, The Source, "Kitsap Rocks" Cathy Tomco & Connie Quartermass

Mar. 29 – Mtg Noon, The Source, "Easter Egg Hunt Final Plan" Sunny Wheeler

Service Opportunities!

Kiwanis Park Cleanup

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

Volunteers needed?

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Bremerton Kiwanis Family,

This chilly weather will soon be gone and spring arrives this month. Our March events are filled with social times and service that show our community what Kiwanis is all about. 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!

Let's plan for some more fun! Please contact me or come to meetings and give us your proposals for a great Kiwanis kind of year! 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 the spring months we are starting to get that Lunch of Service commitment service plan working. Our friends at the Central Lions, the Downtown Rotary and the East Bremerton Rotary clubs are appointing their representatives to a Steering Committee and a request for ideas has been issued. At this time, the idea proposed at one of regular meetings is looking likely and Carol Sue Barker will be helping us lead the way. ***What great things can be accomplished if we all come together to make a difference?*** If you are interested in participating, please contact Carol Sue.

Our **January to February service** effort was wonderful but we cannot rest with our community still in need. We had a very busy weekend of service for the end of the January with both the **Special Olympics Basketball** event and **Kiwanis Park Cleanup** on January 27th. Two successful events that show Kiwanis cares! . **Thanks to all of you for that service!**

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 and pay, Only 6 seats left as of February 27. We are planning to join in the fun of **St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th** in downtown Bremerton (11 am to 1 pm). Thanks to Teresa Bryant for the idea and tracking down some options for making some new friends. We will offer some Bella Bella cupcakes for a donation to our youth programs. **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 hope that you, your family and friends are planning to join in. This is the kind of fun that celebrates being a member 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



March's Trivia Question:

What Kiwanis Club marketed their club by participating in a "Flugtag" event and what did they do?

Inspirational Quotes of the Month:

"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us".

.....*Wilma Rudolph*

"Be a nuisance where it counts, do your part to inform and stimulate the public to your action. Be depressed, discouraged, and disappointed at failure and the disheartening effects of ignorance, greed, corruption, and bad politics, but... never give up".

.....*Marjorie Stoneman Douglas.*

A Little Humor for the Month:

"Did you ever notice that you can never make the right number of pancakes?"

"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."

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 has not taken off this year. We need to breathe a little life into this much needed Middle School level S.L.P. We have enjoyed the leadership of Stephanie Blotzer in recent years and we extend our gratitude. But, Stephanie is completing her Master's degree and 10 year certification program needed for her role as a teacher. How can we redirect our sponsorship to celebrate Builders Club Week and stimulate participation at Mountain View to continue this great opportunity for kids? Contact Patti Peterson for more information.*

KEY Club Program Information – *Bremerton High School Key Club is all about teens learning a service way of life. Recently, they completed a fundraiser selling McDonald's coupon books and a "McTakeover" to earn money as well as service opportunities with the Admiral Theatre. They also participated in the BHS scholarship orientation event. This month they are off to DCON (District convention) accompanied by their advisors, Deann Irish and Darroll Clark. We are grateful for the leadership these two committed Kiwanis members give each week. If you want to help contact Deann or Darroll.*

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton – Service Opportunities

We have these opportunities for the month of March. Please remember to report our service hours to Bill Enger or Patti. Volunteers are needed throughout our community. Submit your suggestions for service opportunities via email to Patti.

Eastside Baby Corner (West Sound) still sends 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.

Kitsap Water Festival: This event to be held **April 17 at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds** provides a hands-on day filled with educational activities regarding conservation and protecting natural resources for 3rd and 4th graders in our county. You can volunteer by contacting their Volunteer Coordinator Kimberly.jones@kitsappublichealth.org or sign up by visiting www.kpud.org.waterfestival/volunteer.php. A general level sponsorship donation in the name of our club has been made so be sure to wear your vest.

Kiwanis Park Easter Egg Hunt: Event to be held **March 31** at Kiwanis Park. Signups for volunteers are being collected by Sunny Wheeler. Don't forget to bring candy, stickers, or small erasers to fill the eggs to a regular meeting. **Egg "stuffing" March 17th time and location to be announced.**

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 has scheduled their food drive to be held at the west side Safeway store from 10 until 2 on Sunday, March 4. Food and donations will be taken to the Bremerton Foodline. **Next mtg. March 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 have Kiwanis friends throughout Kitsap County, Gig Harbor, Belfair and beyond. 4 members required. **Why don't you take on the coordination of an interclub meeting visit?**

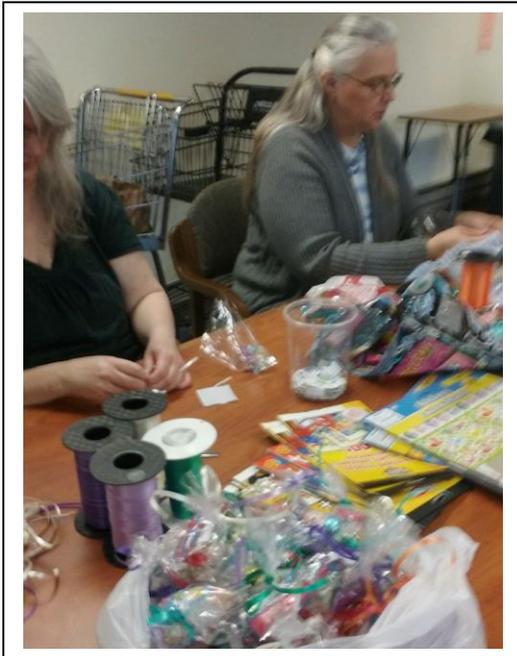
Round Tables – A round table is a social event where members meet for conversation and perhaps a meal along with conversation and tall tales! **We are looking for another Round Table social event in March.** Let's talk it up at the regular meeting and make it a happening! Don't forget to bring a friend or family to join us.

If you would like to hold a Round Table social event, please announce your proposed Round Table at least two weeks 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

For minutes copies of regular meetings (where taken) and Board meetings from Sept. 2017 through Feb. 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

Pinewood Manor volunteers partnered with Kiwanis to make consolation bags for 2017 Easter Egg Hunt. This spring, they also helped make "Valentines for Vets" that we delivered with our cards to Retsil veterans. These seniors are eager to help with more!

Key Club advisor Darroll Clark presenting information on the Kiwanis Bennett Memorial Scholarship at the Bremerton High School Scholarship event



2017 Shenanigans Brunch... Will your picture be there March 11 for this year's event? Contact Bud Cole and make your reservation!

