

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Mar. 2019

Officers 2018/19:  
President: Pam Crowe  
President Elect: Liz Gross  
Secretary: Patti Peterson  
Treasurer: Tim Lavin  
Past President: Patti Peterson

2018/19 Board Members:  
Chris Funke  
Bobby Gross  
Bob Morgan  
Rob Schneider  
Kate Wilson  
Sunny Wheeler

Advisors:  
Builders Club: Currently  
looking for school & advisor

Key Club: Deann Irish &  
Darroll Clark

Bennett Memorial Trustees:  
Liz Gross  
Carol Sue Barker  
Roger Zegers

Club Website:  
[bremertonkiwanis.org](http://bremertonkiwanis.org)

Send information and pictures  
of program events, projects,  
and socials to  
Roger Zegers

Newsletter:  
Send club news and event  
photos to Patti Peterson

Facebook:  
Kiwanis Club of Bremerton  
Administrator – Sunny Wheeler



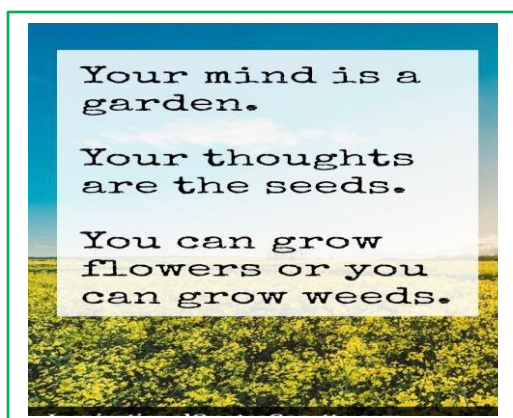
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### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Mar. 2 – Division Meeting YMCA  
10-12; Lt. Gov. Election

Mar. 7 – RED VEST Mtg noon,  
The Source, Program: Michael  
Strube “Financial aspects of  
Insurance planning”

Mar. 14 – Mtg noon, Main  
Theater dining, Program:  
Harmesh Bargo “Internet  
Security – protect yourself”

Mar. 19 – Satellite Club meeting,  
Location TBD 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 20 – Board Meeting 5:30  
Library

Mar. 21 Mtg noon, The Source  
Program: Carrienne of Vadis  
“Hiring differently abled  
persons”

Mar. 23 – Kiwanis Park Cleanup,  
9:00 a.m.

Mar. 28 – Mtg Noon, The Source.  
Program: Crystal Vorhees,  
Seeds of Grace “Growing  
Garden Gnomes, teaching  
children to grow food”

Attend the ribbon cutting for  
Holly Ridge new building at 4  
p.m. Congratulations  
Roxanne!

### Service Opportunities!

#### Kiwanis Park Cleanup

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

#### Service/Volunteers needed?

See page 3

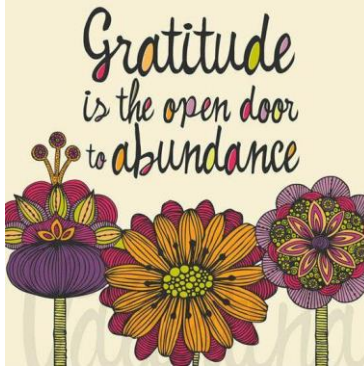


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the world by making  
lasting differences in the  
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## President's Message

My schedule has been busy including a fun Green Drinks event last month. Here's something to ponder.



Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

**Pam Crowe**

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### From Your President-Elect

As I continue to try and identify what makes, and can make, our Kiwanis Club of Bremerton stand out as the local service club to join, I have found several articles that offer insight into the struggle that not only our club is facing, but also apparently most, if not all, service organizations. Locally, we are all beating the same bushes looking for potential members we can invite to join our merry band but just what is that makes us the best individual choice. What is it about our club that makes it your best choice?

Following is an excerpt from an article, Service Clubs ~ The Benefits of Giving Back” by Wayne Vanwyck, that appears to have some answers:

"Service clubs such as Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Optimists and many others grew in popularity and power through the 1900s supported by people who wanted a venue in which to express their altruistic values while building strong business networks and personal friendships. Over the years, club members found ways to respond to the needs of their communities. As an example, Kiwanis, an international organization that is comprised of local community clubs in most countries around the world describes itself on their website:

*Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis International club, no matter where in the world it's located. Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 18 million hours of service and raise nearly US \$100 million every year for communities, families and projects.*

Powerful stuff. Unfortunately, many service clubs face declining memberships and the average age is well north of 50. Virtually all service clubs are seeking new members to carry the torch. As governments cut services and individuals face tough economic realities, service clubs are needed as much today as ever before.

You could join a service club in order to prospect for new business contacts. But if that is your primary motivation, don't bother. You won't be successful. If you join because you are grateful for your current lifestyle, have a desire to give back to your community, would appreciate the opportunity to meet new people, make new friends and feel good about yourself, then commit to a service club. Find one that supports projects or causes that you can get behind. Once you've given, you'll find that you also receive."

**Liz Gross**

### Trivia question:

February Question: In the Kiwanis calendar, the month of May is particularly important. What two items should be the focus for all clubs? Answer: Elections for the next term and Member Recruitment.

March Question: This year will mark what birthday of the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis?

### Inspirational Quotes of the Month:

*"When we have a good balance between thinking and feeling... our action and lives are always the richer for it."*

..... Yo-Yo Ma

*"He who is best prepared can best serve his moment."*

..... Samuel Taylor Coleridge

### A Little Humor for the Month:

"Birthdays are good for you. Research has shown that the more you have, the longer you live."

"Wouldn't it be nice if you could call Information and ask them where you left your keys?"

"Laughter is the best medicine. It has no unpleasant side effects."

"Do whatever you can to keep a smile on your face. If you can't lift the corners, let the middle sag."

### Club Program & Project Highlights

#### ***We've been working on these:***

1) **Joint Service Project:** No meeting held in February thanks to old man winter. New meeting date to be announced. Club members Carol Sue Barker, Pam Crowe, and Patti Peterson are working with a committee including Char Burnette and Jill Wallen from East Bremerton Rotary and Deb Richardson from Bremerton Lions. More information to follow.

2) **Key Club District Convention:** Congratulations to all the participants from our local Key Club headed to DCON on March 8th! Thank goodness for the adult chaperones led by **Darroll C., DeAnn I. and Stephanie B.** who will lend support to these great kids. Have an AWESOME time! Advisors: **Deann I. and Darroll C.** **NOTE: Drivers are still needed to get the students from the high school to the ferry terminal on March 8**

3) In spite of the winter weather issues, the **Stan Warden Golden Ball Tournament** was held with an enthusiastic group of participants playing some great Basketball in the finals. **Team Elite** beat the Poulsbo Hamsters to win the T-Shirts provided by our club. Club Members **Chris F., Rob S., Connie B. and Patti P.** were there to hand out the T-shirts, bottled water and a celebratory piece of cake. Check out the photos on the album page!

4) **Kiwanis Park Monthly Clean:** On Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> the team efforts were focused on the reconstruction of the **Ron VanHollenbeck Memorial**. Check with Sunny Wheeler for an update on this effort if you missed the meeting announcement on Feb. 21.

### Kiwanis Club of Bremerton – Service Opportunities for March and beyond

***Volunteers are needed throughout our community. We have these upcoming opportunities. Please remember to report your service hours to Patti P.***

**Service Leadership Programs (SLP) activities:** We are committed to organizing and planning service club support for our schools. Can you help? Please notify Patti or Pam if you have an idea for service leadership at any level; Elementary Level - **K Club** Middle School level - **Builders Club.**

**Kiwanis Park Cleanup:** *March 23rd at 9:00 a.m.* Just a couple of hours makes a big difference in the park's safety and appearance for children and families.

**Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt:** *April 20* This is coming up quickly and we will need all members to participate in the preparation by 1) **Bring individually wrapped candies or stickers** for filling the eggs. 2) Join the club members and family volunteers to **stuff the eggs** (date TBD). 3) be there on the big day to **help setup, control the herd of kids, pass out prizes, and cleanup.** Thanks to the Satellite Club members who will be assembling the prize baskets. The Bremerton Foodline will be providing reward toys for participants turning in their plastic eggs for recycle. 4) **We need an Easter Bunny!** Brandie Short has come up with a costume. Check with Patti for details. More details will be announced at regular club meetings and through email news blasts.

**What service projects are you aware of that may need volunteers?** Please contact an officer or board member to submit suggestions that can be approved for our club service.

**ELECTIONS:** *Now is the time to be thinking about those May elections for the 2019/2020 term.* We will have two retiring Board Directors and a need to identify the President Elect for the next term. The core of our club is the guidance and oversight of our officers and Board of Directors. Liz will also need people to step forward for key committees. Please contact Liz to put your name in the hat!

### **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. **Next mtg. 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March** –6:30 pm, location TBD; assembling Prize Baskets for Easter Egg Hunt. Listen for announcement on this at regular meetings.*

**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. **Interclub meeting visits are usually scheduled at regular meetings and coordinated with the hosting club.***

**Round Tables** –*We enjoyed a fun roundtable in February held when the snowy roads were a problem in some areas. Check out the photo in the album to see the table full of members and guests; Stephanie B. gets a special accolade for bringing all those friends to join in. **When we will have our next Round Table? Are you willing to be a host to coordinate the date and location?***

### **Club Business and Meeting Minutes**

For minutes copies of regular meetings (where taken), Board meetings, and Club Satellite's most recent meeting, please email Secretary Patti P.

**Our February roundtable took the place of a weather cancelled meeting on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Friends and members having a great time!**



## 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

**Chris Funke and our banner with the cake at the Stan Warden Golden Ball Tournament.**



**The award T-Shirts**



**Picking a T-shirt. The winning team, Kitsap Elite, ending their undefeated season!**



**We miss you! We will be contacting those of you we haven't seen recently to ask you to join us for some great programs. If you need a ride, please let us know. If you are traveling, remember that there may be a Kiwanis Club where you are that would also love to have you visit.**