

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – August. 2019

(New Term Officers will be posted here in Sept.)

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

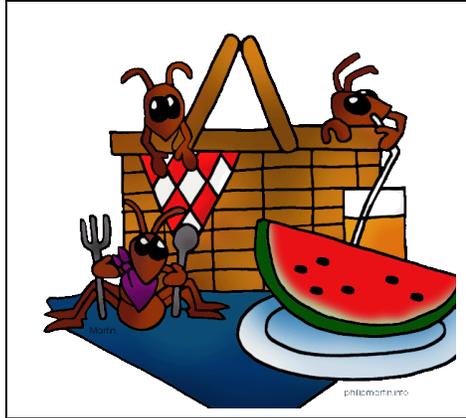
Send information and pictures of program events, projects, and socials to Roger Zegers

Newsletter:

Send club news and event photos to Patti Peterson

Facebook:

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Administrator – Sunny Wheeler



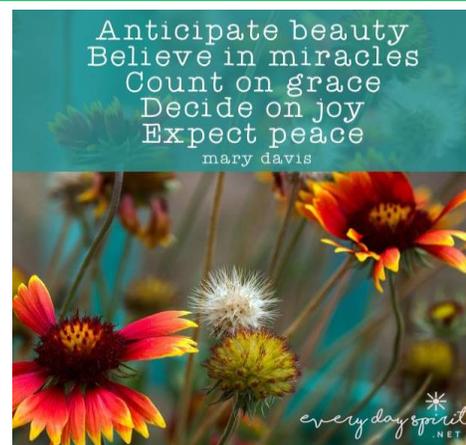
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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Aug. 1 – RED VEST Mtg noon, The Source; New Member and Allyson Rotter on “the Challenge”,

Aug. 3 – District Meeting, 10 - 12

Aug. 8 – Round Table, Location to be determined (last day to sign up for picnic)

Aug. 13 – Back-To-School event; Mountain View Middle School. We are giving Wonderwear! Set up at 3:30 service at 4:00 through 7:00. RED VEST event.

Aug. 15 – Kiwanis Annual Picnic, See article for info. Come at 4:30 and join the fun

Aug. 22 – Mtg noon, The Source, Program: Blackberry Festival Briefing

Aug. 24 – Kiwanis Park Cleanup 9 to noon.

Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 Blackberry Festival Fundraiser

Sept. 26 – 2019/2020 Installation Event, The Admiral. Look for your invitation in the mail.

***** Mark your calendar now for these coming club events**

Service Opportunities!

Kiwanis Park Cleanup

Contact Sunny to RSVP or for more information

Service/Volunteers needed?

See page 3

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



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From Your President-Elect - *Liz Gross*

“Kiwanis is a positive influence in locations worldwide with a dream that all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.”

After reading that statement on the Kiwanis International website, I decided to find some insight into how children in Bremerton were thriving. What I found was depressing.

Data USA gives these statistics: 18.1% of the population for whom poverty status is determined in Bremerton, WA (6.65k out of 36.7k people) live below the poverty line - higher than the national average of 13.4%. Poverty is described as an economic state that does not allow for the provision of basic needs such as adequate food, clothing, and housing. The largest demographic living in poverty in Bremerton are Females 25 - 34, followed by Females 18 - 24 and then Males 25 - 34.

Coupled with the demographics from Data USA, I discovered that 65% of the students in the Bremerton School District qualify to receive free or reduced lunches. Chobani founder and CEO Hamdi Ulukaya said: “For every child, access to naturally nutritious and delicious food should be a right, not a privilege. When our children are strong, our families are stronger. And when our families are strong, our communities are stronger. Business can and must do its part to solve the hunger crisis in America and do its part in the communities they call home.”

Additionally, children from low income families often forgo events that most of us would take for granted. They miss school trips; can’t invite friends over for meals; and can’t afford to join many clubs, sports or activities or buy the uniforms or equipment needed.

And while studies show there are more play areas in deprived areas, their quality is generally poorer. Vandalism, playground misuse and danger of injury all act as deterrents to using what otherwise might be good facilities. Fortunately for Bremerton our local service clubs have all worked hard to provide and maintain great parks for local children.

Where am I going with all of this? I would like to ensure that our projects and project funds will be used to benefit children, particularly those who need our help: Help with food, help with clothing, help with playing sports and other activities. In other words, help to thrive.

Please, let me know of any local programs that could use our support to help children thrive.



Trivia question:

July Question: Who is the incoming Governor Elect for our Pacific Northwest Division for 2019/2020?

Answer: Melanie Bozak from Port Townsend

August Question: You want to buy a bat and a ball totaling \$1.10. The bat costs \$1 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

Inspirational Quotes of the Month:

“Everyone knows that if you are too careful you are so occupied by being careful that you are sure to stumble over something”.

Gertrude Stein, writer & philosopher

“Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.”

Henry David Thoreau, author and philosopher”

“You are not obligated to win. You’re obligated to keep trying to do the best you can every day.”

Marian Wright Edelman

A Little Humor for the Month:

“Is it a good idea to eat ice cream on an empty stomach? No, you should eat it on a stick”.

“Some people stay longer when they are leaving than when they are staying.”

“It’s getting to the point that you need more brains to figure out the income tax forms than to make the income.”

Teacher: “It’s clear you haven’t studied your geography. What’s your excuse?”.

Pupil: “Grown-ups say the world is changing every day, so I decided to wait until it settles down.”

Club Program & Project Highlights

We’ve been working on these:

- 1) WONDERWEAR: Our Back-To-School contribution to Bremerton youth is to provide some underwear and socks to each child at the annual Bremerton School District Back-To-School event. We have two donation days for the public (July 27 and August 10 from noon to 4 at WalMart in East Bremerton. Work days to repackage the items are on-going and we have a good start on our goal for 250 kids and emergency boxes for the schools. PLEASE HELP WITH DONATIONS OF CASH OR NEW SOCKS OR UNDERWEAR (*socks and underwear for girls and boys in sizes small through XLG and young adult*). Call Patti P. for more information.
- 2) Blackberry Festival Fundraiser: We have schemed and strategized on what will happen for our signature major fundraiser for the year. The pies and pastries have been ordered, supplies to stock the tent are on hand and we are placing our order for ice cream. **See coupon in this newsletter to preorder your pies**...The price is a little higher but we haven’t raised prices in more than 5 years. You don’t want to miss out on a very special treat! The firefighters are once again going to help up with the heavy work of setting up and taking down the big tent. Our club expects each member to provide service as a booth volunteer and maybe bring a family member or two to help out. Key Clubbers are already planning for their volunteer service too. Signup sheets will be at all meetings and events from now until the 22nd of August when we have our event briefing. **THIS IS WHERE WE MAKE THE MAJORITY OF MONEY WE USE FOR OUR PROJECTS!** Come one, come all to make this another sell-out year!

BLACKBERRY FESTIVAL PIE PRE-SALE ORDER

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

*Whole Blackberry pies (made by COSTCO of Silverdale) **\$35 each.***

QUANTITY ORDERED: _____ Total Order \$ _____

Must be prepaid by check or cash not later than 5 p.m. 8-26-18 to guarantee pie availability. Mail-in orders should be sent with check to "Bremerton Kiwanis, PO Box 12, Bremerton, WA 98337"

Pickup will be available on **Friday Aug. 30 from 1 to 4 at Edward Jones Office, 555 Pacific Ave. Suite 101, Bremerton OR** **Saturday Aug. 31 or Sunday Sept. 1 from 11 until 3 at the festival booth.** Pie orders not picked up by Sunday at noon will be contacted for other arrangements. **Call 360-895-0174 with questions..**

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton – Service Opportunities for August and beyond

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

- 1) Don't forget to join in the Back-To-School Fair. Volunteer from 4 until 7 and **make a kid feel like a Superhero.** See article above.
- 2) Blackberry Festival Volunteers: We need members to volunteer their time (and sometimes a vehicle) for a variety of jobs including setup, pie transportation, supply pickup, booth time as a shift lead, cashier, counter service, closer, takedown, and supply storage. It's three days of busy that makes it possible for us to provide funding for many projects for children and the community. Mark your calendar from Saturday Aug. 31 through Monday Sept. 2. Wear your red vest or Kiwanis T-shirt
- 3)
- 4) **Kiwanis Park Cleanup:** Aug. 24

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.

Service Leadership Programs (SLP) activities for 2019/2020: 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.**

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. Read your newsletter and Eblasts so you can join in the fun.

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. in Sept. TBD.** We are busy planning for Back-To-School, "Wonderwear" (socks and underwear for girls and boys in sizes small through XLG and young adult). See Patti for a shopping list!

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 – Members can enjoy a social time outside our regular or more formal meetings in a Round Table. **Our next Round Table will be on August 8. Are you willing to be a host to coordinate the location?**

Club Business and Meeting Minutes

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

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

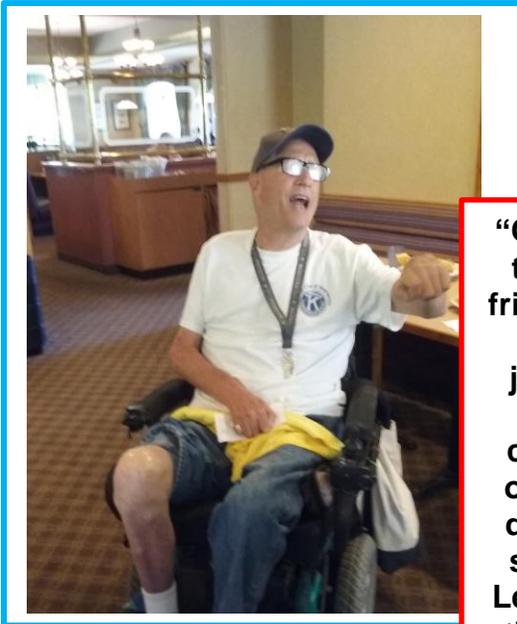
Emily Randall, program speaker for July 18 talking about the state legislature and our community!



A wonderful photo poster taken by Janiece S. for our Kiwanis One Day event staining equipment at Kiwanis Park.

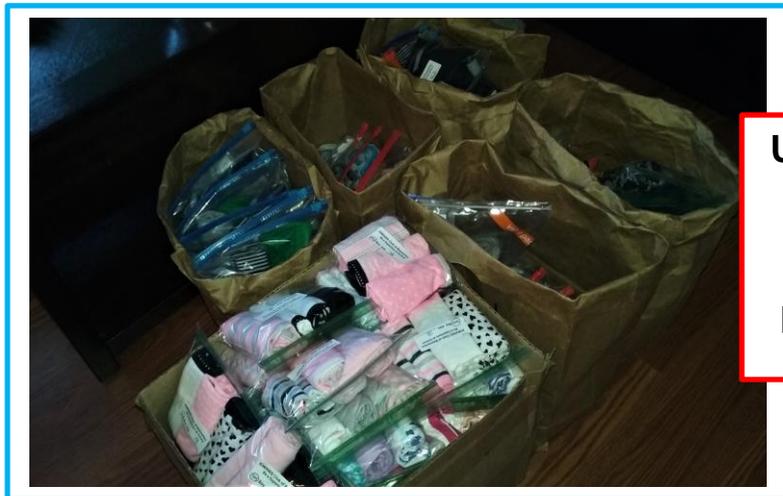


**Chef Dennis Williams
cooking hot dogs at the
Kiwanis Park One Day**



“Chicken Legs” – The story told to us at the Roundtable on the 25th, is that our friend, Dennis, wanted to have a little fun on his recent Alaskan Cruise so he joined in a contest that had a category for “*Best Chicken Legs*”. Male contestants in all categories did a turn on the stage so Dennis made his stage debut doing loops with his wheel chair showing a little leg. While “Most Sexy Legs” and other categories were won by others, the most memorable was our own Dennis who won Chicken Legs!

One of the “vintage” banners in our collection. While we are not currently funding scouts and we have only one affiliated Key Club, “Young Children are Priority One” still rings true



**Underwear packs
for Back-To-
School 2019.
HAVE YOU
DONATED YET?**