

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Oct. 2020

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Send club news and event photos to Patti Peterson

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Kiwanis Club of Bremerton
Administrator – Sunny Wheeler

In this issue: An abbreviated newsletter during our social isolation.

Kiwanis is still here.

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What's Happening?

As we enter into the fall this October, we are all working on staying positive and finding new ways to do the important service to our community and the children we serve. Think outside the box to shine our Kiwanis light. The Pandemic has changed so much but we are still Kiwanis and making a difference. Please join us for the ZOOM meetings or at least call members to say hi.

Stay well, stay safe, and live life with joy! *Patti P.*

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our regular live meetings for October are cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are meeting via ZOOM (a digital live conference tool) at dates shown below at our regular time of 12:30 Thursdays.

Kiwanis Park Cleanup We will notify you when we will be able to hold a cleanup.

Kiwanis Challenge Calendar:

Play along with this calendar of challenges and let us know about your experience.

Oct. 1st: General mtg, 12:30 p.m. Zoom. Installation of the 2020-2021 club year plus awards and recognition from the 2019/2020 year

Oct. 8th: Be sure to load your ZOOM feature to your digital device. Watch your email for details on how to ZOOM and see your friends at a meeting!

Oct, 15th: Challenge - Do a Kiwanis service for a neighbor. Help a neighbor, or do a distanced greeting.

Oct. 22nd. Mtg ZOOM, 12:30. Watch your email for an update with details and program information.

Oct. 29th: SHARE – this is a good week to share with those less fortunate...Make a contribution to your favorite charity whether it's time, stuff, or dollars. YOU CAN HELP!



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From Your President

What a great installation day today. First, Congratulations to Patti for taking 2nd place for mid-size clubs in the PNW Kiwanis district for her excellent newsletters, obviously well deserved! Sunny Wheeler was installed as Past President for the 2020/2021 club year. Kim Bjornemo was installed as a new member with a big Kiwanis welcome. John Taylor was made an honorary member of our club. We awarded two Hixson awards; first to the Bremerton Backpack Brigade for their important work for children in the Bremerton School District, and one to Sunny Wheeler for her invaluable help this last year. Such an honor to recognize totally committed community volunteers as well as our own Sunny. (*Editor's note: the Daniel Bisson Award for our Club Kiwanian of the Year was awarded to Liz Gross during this meeting. Please see the photo page for information*).

When I first read the following article, I immediately thought of our Kiwanis club, I hope you all do as well.

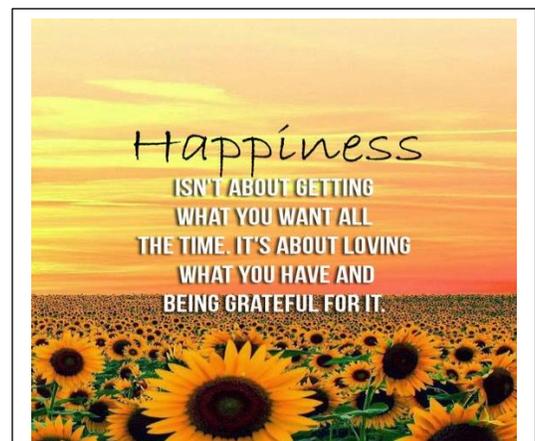
Ants and Bees, a Metaphor BY MADISYN TAYLOR

We can learn a lot from watching ants and bees, living in a community and working for the greater good. When we see ants and bees out in the world, we often see just one, but this belies the reality of their situation. More than any other species, ants and bees function as parts of a whole. They cannot and do not survive as individuals; they survive as members of a group, and the group's survival is the implicit goal of each individual's life. There is no concept of life outside the group, so even to use the word individual is somewhat misleading. Often, humans, on the other hand, strongly value individuality and often negatively associate ants and bees with a lack of independence. And yet, if we look closer at these amazing creatures, we can learn valuable lessons about how much we can achieve when we band together with others to work for a higher purpose.

Most ants and bees have highly specified roles within their communities, some of which are biologically dictated, and they work within the confines of their roles without complaint, never wishing to be something other than what they are. In this way, they symbolize self-knowledge and humility. They also display selfless service as the work for the common goal. In many ways, they are like the individual cells of one body, living and dying as necessary to preserve the integrity of the whole body, not to protect themselves as individuals. In this way, ants personify the ability to see beyond one's small self to one's place within the greater whole, and the ability to serve the whole selflessly.

Ants and bees can inspire us to fully own what we have to offer and to put it to use in the pursuit of a goal that will benefit all of humanity, whether it be raising consciousness about the environment, feeding the hungry, or raising a happy child. Each one of us has certain talents we were born with, as well as skills we have acquired. When we apply these gifts, knowing that we are one part of a greater organism working to better the whole world, we honor and implement the wisdom of ants and bees.

Liz



A calendar of important service, dates and events for you:

At the time of publication of this newsletter, we had not heard the details for the October meeting programs other than for Oct. 1st. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON ZOOM MEETINGS**

Bremerton High School Key Club: (submitted by Deann Irish, school Key Club Advisor)



Key Club is off to a great start - albeit remotely! We began this year with a Zoom meeting and joining with us were many new students. Though we certainly missed our traditional root beer floats served by Kiwanis Members and Key Club Alumni, we were grateful once again to be together. There are many challenges with meeting remotely but benefits as well! One of our members has moved to the Midwest and she was able to join in on all the fun. And alumni joined us as well.

We played Zoom Pictionary, splitting up into two teams and a member of each team had to draw an image using their non-dominant hand. Quite fun! The students even volunteered Darroll to participate.

We are hoping to do some projects and are working with students to get ideas. We are also looking forward to DCON with high hopes that it will not be once again canceled this year.

Trivia for your October consideration:

Q: How long would it take to walk around the world?

A: Nearly a year. It would take 346 days at 3 mph to cover the 24,901 miles around the equator – without a break. (Source: Reference.com)

Inspirational Quotes of the Month:

“Think of yourself as on the threshold of unparalleled success. A whole, clear glorious life lies before you. Achieve! Achieve!”

Andrew Carnegie

“Courage is not the absence of fear., but the capacity to act despite our fears.”

Senator John McCain

“Any man’s life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement if he makes up his mind to do his level best each day.

Booker T. Washington

“If you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself. Something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That’s what I think a meaningful life is – living not for oneself, but for one’s community.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg

A Little Humor for the Month: *Remember to laugh often. We all need to see a little humor when the world is full of chaos and conflict*

3 important lessons of life from Sheri

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeño peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow

Kiwanis International News:

Greetings!

I am honored and excited to send you this message as we begin a new Kiwanis year.

As the 2020-21 president, I look forward to making this year special. We are emerging from a year that presented remarkable challenges — and showed the resilience of the Kiwanis family.

Some of those challenges remain, but so does the spirit that makes this organization so important to children around the world.

I have seen that importance myself. As a Kiwanis club member for 40 years, I know the many ways Kiwanis changes children's lives. I also know the impact helping children has on Kiwanis members. That's why the opportunities of Kiwanis membership are so important to me.

One of those opportunities is leadership. This year, I look forward to helping Kiwanis continue that tradition. In fact, I want to help our organization emphasize that strength.

I believe that Kiwanis will someday be known in communities as a resource for training and developing leaders, inside and outside the organization. And I believe we can start down that path this year.

It's just one of the many possibilities that make me optimistic about 2020-21 and beyond. I hope you are as eager as I am to get started.

Kids need Kiwanis more than ever. Let's do all we can for them during the next 12 months — and make the world a better place in all the communities where we serve.

Happy Kiwanis New Year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Art Riley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Art Riley
2020-21 Kiwanis International President

Club Secretaries received the following notification from Kiwanis International office:

“NEW MEMBER FEE WAIVED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020, FOR EXISTING KIWANIS CLUBS.”

“The Kiwanis International Board voted to extend a waiver on new member fees until December 31, 2020. The Board is using its authority to bolster membership and help existing Kiwanis clubs perform the service their communities need in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The waiver only applies to new member fees paid to Kiwanis International, however, the Board encourages districts and clubs also to waive their respective new member fees.”

“We believe there should be no barriers for people to become Kiwanians. People who want to help kids succeed, and those who want to make a positive impact on the community are invited to join Kiwanis.” These members are contributing to our organization with their passion, experience, know-how and commitment.Art Riley, 2020-21 Kiwanis International President.

Joining Together for Fun – See front page Kiwanis Calendar Challenge

Photo Album:

This month we have included a few fun photos of history for our club along with a current Kiwanis moment and some worthwhile reminders.. Enjoy the Memories!

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.

Just a few of the Kiwanians enjoying the ZOOM meeting on Oct. 1st. As members join in the conversation, their photos appear on the screen with their name. The screen gets pretty full when we all get in! Guests included Lt. Gov. David Crozier (next to Liz), John Taylor (before he was made an honorary member), and Torie Brazitis (Kiwanis possible transfer member; she is in photo below Roger.) New Member, Kim Bjornemo; shown next to Nita)





2018/19 award photo with prior winners of the Kiwanian of the Year Awards. Sunny W.- 2016/17, Roger Z.- 2017/18, and Patti P. 2018/19. These members were tasked with selecting the 2019/2020 Award recipient.



Daniel G. Bisson Award, Kiwanian of the Year for 2019-2020 was awarded to Liz Gross. We weren't able to get the trophy (shown above) suitably modified to have her name (thanks to COVID business limitations) so this certificate was presented to her virtually.

Liz, THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TO THE CLUB).

(To the Left, Liz with Bobby in the background and Rob S. from the ZOOM screen shots)

What have our members been doing?

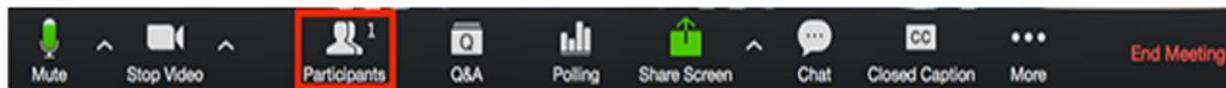
- Janiece S. has been taking some local photos and sharing them on Facebook.
- Nita H. Has been working on even more online auctions to benefit the Admiral Theater.
- Patti P. is volunteering for the second week of the month team to pack Bremerton Backpack Brigade bags for distribution to hungry kids. She joins Kim B. and many other volunteers who make that good work possible.
- Sunny and Greg Wheeler have been enjoying the company of granddaughter "L-Pop" (Poppy) who came on screen to visit with us at the installation meeting.
- Deann I. has been Zooming with the Key Club members along With Darroll C. who has been doing some of his beautiful ceramics work..

Dennis W. and Bob M. have been getting a little friendly help to figure out this ZOOM audio/video thing. (They were with us on Oct. 1st so success was at hand).

Bev. Luckey Short has been home schooling grandson Colt who popped in on the screen briefly before the meeting.

Please remember to share your memorable activities with your Kiwanis friends. Submit any photos or a brief description to Patti for the next newsletter.

ZOOM PROTOCOL



Zoom Features:

- Mute your microphone by clicking on the microphone icon titled “mute” on the far left of the zoom bar. Mute your microphone by clicking on the space bar on your computer/laptop (alternative option to using the icon).
- Stop your video (others will not see you) by clicking on the video icon on far left of the zoom bar.
- Click the participants icon to see a list of who is on the call, including phones (will only have numbers, not participant name).
- Click the chat icon to type messages to everyone or to individual participants. If you type to everyone, all participants see/get the message. This is a good feature if you want to add a thought to a conversation but don't want to interrupt.
- Clicking the 3 dots with the label “more” provides a few more options like non-verbal feedback (like a thumbs up or clapping icons).
- If you are using video, you can hover over your own picture and click the 3 dots in the upper right corner of the picture for a couple of options including “rename.” This allows you to change the name that shows up under your picture.



Meeting Norms:

- Always mute your microphone if you are not speaking -this helps with background noise which makes it more difficult for everyone to hear.
- If you are on video and needing to multi-task (eat, move around the room etc.,) while on the call, consider turning your video off. Our brains are already working over-time to track the multiple video faces and additional movement can be distracting.
- Wait for the host of the meeting to call on you to speak. If you are on video you can physically raise your hand for the host to see, or you can type into the chat that you have something to say.
- If you are only on the phone, it is more difficult to follow visual cues and to let the host know you'd like to speak. In that case, wait until you hear a break in the conversation or everyone is quiet before speaking up.
- If you are the meeting host, pay attention to visual cues of participants and be sure to monitor the chat feature in order to call on participants wishing to speak.