

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Feb. 2021

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of program events, projects,
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photos to Patti Peterson

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Kiwanis Club of Bremerton
Administrator – Sunny Wheeler

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What's Happening?

We hope you are celebrating Valentine's Day this month. We are sending some small valentines with each of the Bremerton Backpack Brigade weekend home lunch bags. Some of our members will be helping pack those bags or delivering them to schools. Our kids, very young or in their teens all need a reminder that they are loved. Kiwanis loves kids! Patti

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our regular in person meetings for February and March 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 the second and fourth Thursdays with a social time just before..

Kiwanis Challenge Calendar:

***Are you ready for the
challenges of 2021?***

Feb. 11th: Club ZOOM Program
Molly Jolly speaking on her
experiences with the Angels
baseball team..

Feb. 14th: Valentines Day. Don't
forget to spread love each day to
make life better).

Feb. 25th: Club ZOOM Program
to be announced.

Mar. 11th: Club ZOOM Program
to be announced.

Mar. 17th: St. Patrick's Day...
wear some green!

Mar. 25th: Club ZOOM Program
to be announced.



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From Your President

A big thanks to our program speakers for January Myra Batten of the Bremerton Backpack Brigade and Keith Stuessi M.D. speaking on child safety. Kate is lining up more speakers and could use your help in making our programs happen. Please contact her.

The time is flying by and we are already one month into 2021. I just want to remind you that this year we will celebrate our 100th Birthday as a Kiwanis Club. I have appointed Sunny Wheeler as the Chairperson for this committee and she needs some helpers to come up with some ideas for the celebration. It may take a little more creativity and the ability to pivot rapidly since we appear to be in this COVID19 issue for the long haul. If you are interested in helping, please contact me or Sunny directly. At this time we anticipate something around October or November.

Please take the time to get to know our new club members inducted in the last few months. They bring new skills and interests to us. We are very happy to offer you a brief bio and a photo on page 4 so you can say hi to the newest members of our Kiwanis family.

Here's hoping you are well and staying safe!

Liz

From President Elect – Kate Wilson (taken from Kate's emails)

Just a reminder to watch your email to receive announcements about our ZOOM meetings. Our January meetings are just a sample of the good times that can be had when we get together virtually.

Kate

A listing of important service opportunities for you:

At the time of publication of this newsletter, we had not heard the full details of meeting plans for some of February and March. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON ZOOM MEETINGS**

Bremerton High School District, School Financial Aid Navigator: Aly R. notes that they are looking for a group of people willing to take a training to become navigators for students wanting to apply for financial aid. Training is about 3 hours in 3 sessions on ZOOM. The goal is to improve the chances of our high school seniors finding financial support for post high school education. Aly will send us a notification for how you can participate.

Bremerton High School Key Club: (*Deann Irish and Darroll Clark, Key Club Advisors*)
See the latest Key club Newsletter).

Inspirational Quotes of the Month:

"The greatest courageous act that we must all do, is to have the courage to step out of our history and past so that we can live our dreams."

Oprah Winfrey

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

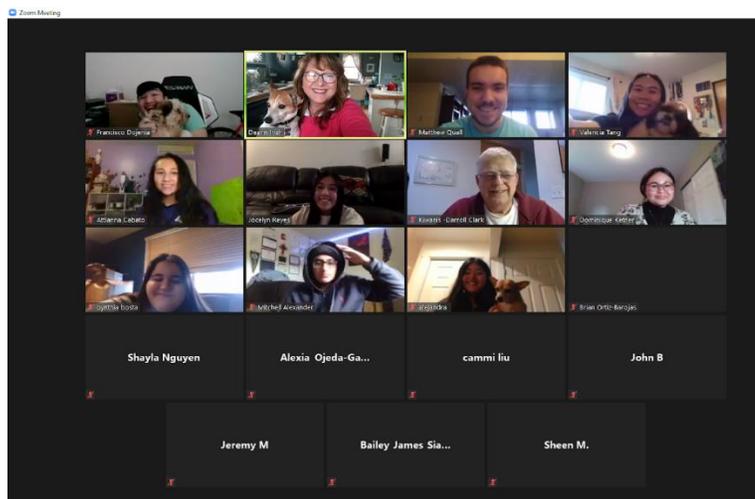
Albert Einstein

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them"

Henry David Thoreau

Humility is really important because it keeps you fresh and new."

Steven Tyler



Key Club Update, February 2021

Key Club continues to meet every other week and is still attracting new participants! This week we grabbed a quick screen shot after a short meeting due to it being the end of 1st Semester, allowing students to get back to completing any last-minute assignments. Our president, Jocelyn Reyes, illustrates her outstanding leadership skills by conducting each meeting with energy and excitement, making sure each attendee feels welcome. Jocelyn has collaborated with her board members to create engaging activities and fun volunteer opportunities. At the last meeting, we competed in groups to create the best song centered around a specific word, like Fish Tank. This brought out everyone's creativity and competitive spirit.

Our January Coat Drive was quite successful with a number of new coats and cold weather accessories donated. The collected items will be made available for any high school student who has a need. If you have any gently-used coats (sizes S – XXL) or would like to purchase new ones, or have any extra scarves, hats, or gloves to donate, they will gladly be accepted! Just drop them off at the “new” main entrance on Ohio Avenue.

DCON is right around the corner, and though this year it is a virtual format, we are still very excited about attending. At our last DCON held in Seattle in 2019, we were awarded the coveted SPIRIT STICK, given to clubs showing outstanding spirit during the conference. Since the 2020 DCON was canceled, we've been able to hold onto it for an additional year. We are looking forward to seeing who earns it at this year's conference. In addition, at the 2019 DCON we received an award for our Digital Poster. Last month we were notified that we again were given the award for our Digital Poster (which we had submitted prior to it being canceled) for the 2020 DCON. We have very talented students in Key Club who have helped us earn these awards. This year we will be submitting our T-Shirt Design, created by our Web Master, Cammi Liu, hoping for another award.

The Key Clubbers understand that we would not be so successful without the support of Bremerton Kiwanis. We so appreciate all that you do for us! From financial support, opportunities to serve alongside of you, and you cheering us on, we wouldn't be who we are without. Our impact within our community is directly related to how well you support us. Thank You!

Deann

Meet our Newest Kiwanis Family Members:



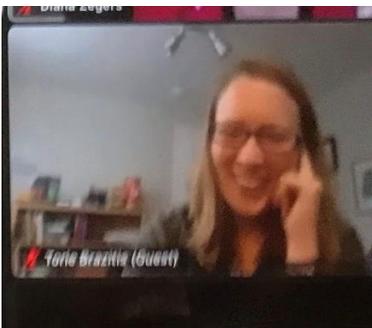
Kim Bjornemo

Kim is a long-time Bremerton resident. She has one daughter and three grandchildren that all live locally. After retiring in 2007 from federal service, she has indulged her hobbies of cooking, baking and fighting mutant weeds in her ever-expanding Manette garden. She also volunteers in the offices of the Bremerton Symphony and Meals on Wheels.



Linda Stuessi

Linda is an employee benefits attorney with Wagner Law Group, a nationwide law firm specialized in employee benefits. She works on retiree health benefit plans, particularly for public employees, such as police officers, fire fighters, and teachers. She is originally from Ohio, but moved around the US, and even to Iceland, during her career due to her husband Keith's career as a Navy physician. She has two children: Brock born in Bremerton and Maya born in Iceland. She and her husband moved back to Bremerton after his retirement from the Navy.



Torie Brazitis

Torie contacted us after moving to Bremerton. She was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom but wanted to transfer to her new community. She attended some meetings and submitted her application for membership to us. Torie enjoys gardening, working with children, and she is teleworking 2-3 days a week.

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. These are funnies collected by Mike (Patti's friend).*

Appropriate analogy. "The curve is flattening so we can start lifting restrictions now" is like saying "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent, so we can take it off now."

Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller wearing a mask & asking for money.

The spread of COVID-19 is based on 2 things:
How dense the population is.
And How dense the population is.

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her dog. It was obvious she thought her dog understood her. I came into my house & told my cat. We laughed and laughed

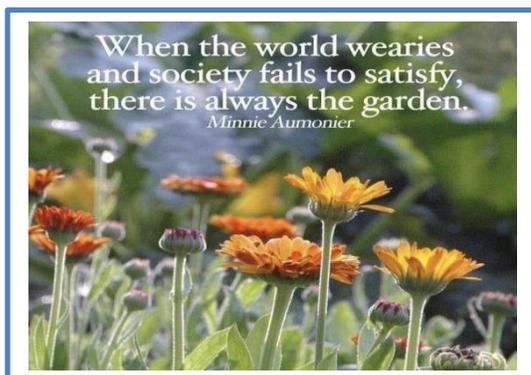
Photo Album:

Kiwanis challenge: Start now to plan for your spring garden even if it is only in a big garden pot, small raised bed, or a bigger garden. Whether it's fruits and vegetables or beautiful flowers, you will get a lot of exercise and joy!



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

**Dolly Williams Birthday Card Collection
(Kim B.'s mom who celebrated by
collecting cards, some sent by our Kiwnais
family members**



What have our members been doing?

Janiece S. has been kayaking and making new friends in her Kitsap adventures

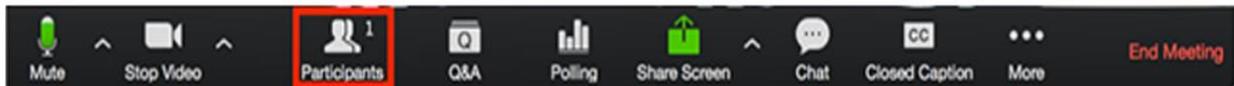
Liz G. has been working on plans for the year while Bobby G. has been visiting his sons in Montana.

Patti P. has been helping with the Bremerton Backpack Brigade and making small art project kits for the seniors at Pinewood Manor.

Darroll C. and Deann I. have been working with Key Clubbers to plan for virtual events and community service including the Key Club Coat drive in January,

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.