

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – June 2021

## Officers 2020/21:

President: Liz Gross  
President Elect: Kate Wilson  
Secretary: Patti Peterson  
Treasurer: Tim Lavin  
Past President: Sunny W.

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Chris Funke  
Allyson Rotter  
Roger Zegers

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Builders Club: Mountainview  
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Darroll Clark

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Liz Gross  
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## 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  
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Kiwanis Club of Bremerton  
Administrator – Aly Rotter

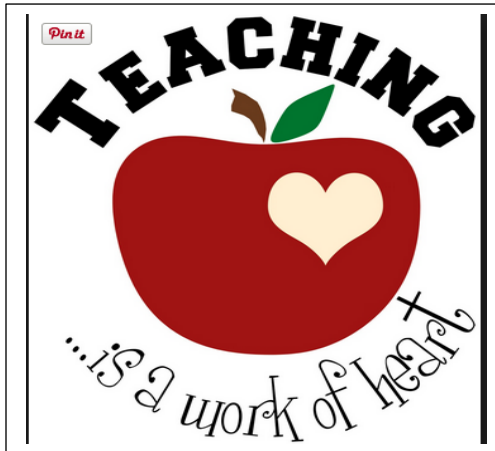
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## ***What's Happening?***

Our neighborhood children are getting near the end of a tumultuous year of school. We are back at work with Kiwanis service through support to the Bremerton Backpack Brigade and our annual Pinewood Derby cars for the West Hills STEM Academy 4<sup>th</sup> graders. The kids really appreciate Kiwanis help. ***Check out the Album pages for a sample of thank you notes and some photos of the Derby car cut project day. They will make you smile! Patti***

## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

*We are looking forward to resuming our regular in person meetings when the COVID-19 pandemic guidance allows.. We have been meeting via ZOOM (a digital live conference tool) at our regular time of 12:30 with a social time just before start time.*

*We ask that you watch your email for directions to ZOOM OR to meet live. There's a lot of hard work by your officers and board to make that happen so please be patient.*

## **Kiwanis Challenge Calendar:**

*Meetings for each month are currently scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday starting with a social time at 12:15 and the meeting with program at 12:30 p.m. We anticipate some*

*members may want schedule limitations so they can travel. We will keep you posted on schedule changes.*

***June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Please join us for a Lunch Social at Kiwanis Park with our Key Club seniors. Lunch is available for pre-order***

***June 10th:*** Club ZOOM Mtg.  
*Program to be announced.*

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*Program to be announced.*



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lives of children.**

## From Your President:

Congratulations and Thank you to each of the following members for agreeing to donate their time and talents and serve as our Club leaders.

I have absolutely no doubt that it is going to be a terrific 2021 -2022!!

Kate Wilson, President

Alyson Rotter, President-elect

Tim Lavin, Treasurer

Patti Peterson, Secretary

and Directors Chris Funke, Linda Stuessi, Sunny Wheeler and Roger Zegers

I'm also excited to share this week's news flash ~ The Blackberry Festival is moving forward for this year!! Obviously we need this opportunity to replenish our coffers and it will take everyone pitching in to make it happen. Please let me know if you are willing to chair this most important fundraiser. I promise you will have lots of help!

I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at our lunch social honoring our graduating Key Club seniors on Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kiwanis Park, Noon to 12:45 !

*Liz*

### A listing of important service opportunities for you:

**PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON ZOOM MEETINGS**

#### **Bremerton High School Key Club:** *(Deann Irish and Darroll Clark, Key Club Advisors)*

*We expect to hear lots of stories and more about plans when we join with our Key Club seniors for a picnic at **Kiwanis Park on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon**. There will some special gifts for each graduate and a fun time for all. This event meets the current guidance for a safe outdoor event to celebrate. (Emailed notification with details was sent separately).*

**Bremerton Backpack Brigade:** *Opportunities to help pack weekly bags or deliver to schools are available until school shuts down for the academic calendar year. Follow Bremerton Backpack Brigade on Facebook or contact Patti P. for information. Myra Battin, Executive Director of the BBB sends special thanks for all those Kiwanis members who have helped during this difficult year*

**Inspirational Quotes of the Month:** *This month's inspirational quotes focus on life's path. As our Key Club seniors go forward we hope they feel encouraged and ready for the challenges they face.*

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." **Harriet Tubman**

"You can't fall if you don't climb. But there's no joy in living your whole life on the ground." **Unknown**

"Truth never damages a cause that is just." **Mahatma Ghandi**

"Yes, *in* all my research, the greatest leaders looked inward and were able to tell a good story with authenticity and passion." **Deepak Chopra**

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." **Martin Luther King Jr.**

**A Little Humor for your day!** (Thank you to Brandon Gaille for these clever items for use in birthday greetings. We all have birthdays but sometimes we don't celebrate). **SMILE, IT'S FREE AND MAKES YOU AND OTHERS FEEL BETTER!**

1. "Age is just a number. A very telling number, but still just a number."
2. "Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that people who have the most live the longest."
3. "The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age."

**This month's Kiwanis Club Project:** (Reported by Chris F., Chairperson).

Thanks to the use of Roger Z's professional wood shop, Bob M. (all round helper), Roger Z. (cutting expert), and Chris F. (sanding novice) completed preparation on 62+ car bodies for the West Hills STEM Elementary project on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>. The crew cut for 5 hours with only a minor interruption for a snapped bandsaw blade that cost Bob a couple of drops of blood and Roger a new saw blade. Of course, there was a Kiwanis mandatory coffee break with Lauren F.'s coffee cake and a noontime refueling with delicious soup and fresh bread graciously prepared by Diana Z. All in all, the fellowship was great and our Kiwanian community service project went to a great cause. The teachers will send us some pictures of the finished (painted and assembled cars) with decoration and finishing made possible with donations of acrylic paints, brushes and stickers provided by Puget Sound Tugboat Tolars, Patti P. and Mary F. A ZOOM link will be emailed before the 8 car best semi finalists race on June 11 at 2 p.m. Congratulations to Tom Hornberg and other teachers at West Hills for their extra work to make this possible for the kids! (**See photos of work party in the Album**)

– What project can you think of that lets us serve but not in person at the schools and to bring smiles to the children we serve. Please make your suggestion to Liz!

**Kiwanis Club Challenge for June:** We have the opportunity to recognize the achievement of our Bremerton High School Key Club seniors through attending a **joint picnic lunch on June 3<sup>rd</sup> setup prior to start at 12 noon**. This outdoor setting should allow all who want to attend to participate safely. **Please bring your own lawn chair. Extra lawn chairs and folding tables are welcome!** The club and Rob S. are gifting a Kiwanis yard sign, a Kiwanis cord and a Kiwanis tassel to each graduating senior along with an Amazon gift card so they can purchase something fun they really want. Lunch will be available for pre-order for \$15.00 through Liz (separate email) or you may bring your own. **See you there.**

## **What have our members been doing?**

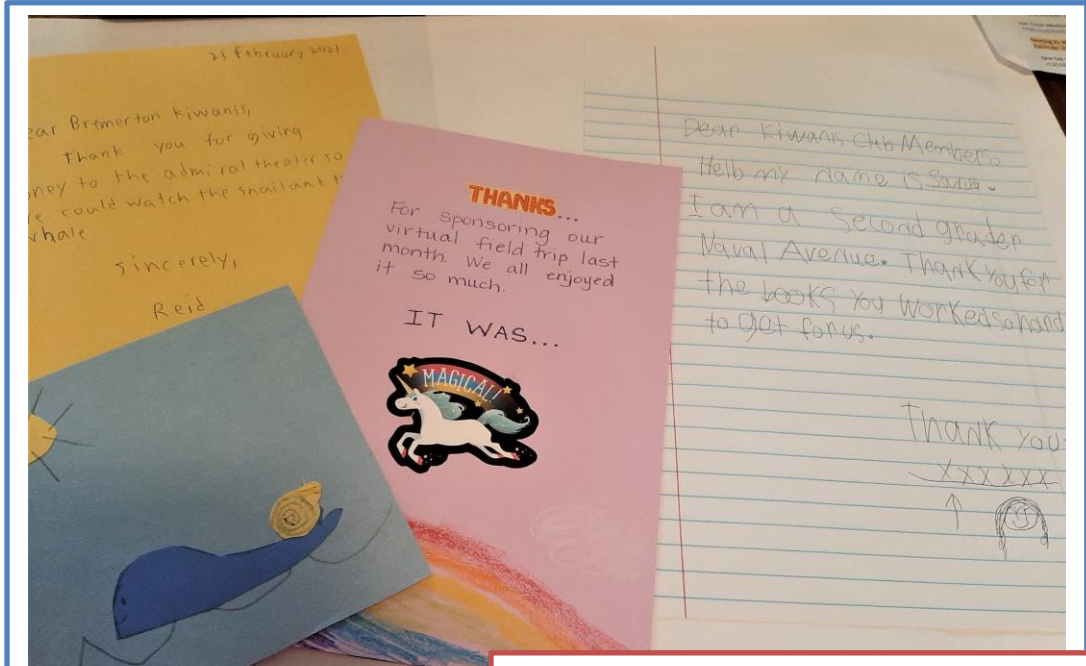
**Chris F.** recorded a presentation talking about the Armed Forces Parade and Kiwanis memories as a part of the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce special "digital parade video".

**Linda S., Rob S. and Patti P.** were seen joining in the assembly line to prepare those Bremerton Backpack Brigade's weekly bags or delivering BBB bags to one of the schools.

**Janiece S.** was seen out in her kayak in the waters of Sinclair inlet and on a lake near Mt. Baker. Her adventures continue in our local waterways and she shares pictures on Facebook.

**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**

# Photo Album:



**Kiwanis is all about the kids. Just a few shots of the thank you notes received this year for the books, sponsorship of virtual theater, and more. Above are notes from the kids (penciled letter is from a Naval Ave. second grader for his book). Items to the left are from organizations and the staff of the school**



**Thank yous from Bremerton Backpack Brigade, Eastside Baby Corner – West Sound, and Crownhill.**

Pinewood Derby Car 2021 –  
Cutting and sanding work party  
(Bob M., Chris F., and Roger Z.)

