

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – August 2021

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

Summer has arrived and so has the opening of mostly regular businesses... less mask time! Our neighborhood children are out of school and looking to enjoy their friends and family gatherings. We are busy planning for the return to a Blackberry Festival fundraiser on Labor Day weekend; it will be different but hopefully provide some much needed funds for our projects. ***Check out the Album pages for a sample of last month's projects.***  
***Patti***

## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

We have resumed in-person meetings at "The Source" in the Admiral Theater. Meeting announcement emails will be sent with details of any changes.

## **Kiwanis Calendar:**

Meetings for each month are currently scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, lunch and social time at 12:00 and the meeting with program at 12:30 p.m.. We will keep you posted on schedule changes.

**Aug. 5th: Club meeting. The Source, Admiral Theatre. Red vest meeting! Planning meeting for our club's future.**

**Aug. 12th: Club Picnic, 5.p.m. at the Zegers' home. Potluck for sides with some beverages, hamburgers or hot dogs, and dinnerware provided. Please bring your own chairs. Details to follow by email.**

**Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>: Regular meeting, the Source, Admiral Theatre. Program is Blackberry Festival briefing.**

**Sept. 2 BBF Site setup & supplies delivered.**

**Sept. 4-6 Booth fundraiser. See article for details.**

**Sept. 7 BBF Takedown**

**Sept. 16: Regular meeting Red Vest, the Source**

**Sept. 30: Installation of new officers for 2021-2022**



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## From Your President:

I am so happy that we have begun to once again having our meetings in The Source. It was great to see folks at our first in-person meeting last month and I hope to see all of you on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup> as we plan for our Blackberry Festival booth and our club's meeting format going forward. Your input is wanted and needed so please attend as we have lots to think about and discuss.

Saturday Aug 21<sup>st</sup> is a Back to School event hosted by the Marvin Williams Center to help with school supplies for Middle and High School students. Volunteers are needed so if you have some time that day and can don your red vest and help please let Aly Rotter know. We haven't had many opportunities during the past 18 months to be out and about with red vests serving our community and this would be an excellent new beginning.

.Liz

**A listing of important service opportunities for you:** See the Prez's item above for a Back-To-School opportunity. Our focus will be on the Blackberry Festival Fundraiser in August so that we can support our service activities. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON SERVICE.**

**Bremerton High School Key Club:** (Deann Irish and Darroll Clark, Key Club Advisors)  
*Our graduates have gone forward to that next step in life and our Key clubbers are busy getting their lives back to normal. We look forward to hearing about their plans for the coming school year start. Maybe we can host some root beer floats for those September membership information meetings.*

**Bremerton Backpack Brigade:** Opportunities to help are coming as the school district's plan for opening in-person for Sept. 2021. We just found out that the BBB is relocating to a different school property and may need volunteer help to move and prepare for the school opening business. Follow Bremerton Backpack Brigade on Facebook or contact Patti P. for information

**2021-2022 Dues Statements Coming Soon:** Just a reminder from your secretary that we will be collecting dues for the coming year in September. You will receive a Dues invoice via email or snail mail. Payment can be mailed in or paid at a regular meeting. While you are reupping your Kiwanis membership and commitment to service, how about inviting a friend to come to a meeting or event to join us. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GOOD YOU DO! **Patti P.**

**Inspirational Quotes of the Month:** *This month's inspirational quotes come from some philosophers and contemporary people to give us food for thought...*

"People think about a pandemic only from a health perspective. Nobody thought about clearly what will the damage to education, schooling, childcare actually be?" **Anita Zaidi**

"Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries." **James A. Michener**

"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer." **Albert Einstein**

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others." Robert Louis Stevenson

**A Little Humor for your day!** (Thanks to the Coffee News for these items.). **SMILE, IT'S FREE AND MAKES YOU AND OTHERS FEEL BETTER!**

*Reporter to 95 year old. "To what do you credit your long life?"*

*Senior: "Not sure yet. My lawyer's negotiating with two breakfast cereal companies."*

*“If ignorance is bliss, why aren’t there more happy people?”*

“Computers can never completely replace humans. They may become capable of artificial intelligence, but they will never master real stupidity.”

*“What did one arithmetic book say to another? I’ve got problems.”*

**This month’s Kiwanis Club Project:** We are planning potential projects and working on how to fund them with our annual fundraiser at The Bremerton Blackberry Festival fundraiser booth. We will be selling some really yummy Blackberry Sundaes served in waffle cone bowls. We are hoping to sell 4000 sundaes in three days plus some of our single scoop ice cream treats for children. ***Your club needs you!*** We will need your help for the usual tasks like setup, moving supplies, booth servers and cashiers, cash handling, and booth takedown. This is our big chance to catch up a little after the COVID cut public events. Please check with Kate Wilson, Roger Zegers or Chris Funke to sign up. Don’t forget that we will need at least one Person-In-Charge (PIC) with a current valid Food Handler’s permit to meet Health Department requirements at all times in the tent; you can be reimbursed for taking the training and the test is available electronically on the Kitsap Health District website; please print your valid Food Handlers’ card or send the digital file to Patti to print. Members and friendly volunteers serving in the booth will be wearing a Kiwanis Red Vest as we greet our friends and neighbors!

**Kiwanis Club Challenge for August:** Let’s make this a big year for fundraising so we can complete more service projects in our community. Turn out as a volunteer and attend meetings to get more information. When September rolls around, we will be counting our blessings and planning on how that hard earned money will be spent in our community for our kids.

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

**Kate W.** has been busy working with **Liz. G.** to plan the handoff of club leadership on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information coming up via emails or listen in at meetings.

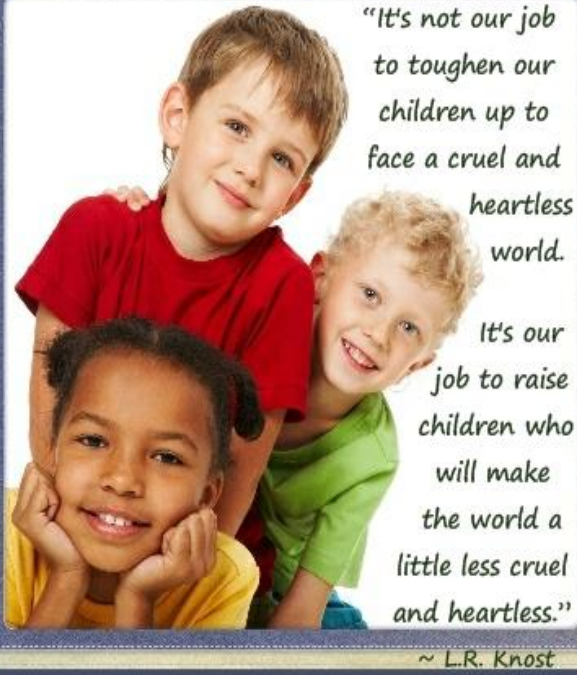
**Patti P.** was seen picking her vegetables in her home garden and making deliveries of donations of adult or children’s underwear and socks from stored Wonderwear supplies. We are grateful for the continued partnership of the Bremerton Foodline and WalMart that keeps the merchandise coming in.

**Sunny W., Rger Z., Linda Steussi, Patti P. and Kim B.** were seen at a “square” Roundtable event in Kiwanis Park on Sept. 22. They noted that the Kiwanis Park bench and commemorative tree were doing well in spite of the dry conditions.

**Darroll C.** has been busy with an art show/sale where he featured his beautifully made ceramic wine server/containers that he shared a sample of at the July 8<sup>th</sup> in-person meeting.!

**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



Our time with children is fleeting before they grow up. Here's something to ponder about that time.



**Our first in-person meeting in over a year. July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Admiral Theatre with members socially distanced and President Liz G. leading the opening ceremonies.**



*Every child needs a champion. An adult who will never give up on them.*

*Rita Pierson*

