

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – October 2022

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What's Happening?

Halloween is coming. We will have a work party to send a treat to our Bremerton Backpack Brigade children. At our Oct. 13th meeting we will be completing planning for the coming year's plans/budget for service and projects. Thanks for taking care of your club membership renewal! This issue's album has some pics from our "Ice Cream Sundae Parties" going to local service agencies. It is a joy to see those smiles! Our extra festival supplies are bringing smiles! *Patti P.*

Upcoming Meetings & Events

We are holding in-person meetings at "The Source" in the Admiral Theater. Meetings for each month are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, a social lunch time at 12:00 and the meeting with program at 12:30 p.m. Email announcements will be sent.

Kiwanis Calendar: Check off the dates on this list so you don't miss any of our Kiwanis meetings or events.

Oct. 13: meeting, the Source, Red Vest Day. Planning for our 2022-2023 year with Aly. See email for details!

Oct. 18: Halloween Work Party. Create gift bags for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade. Starts at 10 a.m. at The Source and goes until we are done.

Oct. 22: Kiwanis Park clean up. Contact Sunny for more information.

Oct. 27: Installation Dinner, the Source, 5:30 social hour dinner 6:30. RSVP to Liz. Invites with details to follow.

Nov. 10: Bi-weekly meeting at The Source. Red Vest Day Program TBD. See email for details



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From Your President:

Greetings fellow Kiwanians, as we welcome a new season (I believe it's technically fall although the weather would lead us to believe otherwise), it seems fitting to recognize a changing of the guard as well for our club. While the ceremonial part of this process won't occur until later this month, I wanted to acknowledge my new role and the enthusiasm I have for the upcoming year. The implications of Covid have been far-reaching and impactful for our club as we've settled into a new meeting cadence, adapted some of our internal processes, as well as made changes to our flagship fundraising activity (ie shifting from pies to sundaes). While Covid isn't exactly in the "rearview" yet, we have returned to more "normal" times than we've had in the last 2.5 years. I look forward to continuing to explore what our new "normal" is for the club, embrace the changing season- stopping to enjoy the beauty of all things fall, and use that as inspiration as we imagine or reimagine what things are on the horizon for our fabulous club.

Cheers and see you all soon!

Aly

Bremerton High School Key Club: A shoutout to the new Key Club leadership team. Hopefully we can get together soon to hear what they are planning. Club advisors, Deann Irish and Darroll Clark, are there to help them with new year plans. Maybe they will have a fundraiser like their game cookie sales or holiday greenery sales that we can support OR they can come to join us for lunch. Yay KEY Club.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you can squeeze in a few volunteer hours there are many opportunities. Consider joining Linda S. to become an AVID mentor volunteer (only 9 one hour sessions, one per month with students at the high school. Contact Aly for his email. Our partner agency Bremerton Backpack Brigade has started their programs and can always use one or two hours of assistance. Ask Patti P. for contact information if you are already not linked to them on Facebook. Your Bremerton food banks/food pantries Bremerton Foodline or St. Vincent DePaul can also use some volunteer help; both are making a big difference particularly with the inflated prices of food right now.

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

"Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises."

Samuel Butler

"Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races, one after another."

Walter Elliott

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Creativity can be described as letting go of certainties."

Gail Sheehy

"Just do right. Right may not be expedient, it may not be profitable, but it will satisfy your soul. It brings you the kind of protection that bodyguards can't give you."

Maya Angelou

A Little Humor for your day! . SMILE, IT'S FREE AND MAKES YOU AND OTHERS FEEL BETTER! (Thanks to a few friends for some "Dad" jokes and humorous items).

"Worms make good detectives because they know how to get to the bottom of things."

"How does an angel answer the phone? "Halo"."

Two fish sat in a tank. One asked the other, "How do you drive this thing?".

"In a job search, the trick is to look inside yourself. It's all about an inner view."

Kiwanis Club Projects:

It's that time again. Time to check our budget and find the needs in our community. *What projects would you like to see the club work on this next year?* Perhaps you have gotten a great new idea or you are aware of a specific need in our community that is not being fully met. Contact an officer via email or join the conversation at the Oct. 13th meeting. We also need your help for programs at meetings; see Liz for the sign-up sheet. When we have programs planned like that, we can invite potential new members too.

What does our calendar have in store for us?

We have a 2022-2023 membership drive to work on immediately. You should have received your email for renewing this last week. And attend a meeting to turn it in with your payment. A split payment option is available. As our community stands back up after this whole pandemic thing, there are challenges that we can help meet. Please help to make this 101st year a new beginning to the promise of service in our Kiwanis family.

Looking back brings fond memories of the service and fun our club has enjoyed. The faces change, but we still persevere in service to our community and especially to the children of Bremerton! Celebrating 101 years in our community!

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

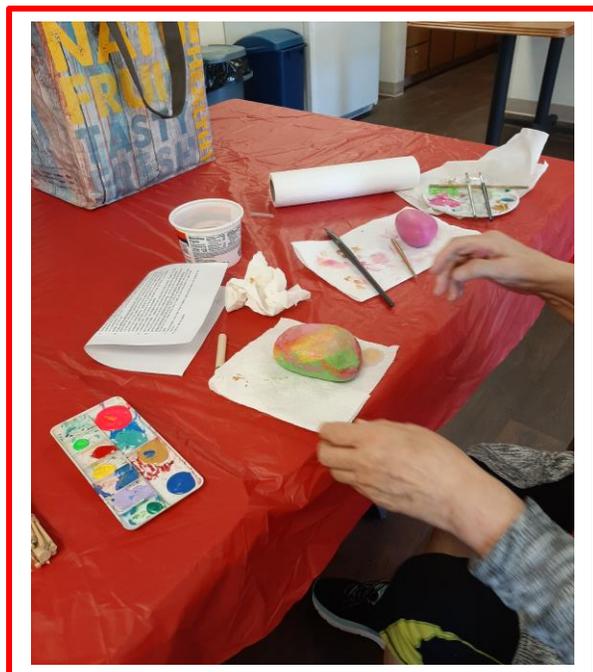
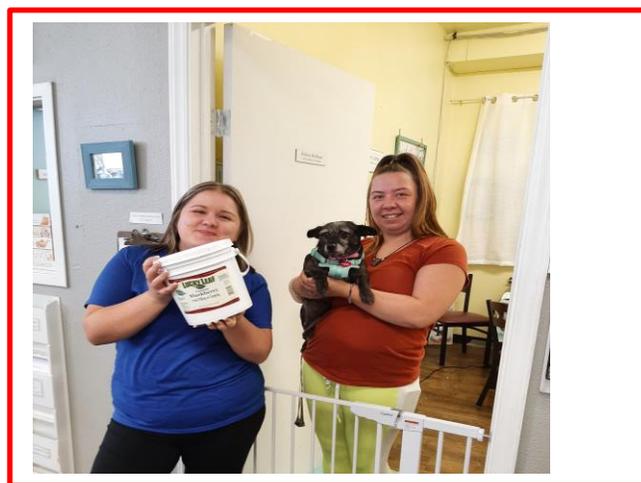
A happy director at Meals on Wheels, Deborah Horn, receiving blackberry sundae supplies for our gift for her annual Volunteer Appreciation Day. 120 people helping to feed seniors in our community.





Another Ice Cream Sundae Gift being delivered to the Benedict House Men's Shelter for 38 clients and staff for an extra sweet treat. That is Janea who was making some Taco Salads for dinner to go with our gift. Smiles all around! She also accepted some donations of underwear from our cooperative effort with Bremerton Foodline and WalMart.

That's Food Bank Manager and Assistance Director Felicia at St. Vincent DePaul Bremerton. Along with April, a helper, and Olive, a comfort dog. They are smiling as they receive our club's gift of Blackberry Sundae supplies to serve 28 women and children in their shelter.



One last place a club sundae gift was delivered to this last week was to the seniors at Pinewood Manor Low Income housing. They started their morning with a craft project, got lunch from the Meals on Wheels volunteers, and enjoyed company to tell their stories of childhood ice cream parties. Sorry, we didn't get a photo of the ice cream treats as both the Social Services coordinator and Patti started in serving the nearly 41 residents and staff at 12:30 because there was already a line! Photo shows the craft project (painted rocks for their front landscaping).

The photo on the right was our kick off picnic celebrating our funding pledge to the new accessible playground project in 2019. The Sept. 22 meeting/picnic was back in that pavilion to get an update. We noticed that all 4 installed tabletops were wobbly. Darroll was checking out the bolting on the table supports. Perhaps this is a good opportunity to work with the Parks Department to fix. Any volunteers to work with Sunny on one of the monthly cleanup days?



If you were at the Annual picnic, you saw Torie Brazitis who is about to give birth to a son. They haven't decided on a name yet but promised to let us know when he arrives. We are looking forward to greeting this new family member to our Kiwanis family.



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Plant these pollinator-friendly plants in your garden

- Hebe
- Purple Beardtongue
- Red Hot Poker
- Prairie Mallow
- Vipers Bugloss
- Fuchsia
- Cardoon
- Marigold
- Echinops
- Dahlia
- Lavender
- Marjoram
- Escallonia
- Whorled Poppy
- Clary Sage
- Borage
- Foxglove

Bee Friendly