

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – December 2022

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Kiwanis Club of Bremerton
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What's Happening?

The holidays are upon us and for some it is a time of fond memories. As we gather with family and friends, we try to capture the hope promised and joy we all need. As we focus on our club activities, let us remember our goals for the children and our community- to bring people together and create resiliency. Please join us to help with the firefighters' coat distribution, bellringing for the Salvation Army, and more. What can you do to make a difference?

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Kiwanis Calendar:

Dec 8: *Red Vest meeting. Denny Smith will be our guest speaker with a program on Pearl Harbor Day, "What You DIDN'T Know About December 7th, 1941."*

Dec. 17: *Bellringing at Fred Meyers East Bremerton. Sign up with Chairperson Kim B. and let's ring in another year where we win the service trophy!*

Dec. 22: *Our Kiwanis Christmas Party. Sign-up sheet will be at the Dec 8th meeting and online until Dec 16th. Plan on joining us for holiday cheer in The Source*

Jan. 12: *First meeting of the new year. Red Vest meeting. Program TBD. See email for details!*

Jan. 26: *Program TBD. See email for details!*



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From Your President:

Greetings fellow Kiwanians! What a treat to see so many of you at the joint service club luncheon last week...it was a fabulous turnout and heart-warming to hear all the amazing things each of clubs are focused on to make our community a better place. Thanks to all of you that pitched in to make the event special for everyone. I'm looking forward to a great month ahead to close out 2022 on a high note with bellringing and the holiday party. Speaking of bellringing...the challenge was made at the luncheon, so we'll need to make sure we keep that trophy! See you all again soon and in the meantime, stay warm and safe...rumor has it that snow and cold is headed our way.

Cheers,
Aly

Bremerton High School Key Club: Key Club membership is popular and members are in the throes of fundraisers as they look at a fun calendar of service events. We hope you took the opportunity to purchase some of the greenery they are selling again this year. Thanks to each person who bought a wreath or centerpiece and especially thanks to Club advisors, Deann Irish and Darroll Clark, who circulated the sales handout and collected orders while planning on pickup/deliveries. We look forward to joining with our KEY Club youth for the bellringing; they always seem to bring more customers to the kettle. Yay KEY Club.

Service Opportunities: If you can squeeze in a few volunteer hours there are many opportunities. Consider joining our partner agency **Bremerton Backpack Brigade** who can always use one or two hours of assistance with a food drive, packing/delivering backpacks, or donation. Ask Patti P. for contact information if you are already not receiving their newsletter. Kiwanian Teresa Bryant is a drop off point for **TOYS FOR TOTS 2022**. Stop by her office on the corner of Pacific and 6th and bring an unwrapped toy by Dec. 8. Children in our area would love to have a toy for their Christmas. We hope to join the Firefighters with their **Coats for Kids** Giveaway event that is back up and running this year. The three elementary schools selected for distribution are: Esquire Hills (East Bremerton), West Hills STEM, and View Ridge Arts Academy. Distribution is scheduled for early December. Aly Rotter will provide details via email when the event(s) are arranged and finalized.

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

"There is no joy but calm."

Alfred Lord Tennyson

"I always wanted to be someone better the next day than I was the day before."

Sidney Poitier

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must... undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Thomas Paine

"If you are idle, be not solitary; if you are solitary, be no idle."

Samuel Johnson

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Together We Can

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).

"How was the skunk revived after fainting? With smelling salts."

"A sports arena is a great place to spend a hot day. It's full of fans."

"Why did the athlete take up bowling? She thought it would be up her alley."

Kiwanis Club Projects:

We hope you were at the Nov. 10 meeting where Aly recapped a portion of the surveys and talked about possible projects. Of course, a big focus is how to hold fundraisers to provide funds for projects. Aly also identified her focus charity, "One Heart Wild", that serves rescued and sometimes disabled animals in need of a forever home. In addition, they provide animal assisted therapeutic services for children and families. She also introduced their representative at our Service Luncheon on Nov. 22nd (see item in Photo Album) while presenting a check from the club to fund their efforts. Liz G. is the person to see to sign-up to arrange a meeting program.

Membership 2022/2023: As our community moves forward there are challenges that we can help meet. If we recruit more members, we can do more. Ask Patti P. for a membership kit or just bring the person to a meeting and they can see what they are missing.

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!

One of the highlights of the late fall is the Joint Service Club Luncheon and this year was a return to meeting with our friends from the Central Lions, East Bremerton Rotary, and downtown Rotary at the Admiral with a yummy turkey dinner. Thanks to Marty and staff for the great food and Greg H. for the pre-luncheon musical entertainment. We were blessed to have two of the Stodden Sisters provide a selection of songs for our program. As each club leader presented a summary of their service, we were reminded of the value that service provides to our community. **BRAVO TO ALL WHO SERVE!!!**





The Central Lions will be busy with their bellringing date, a Lions Foundation Auction at the “Magical Holiday Evening”, an ambitious membership growth program, their “shred” events, annual Armed Forces Day Pancake Breakfast, Pickleball court renewal at Lions’ Park and more. Photo (left) is recent recognition ceremony at club)

The Downtown Rotary Club is continuing their AVID program at Bremerton High (including some volunteers from Kiwanis), sponsoring an exchange student, their Dictionary distribution for 3rd graders, and scholarships from their foundation. They also noted that they have moved to the OC Bistro for lunch meetings. Photo (right) is their primary foundation fundraiser, 2022 Blackberry Festival.



The East Bremerton Rotary Club has planned for their annual Golf Tournament, continuing their relationship with the Boys and Girls Club, working on trails at the Illahee Reserve, and a two-year program targeting Coffee Oasis to help youth in our community. The photo on left is the Sept. 17, 2022 presentation of the Jerry and Nancy Reid Community Spirit Award for their service to the Boys and Girls Club.

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton noted our continuing support for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade, Key Club of Bremerton High School, Armed Forces Parade Marshalling, Kiwanis Park Playground Accessibility Renovations, partnership with the Firefighters' Coats for Kids 2022 distribution, our scholarship program, and our current support for "One Heart Wild". In addition to a brief explanation of their mission and purpose, we presented a check from the foundation for their work. Pictured at right, Aly Rotter and Marlaina Simmons.



**The Bellinging competition challenge begins!!!
We were the 2021 winners of the Bellinging campaign as noted on the the trophy made by Roger Z. Club President, Aly, threw out the gauntlet to give notice that we were planning on winning this year too!**

Club members Bobby and Liz G. with Kim B. enjoyed their lunch and the company. Roger Z. is behind their table.

***Make with your hands,
give with your heart!***

