

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – March 2023

## Officers 2022/23:

President: Aly Rotter  
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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 photos to Patti Peterson

## Facebook:

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton  
Administrator – Aly Rotter

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## What's Happening?

*It is exciting to know that our club has projects scheduled for the coming months. We just enjoyed the annual Stan Warden Golden Ball Tournament finals celebration with treats for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade for Easter and the West Hills STEM Academy 4<sup>th</sup> grade event – Pinewood Derby. You are awesome! We will have much to discuss at upcoming meetings and some interesting programs as well. See you there! Patti*

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

## Kiwanis Calendar:

**Mar. 9:** Red Vest Meeting. See email for details.

**Mar. 23:** 10 am - Pack Easter treats for Backpack Brigade.

**Mar. 23:** Regular club meeting. Program TBD. See email for details.

**Apr 14:** Red Vest meeting. Program TBD. See email for details.

**Apr. 27:** Regular club meeting. Program TBD. See email for details.

**May 11:** Red Vest Meeting. See email for details.

**May 25:** Regular club meeting. Program TBD. See email for details.

**Coming this spring:** Bremerton Backpack Brigade Easter treats, Pinewood Derby at West Hills STEM Academy, and Armed Forced Day Parade.



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## From Your President:

*Greetings fellow Kiwanians! It's March- whoa, how did that happen already?! I'm hopeful that with March we turn a corner with the weather and temps begin to stabilize and we get back to some boring ol' rain! Whether the weather cooperates or not, March is the month typically characterized by spring...the daffodils and other bulbs will start to bloom, we welcome daylight savings time (like it or not) and "spring" ahead an hour, and we have some fun with all the traditions associated with St. Patrick's Day. Regardless of what meaning that March has to you- I look forward to seeing your smiles at our two meetings this month.*

*Cheers!*

*Aly*

**Bremerton High School Key Club:** The Key Club DCON will be held Mar. 31-Apr. 2 in Seattle. We hope to note the comings and goings of Key Club members as they return to the in-person fun of meeting other clubs. Thanks to Lt. Governor Alejandra Reyes for a great program in January.

**Service Opportunities:** If the weather permits, don't forget the Kiwanis Park cleanup. Please contact Sunny W. for information and details. Also consider joining community agencies that could use a few volunteer hours such as **Bremerton Backpack Brigade, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army, and Kid Vantage** (formerly Eastside Baby Corner Bremerton), or your favorite local charity. Please share your experiences volunteering, it makes for some great news!

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

*"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."*

**Steve Prefontaine**

*"The most sincere compliment we can pay is attention."*

**Walter Anderson**

*"All great art is the work of the whole living creature, body and soul, and chiefly of the soul."*

**John Ruskin**

*"When a man moves away from nature, his hand becomes hard."*

**Lakota Proverb**

*"I never lose. I either win or learn"*

**Nelson Mandela**

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

*"I just produced a theatrical performance on puns. It was a play on words"*

*"What kind of shampoo does Medusa use? Snakes Heads and Shoulders."*

*"Why didn't the nervous rooster cross the road? Down deep he really was a chicken."*

*Jack: "Jack one big factory makes all the perfume in the world"*

*Jill: "Yes, it makes sense"."*

new PNW website <https://k22.site.kiwanis.org>

# Nurture the Future

Kiwanis Convention 2023, Minneapolis

Go to "[kiwanis.org/convention](https://kiwanis.org/convention)"

## **Kiwanis Club Projects:**

Liz G. is the person to see to sign-up to arrange a meeting program. Please bring any suggestions you have for projects for the club to meetings or contact an officer. Upcoming projects on the calendar include preparing Easter treats for Bremerton Backpack Brigade kids and working with West Hills STEM Academy staff on the Pinewood Derby project. Sunny Wheeler has a possible new fundraiser that may also act as fundraiser for next year's calendar. IF you have some ideas please attend a meeting or contact an officer to discuss.

**Membership 2022/2023:** Our is long on history and community spirit, but we need more members to make that possible. Simply put, 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 we are all about.

**Interclub Meetings** – *An interclub is our way to meet fellow Kiwanians for a meeting on their turf. Four members are needed to count as an official interclub get together. Interclub meeting visits are usually scheduled at regular meetings and coordinated with the hosting club. Ask for members who want to join you at a meeting.*

**Round Tables** – *A round table is a social event where members meet for conversation and perhaps a meal along with conversation and tall tales! If you would like to hold a Round Table social event, please announce your proposed Round Table at least two weeks early or at the meeting in the week prior to the date, request a "News Flash" from your newsletter editor, request email RSVPs, and make table reservations with the restaurant. We look forward to more impromptu times like this to socialize.*

*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!

## Stan Warden Goldenball Tournament History Lesson:

Stan Warden, a 60 year long member of our club who, in 1946, founded a Bremerton basketball league for boys aged 12-15 and 16-18 who were not on a varsity school team. In 1995 the league's annual Goldenball Tournament was renamed in Stan's honor in appreciation for his conscientious leadership and tremendous support of youth programs. Stan should also be remembered for heading up our club's Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund. Stan was a tremendous active civic leader who served on Bremerton and Kitsap County library boards, as President for the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce, and devoted time to Camp Fire Girls, Bremerton Yacht Club Boards, Navy League, Elks, and U.S. Junior Chambers. A successful businessman, Stan founded both Peninsula Stationers in 1938 and Harbour Books in 1973 before retiring. He died in 1998, at age 88, and was survived by his wife of 64 years, Genevieve, two daughters, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He did a lot that no one ever knew about and remains one of our club's legendary members.



The Tournament Championship teams on court. These young men are not playing on any school Varsity team and create their own team acquiring a coach. Uniforms are a sometimes quite informal.

Free throws can give a team the edge to win. The team in white with hand lettered numbers ended up winning.



**Cake and water for both the winning and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams in the final round; service by Charlie C. and Patti P.**



**The winners in their new T-shirts. Great kids with big smiles.**

**Easter Treats for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade kids will be assembled before the regular meeting on March 23, 10 am. See the photo above and below for the 2022 treat assembly.**



**Submit your photos and get your picture in the newsletter! Send jpg files to Patti P. via email. Photos taken on your phone work great!**