

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Apr. 2021

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

Spring has arrived and we look forward to more daylight hours and warmer days. COVID is still here with phase 3 opening more businesses but also an increasing rate of infections throughout the world. If you can, get vaccinated please do so, but in any case, stay safe and monitor the health department's messages. Our neighborhood children are returning to in-person school. Our club members are returning to projects to serve those children. Read on for more details! Patti

## **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

Our regular in person meetings for are cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are meeting via ZOOM (a digital live conference tool) at dates shown below at our regular time of 12:30 the second and fourth Thursdays with a social time just before start time.

## **Kiwanis Challenge Calendar:**

***Can you think of an  
interesting person who  
would be willing to help  
with a ZOOM program?***

***Contact Kate or Liz!***

**Apr. 1st:** April Fools Day... tell a joke and make someone smile!

**Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Club ZOOM Mtg.  
Program to be announced.

**Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Challenge Day. Show kindness and gratitude today. Make everyone's day a little better!

**.Apr. 22nd:** Earth Day and Club ZOOM Mtg. Program Jaime Forsyth.

**Apr. 29:** Celebrate making a better community. See challenge in this newsletter and help out our partners in service at EBC.

**Kiwanis empowers  
communities to improve  
the world by making  
lasting differences in the  
lives of children.**



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## From Your President

Spring is finally here and true to form: the birds are singing, trees and flowers are blooming and the sun is lifting everyone's spirits after a long winter. Although our traditional Spring Egg Hunt has taken on a different form this year it will bring a smile to 300 children. Thanks to Sunny for adapting her yearly tradition in such a wonderful way this year. (see article below).

Speaking of trees, I'm going to go out on a limb and plan our first in-person meeting for June 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at noon, bring our own chair and lunch and enjoy some socializing at Kiwanis Park, while of course following all of the CDC guidance for gatherings at that time.

Thank you to all of our very generous members who were able to help with the March Diaper Drive for Eastside Baby Corner. Our member donations totaled \$1491.00 and the club matched the donation with a check for \$1500.00. Needless to say, the folks at Eastside Baby Corner were very grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Bremerton for their support.

April Kiwanis anniversaries are Bobby Gross 21 years, Nita Hartley and Kate Wilson 5 years each. Thank you all for a total of 31 years' worth of commitment and service to our community.

***Liz***

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

At the time of publication of this newsletter, we had not heard the full details of meeting plans for some of April. **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 more about graduation plans soon.

**Bremerton Backpack Brigade:** *Opportunities to help pack weekly bags or deliver to schools are available. You might meet Patti, Rob, Linda, and others who have already volunteered and join in the fun. Contact Patti P. for information.*

### **Inspirational Quotes of the Month:**

(Seen in the Kitsap Sun April 1, 2021 on the frontpage article on anti-Asian hate crimes)

"... the opposite of love is not hate, but fear. Fear leads to irrational actions."

**Lilly Kitamoto Kodama** (at the Bainbridge anniversary recognition of the post Pearl Harbor treatment of Asian populations in the United States).

*"We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives."*

**John F. Kennedy**

*"Reflect upon your present blessings – of which every man has many – not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some."* **Charles Dickens**

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

*"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**

**A Little Humor for your day!** (Thank you to Rob S. for sending along items 1 and 2 from humor posted in an RV newsletter and my friend Sheri who sent the last two items).).

1. *My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"*
2. *"Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant." Said the teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure" said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."*
3. *"Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow."*
4. *"In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal."*

**This month's Kiwanis Club Project:** *(Reported by Sunny W., chairperson and designer of the bunny bag)* Our traditional Egg Hunt at Kiwanis Park was not able to happen this year due to Covid19 restrictions. So, like many have had to do this year, we "pivoted"! Our club partnered with the Bremerton Backpack Brigade and Dr Becker, at Dentistry for Children, to provide a spring treat for the children of the families Bremerton Backpack Brigade serves. Each bunny bag had a large chocolate and raspberry cream egg, toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste nested in some tissue and paper grass! The adorable bunny treat bags were made and filled by Bremerton Kiwanis Club members: Liz, Kate, Patti, Roger, Kim, Linda and Sunny in a two-day workshop. Thanks also to Brian and Nita for making The Source available for our bunny assembly area! We were able to provide 307 children with a special treat and needed hygiene products. The thought of children opening the bunny bags put a smile on my face, I hope it made you smile too!

*Editor's note: See Photo Album for pics. Sunny is too modest to give herself credit for the creative project and her work with Liz to gather the supplies. We loaded them up and delivered to the BBB on March 29<sup>th</sup> to put with the food support boxes for spring break. This was a winner and the club will be looking at similar projects in the fall and next spring since the "old" ways we served aren't possible with COVID lurking – 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 April:** Our partner Kiwanis club in Gig Harbor volunteers weekly at the **Eastside Baby Corner – West Sound office** completing inventories, sorting and packaging donations, and filling the orders for children to have ready for pick up. They were thrilled with our very big donation to the Diaper Drive! The Maynards give Patti a list of needed donations once every few weeks and diapers plus wipes are very high on the list. **Your challenge** is to help with the items on April's list reported to Patti on March 31 that includes: towels (new or gently used and cleaned), children's games or puzzles, children's story books (suitable for ages 1 to 6), and diapers and wipes (particularly sizes 5 and 6). They accept donations in East Bremerton from 4 to 6 on Wednesdays and Saturdays; check their webpage for timing OR hand them off and Patti P. will deliver.

**Kiwanis Club Project: April/May:** Pinewood Derby car materials, preparation/cutting of the blocks after children have completed their designs, and returning those car bodies along with the wheel kits, sand paper, paints and brushes to the school's teachers for use by the students. **Chris Funke is the chairperson.** Let Chris know if you are interested in helping. Hopefully we will be able to get some photos of the race track with kids and cars from the event at West Hills Stem Academy.

## What have our members been doing?

Janiece S. has been making new friends in her kayak

Liz G., Sunny W., Patti P., Kate W., Kim B., Roger Z. and Linda S. were volunteers at the first official Kiwanis work party in more than 15 months making bunny treat bags for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade Spring break family boxes. Thanks to Nita H. who helped open up the Source and transfer supplies and bunnies to and from cars. See the Photo Album.

Rob S. was heard planning a safe family gathering at Dosewallups to see his grandchildren.

Dick V. was seen reading his newsletter at his Port Orchard office desk and talking future plans.

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 around the sound  
Janiece is a real water person.  
Another trip, this one on the  
water at Silver Lake during a PR  
shoot for the resort.

Kiwanis Service: Bunny treat bags to the for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade. Each bag contained a toothbrush, a small toothpaste, and a luscious chocolate covered egg in a little nest. Enjoy the photos of the work day, a bunny group shot (we think they were multiplying). Thanks to Dentistry for Children office for the donation of those toothbrushes, toothpaste and colorful brochures to show the kids how to brush correctly. 307 bunnies were on their way to kids at the start of spring break..

Found this. 😊



Silver Lake Resort  
4h · 🌐

A beautiful weekend for kayak @ Silver Lake



Above: The assembly line on the first workday on tables in The Source at the Admiral. It felt great to be in our club meeting room! Left: 1<sup>st</sup> day finished bunny bags. Only 150 more to go! Day 2 had a small change of volunteers including Roger Z. who was the “tying” record holder as we finished the last 150.



## ***HAPPY SPRING!***

**Kiwanis Club of Bremerton  
& Dentistry for Children**



***Above: a closeup of the bunnies. Note the cute ears and fluffy cotton ball tail. A sticker identifying the "Happy Spring" gift (see above) was on the other side.***

***Below: Bunnies arrive at the BBB – have they multiplied?***

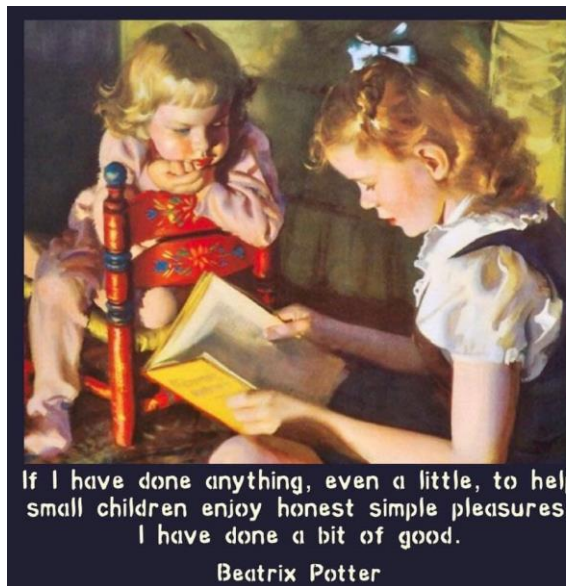


## ***Gratitude***

turns what we have into  
enough, and more.  
It turns denial into  
acceptance, chaos into  
order, confusion into  
clarity... it makes sense of  
our past, brings peace for  
today, and creates a vision  
for tomorrow.

~ Melody Beattie

TimeWarpWife.com



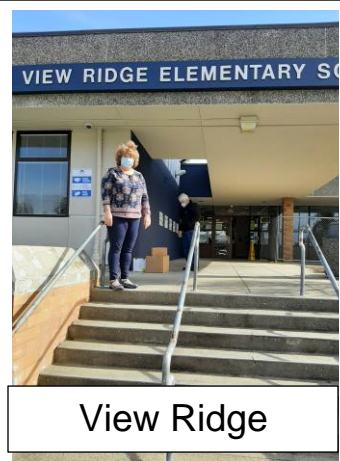
**If I have done anything, even a little, to help  
small children enjoy honest simple pleasures,  
I have done a bit of good.**

**Beatrix Potter**



Kitsap Lake

Starting in March, we made deliveries of an emergency box of underwear and socks that we call "Wonderwear" to our Bremerton Elementary schools (West Hills STEM Academy got some but no photo). We were also able to bring each school 2 boxes of requested school supplies like pencils, scissors, composition books and more to help the staff when a child needed supplies. A huge thanks to WalMart and the Bremerton Foodline for the donations from last fall's leftover stock.. Next, middle school and high schoolers! YAY!!!



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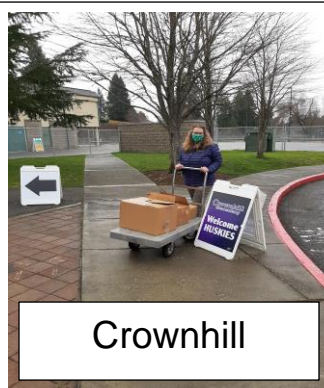
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