

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – April 2023

## Officers 2022/23:

President: Aly Rotter  
President Elect: Liz Gross  
Secretary: Patti Peterson  
Treasurer: Tim Lavin  
Past President: Kate Wilson  
2022/23 Board Members:  
Chris Funke  
Linda Steussi  
Sunny Wheeler  
Roger Zegers

## Advisors:

Key Club: Deann Irish &  
Darroll Clark  
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Liz Gross  
Carol Sue Barker  
Roger Zegers

## 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?

We recently voted to change  
the format for lunches with the  
first meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) of  
each month as a catered lunch  
and the second meeting (4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday) as a "Bring Your  
Own Lunch" (BYOL).

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, we assembled  
390 treats for the Backpack  
Brigade kids.

Together, we can accomplish  
many good things for our  
community!

- Patti

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

In-person meetings at "The  
Source" in the Admiral Theatre.  
Two meetings each month are  
scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays (social lunch time at 12:00 pm  
and the meeting at 12:30 pm).

## Kiwanis Calendar:

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

Apr. 22: Windermere Shred  
Day, Silverdale Windemere  
office 10-1; be early to get in  
and bring electronics for  
disposal on Mickleberry Rd.  
Apr. 27: Regular club meeting.  
Program TBD. BYOL. See email  
for details.

May 11: Red Vest Meeting.  
Program TBD. Catered lunch.  
See email for details.

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

May 29: Armed Forces Day  
Parade

Jun. 8: Red Vest Meeting.  
Program TBD. Catered lunch.  
See email for details.

Jun. 22: Regular club meeting.  
Program TBD. BYOL. See  
email for details.

Coming this spring: Pinewood  
Derby at STEM Academy,  
Armed Forces Day Parade, and  
picnic with Key Club.



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the world by making  
lasting differences in the  
lives of children.

## From Your President:

*Greetings fellow Kiwanians!*

*The month of April brings longer days, colorful blooms, and dare I say some warmer temperatures? While the rain will still be around for a bit, the few days of sunshine we've had in the last week or so I've sure noticed more smiles and a bit more "pep" in people's steps! I look forward to seeing a good number of you at this week's city council meeting (April 5) to present the check (the big cardboard one) to the city as a formal presentation for the Kiwanis support of the new playground equipment at Kiwanis Park. Besides springtime sights and sounds, spring also means that the Armed Forces Day parade preparations are ramping up as well. While we await what our involvement will look like, I want to thank those of you that take the lead on opportunities to collaborate and keep the original vision and intention of the Parade at the center of the planning.*

*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. Deann reports that new officers have been elected for next year. Hopefully we will meet them soon.

**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 and schools that could use a few volunteer hours such as **Bremerton Backpack Brigade, Meals on Wheels, Kid Vantage** (formerly Eastside Baby Corner Bremerton), **Bremerton School District** or your favorite local charity. *We have a special invitation to join the team of adults joining kids as a lunch Pal at the West Hills STEM Academy. This opportunity requires an application for a Bremerton School District Volunteer (found on line).to help out once in a while (phone school at 360-473-6000 for info).*

**Upcoming community wide events are:** "Bremerton Backpack Brigade Spaghetti Feed" (also includes the retirement celebration of Myra Battin and Ann Horn), Manette Saloon 4-7 pm May 18 and Postal Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 13 (donate at your mail box and contact local foodbank to volunteer).

*Please share your experiences volunteering, it makes for some great news!*

**Kiwanis Calendar Events:** **Kiwanis Day of Giving**, online at [Kiwanis.org/Dayofgiving](http://Kiwanis.org/Dayofgiving) on April 7 and **Kiwanis International Convention** Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 21-29.

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

"Morale is when your hands and feet keep on working when your head says it can't be done."

**Benjamin Morrell**

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive."

**Maya Angelou**

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

**Amanda Gorman**

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them."

**Madam C.J. Walker**

**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).*

Pat: "The last time I sang, my voice fell on a thousand ears"

Pam: "Were you singing in a cornfield."

"What did one unicorn say to the other? You've got a point!"

Teacher: "What does it mean when the barometer is falling?"

Student: "whoever nailed it up didn't do a good job."

"Geology rocks, but Geography is where it's at."

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 or act as the host coordinator for a meeting with catered lunch. Please bring any suggestions you have for projects for the club to meetings or contact an officer. Upcoming projects on the calendar include working with West Hills STEM Academy staff on the Pinewood Derby project. If you have some ideas, please attend a meeting or contact an officer to discuss.

**Wine Cork Sculpture Contest 2023:** At the late summer PNW Kiwanis convention there is an opportunity for us to shine with a sculpture we create from wine corks. Patti already has a 13-gallon bag of corks and more on the way. Please join with her and make our entry unbeatable... maybe some amateur work or a motorized feature? If you don't want to make it, how about talking to friends and family to get them to donate their wine corks? See Patti P. at a meeting for more details.

**Membership 2022/2023:** Our club 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!

**2022 Armed Forces Day pre-parade breakfast at the Lions fundraiser. Those of us “early birds” stop in to share a bite before we head out for a big day acting as Marshalls to herd the participants in line and join in as the last float in the parade. We hope you, friends, and family will be able to join this year.**



**A prior year work meeting to assemble Easter Treats. Look further to see the photo of Bremerton Backpack Brigade’s Director Myra Battin with the boxes of 2023 treat bags with toothbrush, toothpaste, and a bag of Annie’s cookies.**

**2018 Pinewood Derby Car display. Tom Hornberg is still making this happen and we will be helping him again in 2023.**





**March 23 General Meeting with our guest the acting Director of Downtown Bremerton Association, Erinn Hale (above to the right of Sunny).**

**Bremerton Backpack Brigade's Director Myra Battin with the 5 boxes of 2023 treat bags with toothbrush, toothpaste, and a bag of Annie's cookies (photo to the right)..**



**WINDERMERE Silverdale, SHRED and Electronic Recycle Event:** Come to Mickleberry road offices April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10 until 1 to get free shredding of your documents and recycling of your electronics. Be early to ensure the truck doesn't get filled up. *Thanks to Kate Wilson for posting this opportunity. **Celebrate Earth Day and Recycle!***

**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!**