

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – June 2023

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## What's Happening?

Hello June! The Armed Forces Day Parade was great with many viewers on the streets and abundant American flags for all to see. Thanks to Chris, Rob and all the volunteers for their work. In June have our recognition picnic with BHS Key Club, a regular meeting with elections, and an invite to join the West Hills STEM Academy for the Family Night and Pinewood Derby. Please see inside for details and mark your calendar. Enjoy the sun!  
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:

Jun 7: Pinewood Derby and Parent's night, 5-7 pm, STEM Academy, West Hills.

Jun. 8: Red Vest Meeting. Elections and Program is Tony Ives from Kitsap Community Resources. Catered lunch. See email for details.

Jun. 22: Key Club Recognition Picnic, Kiwanis Park; See email for details.

June 24: Kiwanis Park Cleanup. See Sunny for details.

July 13: Red Vest Meeting; at the Admiral, Prog TBD. Catered lunch

*Coming to our club this month in addition to our noon lunch meetings:*

*Pinewood Derby and picnic with Key Club. Sign up for programs with Liz.*



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## From Your President:

*Greetings fellow Kiwanians!*

*It was truly a joy to see everyone out for the Armed Forces Day Parade...it was my first time hopping into a golf cart to enjoy the crowds on the parade route as the Kiwanis close out the parade. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather and it's stuck around so far. June is a busy month with a few exciting things for our club to participate in, including elections at our June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting as well celebrating the Key Club seniors at a picnic in the park for our meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will be thoroughly enjoying all the happenings of graduation season with my own senior this year! Wishing you all a lovely start to the summer season.*

*Cheers!*

*Aly*

**Bremerton High School Key Club:** Thanks to the Key Club group of volunteers who helped us with our marshalling duties in the Armed Forces Parade and Rob S. who treated for their Breakfasts with us at the Lion's Pancake Breakfast. Our **Annual Key Club Recognition Picnic** will be held at Kiwanis Park on June 22. Please join us in celebrating these great kids especially the graduates.

**Service Opportunities:** Please remember the Kiwanis Park cleanup the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month; June 24<sup>th</sup> is on the calendar. 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 Foodline or St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantries, Meals on Wheels, Kid Vantage** (formerly Eastside Baby Corner Bremerton), or your favorite local charity.

*We have a special invitation to join the STEM Academy team led by Thomas Hornburg, to see the final runs of the **Pinewood Derby** at a **Parent's night the West Hills STEM Academy starting at 5:00 pm to 6:30**. Come and cheer on the kids and this great group of educators at this fun time. Please wear your red vest or pin and be prepared to be welcomed! Thanks to the Kiwanis Project team including, Chris Funke, Roger Zegers, and Patti Peterson for getting the materials gathered, the car shapes cut, and paint supplies done and to the school for the kids to create their pine cars for the races.*

**Upcoming community wide events are:** Looking for things to do in Bremerton? **First Friday** downtown events each month and **Bremerton Wine Fest Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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

**Kiwanis Calendar Events:** **Kiwanis International Convention** Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 21-29. **Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Summer Convention** Portland Oregon, Holiday Inn Columbia River Aug. 17 – 20. Our delegate will be escorting our sculpture project.

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

"One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say."

**Will Durant**

"My father gave me the best advice of my life. He said, 'Whatever you do, don't wake up at 65 years old and think about what you should have done with your life.'"

**George Clooney**

"Celebrate what you have accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed."

**Mia Hamm**

**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*).

*"On a plumber's truck: We repair what your buddy tried to fix."*

*"What do golfers wear at the links? Tee-shirts."*

*"The old woman who lived in a shoe wasn't the sole owner. There were strings attached.."*

*"Life is simpler when you plow around the stump."*

### **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. If you have some ideas, please attend a meeting or contact an officer to discuss.

**Wine Cork Sculpture Contest 2023:** There is an opportunity for us to shine with a sculpture we create from wine corks at the PNW Convention. Join Patti P. to create our entry in the Wine Cork Sculpture contest. We have the wine corks and potential designs. Let's have a little fun and maybe earn bragging rights by making our entry unbeatable... maybe some amateur work or a motorized feature. A club representative will attend the PNW District Convention (DCON) in Portland, Oregon at the Holiday Inn Portland-Columbia Riverfront August 17-20, 2023 to deliver our masterpiece. See samples on PNW's new website: <https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/>

**Interclub Meetings:** An interclub is our way to meet fellow Kiwanians for a meeting on their turf. At our May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we enjoyed the company of a group from the Silverdale Kiwanis Club. Interclub meeting visits are usually scheduled at our regular meetings and coordinated with the hosting club. Ask for members who want to join you and be the leader for an Interclub.

**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!

2023 Armed Forces Day pre-parade breakfast at the Lions fundraiser. WE had a table full of Key Club volunteers and lots of members to share a bite before we headed out for a big day acting as Marshalls. Lot's of Kiwanis spirit on display.



That's Chris F making some last minute checks before he sends us out to assignments on the parade route. 3 tables were packed with Kiwanis red vests!

We were applauding with this great entry representing Mountain View Middle School "WEB Leaders" made possible through a Teacher Innovation Award sponsored by the Kiwanis Bennett Memorial Fund.





(Right) Teresa B. in her golf cart joining us to end the parade after working with the bands. (Below) Kate W. acting as the driver for fellow members as they joined the parade.



**PINEWOOD DERBY:** The students create their car designs on a wood block, Kiwanians cut those designs out, the kids, sand, paint and decorate the car and then the axles and wheels are attached. A great service project for our club, a learning opportunity for kids, and a fun event for staff and families that has returned to an in person after a COVID hiatus. Join us on June 7th!

