

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Sept. 2023

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Chris Funke
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pictures of program events,
projects, and socials to
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Administrator – Aly Rotter

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What's Happening?

September is the time to close
out the summer and get back to
school. Please watch your email
for information on upcoming
events. Plan on joining in! Liz
can use some help and the club
needs a President-Elect.

In this issue we have a few
photos from the annual picnic.
We also have memoriam for our
friend and oldest member, Dick
Vlist who passed away. Our
Kiwanis family will miss him.
-Patti

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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

Kiwanis Calendar:

Sept. 14: Club meeting, Red
Vest OR name tag. Our speaker
will be Kate's good friend Dr.
Melissa Barney. Dr. Barney's
program will feature her time
"Doctoring in Sudan". BYOL
meeting in The Source.

Sept. 16: Dick Vlist memorial
service, 11:00, Rill Chapel, PO.
Reception to follow.

Sept. 28: Club Installation
luncheon 2023-2024 Officers.

Member Dues: *You will soon
receive the annual letter
requesting dues payments and
a commitment to another year
of Kiwanis membership.*

*Please complete the form to
update the directory and send
your payment in via mail OR
bring it to the club meeting and
give to the Secretary or
Treasurer.*

*Thanks for helping us get
this done!*



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From our President

Hello my fellow Kiwanians! I can't believe this is my last entry into the newsletter in this role -the last year has flown by so fast. I'm thankful for the friendship, fellowship, and mentorship of so many. This club truly is an amazing gift! September brings the start of a new season with all of the back-to-school flurry, the cooler temps, shorter days (boo-hoo) and changing landscape. While I love the summer so dearly, fall is my most very favorite season of the year. We are entering our own annual season of change with the upcoming installation of club officers, including our new President. It is each and every member that makes this club vibrant and thriving, but the extra passion and energy that many of you have contributed to leadership positions is what is needed to sustain that vibrancy. I do hope some of you that haven't previously served in a leadership role will consider doing so- you won't be doing it alone! Cheers to another great year my friends. - **Aly**

Found in the wanted ads, help needed section: The Kiwanis Club of Bremerton is in need of a President-elect for the upcoming year, please apply in person or by email. Past-president Kate describes our club to others saying we are small, but we are mighty. Please consider the opportunity to serve our club so that we can continue to be mighty going forward.

Bremerton High School Key Club: As the new school year starts, an enthusiastic group of Key Clubbers will be meeting to plan for good deeds in our community. **We plan to serve root beer floats for their first meeting Sept. 24 in the afternoon. Contact Patti Peterson to volunteer.** School advisor Deann Irish and our club advisor Darroll Clark can update you on Key Club activities.

Service Opportunities: Please remember the Kiwanis Park cleanup the last Saturday of each month; This month's cleanup is Saturday, Sept. 30th. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your tools if you desire. Please contact Sunny W. for information and details.

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, Bremerton Backpack Brigade or Kid Vantage** (formerly Eastside Baby Corner Bremerton), or your favorite local charity. Check with Patti P. for contact information and please remember to send her volunteer hours so we can add your Kiwanis hours to our monthly club report. Let's make some new friends in our community and show them Kiwanis cares.

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

Upcoming community wide events are: Looking for things to do in Bremerton? **First Friday** downtown events each month. While we are not selling pies or sundaes this year, the **2023 Blackberry Festival** will be going on Sept. 2-4.

Kiwanis Calendar Events: The big fall convention has sent home some happy but weary participants. Checkout the online magazine for information on new officers and issues voted on at the convention. **An important vote was made that deleted the old \$50 club convention fee and replaced that with a \$3 per member fee as shown on your 2023-2024 dues statement.**

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

"To err is human, to refrain from laughing, humane." - **Lane Olinghouse**

"If I were to wish for anything, I should not wish for wealth and power, but for passionate sense of the potential." - **Soren Kierkegaard**

"If you give your child just one gift, let it be enthusiasm." -**Bruce Barton**

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).*

"What's the easiest kind of house to lift? A lighthouse."

"What's Mickey's job at school? He is the mice principal."

"What do you call a bird stuck at the North Pole? A brrrrrd.."

From an old farmer... "Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight, and bull-strong."

Our Kiwanis Projects:

Our incoming club team of officers and board members wants your suggestions for programs and projects. Our biggest "project" at this time is recruiting a President-elect for the upcoming year. Please consider this opportunity to help our club remain strong and healthy.

Interclub Meetings: An interclub is our way to meet fellow Kiwanians for a meeting on their turf. 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 to you, 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

We welcome new members. When was the last time you brought a prospective member to a meeting? When we participate in community events, the public knows we are valuable and fun assets. Extend our welcome and bring a new person to join in! We will put your photo here.

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!

NEW MEMBERS PICTURES HERE WITH THEIR SPONSOR!

**Annual Picnic 2023 – Thank
you Roger and Diana
Zegers for hosting!**



**Left – Liz greeting picnic goers
Above – Bill and Maxine Enger
along with Darroll Clark**



Just a few memories of our
friend, Dick Vlist. He lived a
long life and contributed
much to our community. A
favorite was his volunteering at
the Naval Museum in his blue
vest. (Right)



(Left) Ringing the bell to
honor the fallen 2017.
(Right) Dick and Wife
Shirley, CI Shenanigans
Breakfast 2018.

