

Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Jan. 2024

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What's Happening?

Starting the New Year with a resolution? We hope your plans include lots of time with your Kiwanis family. The club needs your help to accomplish the acts or service and planning for those projects. Please join us at meetings or let Liz know.

You are encouraged to come to the Jan. 11 meeting to welcome a new member. I understand we will have some delicious chili courtesy of Kat W. and Greg H.! Bring your appetite too.

Thank you for your patience on the newsletter delivery date!

- 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 12:00 pm followed by the meeting and program at 12:30 pm).

Kiwanis Calendar:

Jan. 11: Club Meeting; Dr James Crawford, Bremerton Schools Superintendent, discussing the upcoming Bond and Levy requests. Red Vest OR Name Tag. Lunch will be available for purchase

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 25: Club Meeting; Program TBD. Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL)

Feb. 8: Club Meeting; Program TBD. Red Vest OR Name Tag . Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL)

Feb. 19: President's Day

Feb. 22: Club Meeting; Program TBD. Look for more info in next month's newsletter.

Feb. 29: Leap Year!



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From our President

I gave up on making New Year's resolutions long ago and instead try to remind myself of the Four Agreements. 1) Be impeccable with your word; speak with integrity, say only what you mean. 2) Don't take anything personally; nothing others do is because of you, what others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream. 3) Don't make assumptions: find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama. 4) Always do your best; your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick. Under any circumstance simply do your best and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse and regret. I've added a fifth, one that I would like to give to each of you to remember always: Be proud of yourself. Like really nitty gritty proud - of all the showing up and trying and giving and little things you do that matter so greatly. Never forget or underestimate the difference you make.

Happy New Year to you and yours!

Service Opportunities: Although the **Kiwanis Park cleanup** is normally the 4th Saturday of each month,. Mark your calendar for the next park clean-up on Saturday, January 20th.

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 Calendar:

Saturday Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.: **\$5 Movie Night** "The Never Ending Story" at the Admiral Theater.

Thursday Jan. 25 10 until 2: **Kitsap Project Connect** (3 locations in Kitsap including Salvation Army Bremerton) encourages people needing assistance to meet with representatives from various agencies and resources.

Kiwanis Calendar Events:

Division Council Meeting: February 10 with Port Orchard Kiwanis Club hosting. Details to come soon.

Mid-Winter PNW Conference: Feb. 16-18 at Portland Airport Sheraton Inn, Portland, Oregon. Find information at PNW Kiwanis website.

Inspirational Quotes of the Month: This month's inspirational quotes come from several sources all intended to help us with those new year's resolutions.

"The world suffers a lot. Not because of violence of bad people but the silence of good people." – **Napolean Bonaparte**

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or we can rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." – **Abraham Lincoln**

"The purpose of propaganda is to make one set of people forget that other sets of people are human." **Aldous Huxley**

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

Boy: "I'd like some birdseed, please."

Shopkeeper: "How many birds do you have?"

Boy: "None yet. I'm going to grow them."

"How do you make an octopus laugh? With ten-tickles."."

Patient: "Doctor, I've swallowed some holiday decorations?"

Doctor: "Ah, you've got tinselitis."

"Children really do brighten a home-they never turn out the lights!"

Our Kiwanis Projects: What project do you want to suggest to the club? Planning and coordination take a bit of time usually. Please contact the President or members of the board with your suggestions.

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.

Please enjoy this virtual interclub moment with **Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend** Facebook photos. They have a strong club and use their media site to show the fun events and projects they are doing to entice new members.



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 102 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!



Grocery entrance with Greg W., Kitsap Princesses, and Key Club friends to greet our generous donors.



Left, Bill E, Keri R, and Key Club friend at Main entrance. Below, Aly R, Erinn H, and friends from Key Club at the Main entrance



Left, Greg and Sunny W. with Capt. Lance Walters of Salvation Army. Grocery entrance. Below, Greg H. and Roy R. with Key Club friends at Main entrance



Our Project leader Kim B with Keri R telling Santa their Christmas wishes! Announced at the Christmas Party, a grand total of \$6059.78 collected for this day of service.



Left, Connie B. with a whole gang of Key Club friends at Main entrance. Below: Tim L. and Rob S. with Key Club friends at Garden entrance



Grocery entrance Darroll C., Patti P. and Key Club friends.

Right, Torie B. and Deann I. ringing those bells to fill the bucket with smiles at Garden entrance.



Left, Bobby G. sharing Christmas greetings at our lunch.



Left, Deann I. working on the Christmas word challenge, "Guess the Carol – Emoji Edition", with the table group. Below, Kate W and Greg H. joining in the conversation and the other side of the room with club



Thanks to President Liz for her Kiwanis message and this fun game!

Christmas challenge required a lot of conversation to try for the most correct answers. Greg H, Aly R, Roy R, with background photos of Kim B, Sunny W, and Chris F. Below other participants including Mike and Liz L, Marty C and wife Cherie, and Mike P.

