Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Aug 2024

Officers 2023/24:
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Wilson
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Club Website: 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

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is almost here!
Let's make it a month
of growth, purpose, and
progress. Keep working on
your goals and believing in
your dreams. Remember,
every step forward
is a victory.

featuring the athletes from countries competing to show off their skills and challenging themselves to better world records. How exciting to know that the youth that Kiwanis supports and encourages today could become the Olympians of tomorrow. It is these moments that reinforce the good that can happen in spite of our human frailties. This is the month of our annual picnic (see calendar) and emailed notices).

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:

Aug. 8: Club Meeting (The Source) Our program will be a presentation on The Doolittle Raiders. Please wear red vest or nametag. Watch for club email announcement.

Aug. 22: Annual Picnic to be held at the Zeger home. Please watch for club email announcement for details.

Sep. 12: Club Meeting in The Source. Jill Giddings will be back with her ukeleles. Wear your Red Vest or Name tag. Watch email for details.

Sept.26: Annual Installation event. Mark your calendar and plan on attending to welcome our new President Kate Wilson! Watch email for details.

Oct. 10: Club Meeting program and location TBD. Wear your Red Vest or Name tag. Watch email for details.

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



From Your President:

The Kiwanis Park ribbon cutting event to celebrate the new accessible inclusive playground equipment was a big success. Huge thanks to the City of Bremerton for arranging it all and to Carol Sue for presenting the history of Kiwanis Park. Members of the community came to join us for the ribbon cutting and the Concert truck performance that followed.

On July 25, Teresa Bryant invited us to her new offices in Port Orchard for our meeting and provided a wonderful lunch. We also enjoyed celebrating Teresa's 25th Edward Jones anniversary with her. It was a great time to make a quick decision on a club project support grant for "Grace", an international Kiwanian that needed a little help to replace the home she and her 2 children lived in after it was suddenly bulldozed. We join a San Diego Kiwanis club in this support and had our contribution matched 100%

Labor Day weekend and The Kitsap Blues Festival presented by the Admiral Theatre are right around the corner giving us a service opportunity volunteering at the event. I'll have more information for you at our next meeting.

Following is a Change in International Kiwanis Bylaws fyi

Delegates to the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention approved two amendments to the organization's bylaws that will affect annual membership dues paid to Kiwanis. These changes, along with ongoing cost-saving measures, will bolster Kiwanis' long-term financial health and help us fulfill our mission of serving the children of the world.

In Denver, Colorado, U.S., delegates overwhelmingly voted to:

- Adjust the Kiwanis International dues to US\$77 from US\$52 for Tier 1 and to US\$34 from US\$23 for Tier 2.
- Reduce the number of dues-paying tiers in Kiwanis International from three to two. Tier
 1 will include U.S. and Canada and all other districts in countries with per capita
 incomes of US\$10,000 or more as reported by the World Bank on July 31, 2024. All
 other districts will be in Tier 2.

These updates to the bylaws take effect October 1, 2024.

The total amount a member pays in dues depends on their club and district. Each district sets district dues according to its budgetary needs, as does each club. Some clubs, for example, may set higher dues to account for meals provided during meetings or to cover meeting rental space, while others may set lower dues and leave meals up to the individual member.

We are looking for your help with ideas for club projects, fundraisers, and strategies. Please submit ideas to the President-Elect, Kate Wilson so that the team can get a head start on planning. Your opinion matters!

As announced at the election meeting, we are looking for some assistant positions to act as a training platform for the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Your personal experience and willingness to serve are all that is needed.

Photos from the Kiwanis Park Accessible Playground ribbon cutting event











