

# Kiwanis Club of Bremerton Newsletter – Nov. 2024

## Officers 2024/25:

**President:** Sunny Wheeler

**President Elect:** Vacant

**Secretary:** Patti Peterson

**Treasurer:** Tim Lavin

**Past President:** Liz Gross

**2023/24 Board Members:**

Connie Baker

Kim Bjornemo

Linda Stuessi

Greg Hanenburg

## Advisors:

**Key Club:** Deann Irish &

Darroll Clark

**Bennett Memorial Trustees:**

Liz Gross

Aly Rotter

Tim Lavin

## 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?

As the calendar year winds down, our club has plans for some fun events you will want to be here for. Our first service project was preparing the toothbrushes, toothpaste, and treat for Bremerton Backpack distribution on Oct. 24. Check the photo album. President Sunny is looking to you for your interests for both programs and service. Send her your ideas. Your input to this newsletter is welcomed.

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

**Nov. 3:** Daylight Savings time change.

**Nov. 5:** Election Day

**Nov. 11:** Veteran;s Day

**Nov.14:** Club Meeting- Red Vest OR Name Tag. Bring Your Own Lunch (BYOL) Program TBD.

**Nov.26:** Annual Service Club Luncheon hosted by the Bremerton Lions Club and held at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. - Details to be provided for lunch cost and program in early November.

**Dec. 5** Club Meeting- Red Vest OR Name Tag. Program and Lunch TBD.

**Dec. 19:** Club Christmas Party. Watch email for details.

**Dec. 21:** Bellringing Service at Fred Meyers (2 doors). See Kim for details.



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

## **Some thoughts from Sunny:**

Dear Bremerton Kiwanis Family,

November is a special month for gratitude and thanksgiving.

**Election Day**; when we as Americans fulfilling our duty as citizens, participate in the fair and free election of our representation to the world, our states, our counties and cities.

**Veterans Day**; when we celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

**Thanksgiving Day**; when we gather with family, friends and neighbors to celebrate all the blessings of the year as we choose to share a meal and/or serve the poor, attend a service or maybe, enjoy a day of parades and sporting events too.

As members of Kiwanis; we practice, participate in, celebrate and serve our community all year! Every day is a day to be thankful for and an opportunity for service. If you know of a need in the community, or a way our club could be of service, please let me or a board member know.

I am THANKFUL for my KIWANIS FAMILY (you) and GRATEFUL we get to work together to make our community better through our SERVICE.

**Yours in service,  
Sunny**

**Bremerton High School Key Club:** (Deann Irish and Darroll Clark, Key Club Advisors)

The Key Club now numbers 34 members. They recently did a McTakeover and earned \$766.84, Their leadership team also has let us know that their annual wreath sale fundraiser is a go. Watch for a special email on that. These are always beautifully crafted and very fresh for your holiday gifts.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Our friends at Bremerton Backback Brigade are always in need of volunteers for their rigorous schedule of food drives and packing/deliver days. The big box packout is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 14. It's always a busy and fun time. See Patti for the schedule through the end of the year or check out their website.

**Club Dues:** Our dues bill will arrive shortly from KI. Thank you for your commitment to renew with our club and pay your dues. See Tim or Patti at any meeting or mail in to PO Box 12, Bremerton, WA 98337.

**Club Committee Chairpersons:** **WE NEED YOU!!!** We will need chairpersons for project and event chairs. Thanks to Kim B. for taking on the scheduling for the Bellringing event Dec. 21. Let's all turn out and win that trophy again this year.

**Inspirational Quotes of the Month:**

"A quiet conscience makes one strong." **Ann Frank**

"You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream." **C. S. Lewis**

To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

- The Objects of Kiwanis International, paragraph 5

***Celebrating 103 years in our community!***  
***Please send your photos or contributions to [pjpatti17@gmail.com](mailto:pjpatti17@gmail.com)***

## Photo Album

Photo of Greg H. receiving his Board Member pin from Liz at the Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**We set up our assembly line before our meeting and began bagging the treats for Bremerton Backpack Brigade: a toothbrush, toothpaste, and a small cookie treat! 625 total delivered the following day!**

**Above Mary F. and Bill E. picking up bags to start filling.**

**Left top: Filled bags looking festive.**

**Left bottom: Sunny W., Patti P. and Bill E. twist tie closure for bags and then in the boxes.**





**Top Right: Another photo as we neared the middle of the effort showing Connie B., Rob S., and Bobby G.**

**Top Left: A pile of treat boxes ready to be loaded out.**

**To Right: We even got some help from our School District guests (Donna, Interim Supt, Karen B. and Garth S.) then shared lunch and a great program on District Strategies. Bottom Right: Selfie with BBB rep. and 3 full grocery baskets behind; smiles all around.**



**NOV. 11**  
**VETERANS**  
**DAY**  
**HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**