

# PRESS RELEASE

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## **Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island awards \$159,403 Community Grants to Nonprofit Organizations**

*Thirty-six local nonprofits benefit from the club's 2017 Auction/Rummage  
Sale proceeds*

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island is pleased to announce that it is awarding its 2018 Community Grants. A total of 36 grants totaling \$159,403 will be awarded to 33 nonprofit organizations located on Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap County. Award checks are being presented to the grant recipients at regular Rotary Club meetings over a three-month period.

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has a long and proud history of providing grants to support diverse community projects, dating back to the Club's founding in 1947. Members of the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island are stewards of funds we raise at our yearly Rotary Auction & Rummage Sale. We strive to manage funds in an effective, appropriate, and timely manner, and to ensure that grant awards result in positive impacts in our community.

"We had a most successful Auction and Rummage sale last July and it's great to be able to give this much back to our community," said Community Grants Chair Mike Lewars. "It is always difficult to select our grant recipients from the long list of worthy applicants. This year we set an all-time record of 36 grants awarded to wonderful nonprofits."

In the last 7 years, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has awarded 189 Community Grants totaling over \$847,000 to 85 local nonprofit organizations. The Auction & Rummage Sale provided funds for these grants.



Sue Anderson, Bloedel Director of Philanthropy, along with driver Emery Tallon and Don McKinney, members of the Bloedel Facilities Staff, show Mike Lewars the utility truck that was purchased with the 2018 Community Grant the Bloedel received.

The 2018 Community Grants Award recipients will receive full or partial funding for their projects as follows:

**Arts & Humanities Bainbridge:** Office Computer and printer

**Bainbridge Arts & Crafts:** Mobile, rolling art panels

**Bainbridge Cheer Team:** Tumbling mats and rolling cart

**Bainbridge Chorale:** Performance attire and music binders

**Bainbridge High School Instrumental Music Boosters:** Band equipment:  
keyboard; speakers w/cart; percussion field rack; mixer cart

**Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce:** Telephone and communication  
platform equipment

**Bainbridge Island Historical Museum:** New computers and software for technology update

**Bainbridge Island Land Trust:** GPS/GIS technology modernization

**Bainbridge Island Masonic Center:** Emergency shelter equipment – 2 defibrillators and “push button” doors

**Bainbridge Island Metro Parks & Recreation:** Aquatic Center pace clock upgrade

**Bainbridge Island Metro Parks & Recreation:** Technology package for three locations

**Bainbridge Island Metro Parks & Recreation:** Teen Program facility equipment: table tennis; air hockey table; furniture

**Bainbridge Island Metro Parks & Recreation:** Multi-sport adventure trailer

**Bainbridge Island School District 303:** Auto floor-cleaning scrubber

**Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center:** Visual presentation equipment: projector; long lens; screen; blackout blinds

**Bainbridge Island Water Polo Club:** Various equipment: Game caps; balls; ball bin; weight belts

**Bainbridge Performing Arts:** Building exterior painting

**Bainbridge School Foundation:** Water distiller for science laboratory

**Bainbridge Special Needs Foundation:** Furniture, games and manipulative, computers

**Bainbridge Youth Services:** Chrome books

**Bloedel Reserve:** Truck with windshield and canopy

**Boy Scout Troop 1496:** Utility trailer

**Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island:** Soundproofing at the Bainbridge Island Club

**EMPACT Northwest:** Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) and weatherproofed tablet

**Friends of the Farms:** Restoration of Picker Cabin at Historic Suyematsu Farmstead

**Helpline House:** Information technology and business process improvements

**Housing Resources Bainbridge:** Updated computer for staff

**Kids Discovery Museum:** Technology and safety upgrades

**Kids in Concert:** New and used instruments

**Kitsap Humane Society:** Surgical area lighting

**Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center:** TV, Blue-ray DVD player, folding chairs, desktop scanners, public access computers, printer

**North Kitsap Fishline:** Generator for Healthy Foods Market and Comprehensive Service Center

**Olympic College Music Program:** Tuba

**One Call for All:** Computer system upgrades: laptop, desk, laser printer, and desktop check copier

**PAWS of Bainbridge and North Kitsap:** Remodeling Cattery laundry room

**West Sound Technology Association:** Computer equipment

For lists of Community Grant recipients and descriptions of the funded projects for prior years, please go to [www.bainbridgerotarysuction.org](http://www.bainbridgerotarysuction.org).

Since 1947, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has convened under the motto “service above self” to help others, promote integrity, and advance local community and world understanding, goodwill, and peace through a fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Today the club is proud to have more than 115 active members, each working hard to make a difference in the world we share. The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island is part of Rotary District 5020, which includes Vancouver Island and Western Washington. Some of the club’s landmark local accomplishments include funding the construction of the Bainbridge Public Library, the Waypoint, Rotary Field, and other significant parks and recreational facilities. For more information, visit [www.bainbridgeislandrotary.org](http://www.bainbridgeislandrotary.org).