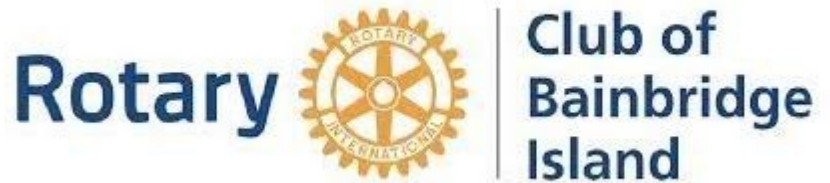


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Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island awards \$152,654 Community Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

Twenty-six local nonprofits benefit from the club's 2018 Auction/Rummage Sale proceeds

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island is pleased to announce that it is awarding its 2019 Community Grants. A total of 27 grants totaling \$152,654 will be awarded to 26 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 June and it's great to be able to give this much back to our community," said Community Grants Chair Angela Tinker. "It is always difficult to select our grant recipients from the long list of worthy applicants. This year 27 grants were awarded to wonderful nonprofits."

In the last 10 years, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has awarded 243 Community Grants totaling over \$1,163,000 to 93 local nonprofit organizations. The annual Rotary Auction & Rummage Sales provided funds for these grants.

The 2019 Community Grants Award recipients will receive full or partial funding for their projects as follows:

Arts and Humanities Bainbridge: Computer & *Currents Online* support

Bainbridge Chorale: Purchase vocal score of Brahms *German Requiem*

Bainbridge Community Tennis Association: Benches for BHS tennis courts

Bainbridge Island Child Care Centers: Covered play area for school-aged programs

Bainbridge Island Land Trust: Utility trailer with magnetic locator and power equipment

Bainbridge Island Little League: Path and landscaping around monument and batting cage

Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District: Gymnastics pommel horse & parallel bar matting system

Bainbridge Island Metro Park and Recreation District: RS Tera-like sailboats for Outdoor Program

Bainbridge Island Rowing: MAAS double sculling shell

Bainbridge Island School District 303: New tables & chairs for Library for Woodward

Bainbridge Island Senior Community Center: Bus wheelchair ramp and safety improvements

Bainbridge Performing Arts: New lighting control system (challenge grant)

Bainbridge Schools Foundation: Custom-made marimba for Sakai band

Bainbridge Youth Services: Chrome books, monitor, printer

Battle Point Astronomical Association: Childhood robotics and computer science curriculum

Bloedel Reserve: partial funding of 20,000-gallon water storage tank

Boy Scout Troop 1565: New fiberglass canoes

Boys and Girls Club of Bainbridge Island: Prep sinks for kitchen upgrade

Friends of the Farms: Computer, software and printer

Friends of Fort Ward: Banquet tables and chairs

Helpline House: ADA building access ramp

Housing Resources Board: iPad, moisture meter, infrared thermometer, borescope inspection cam, thermo-hygrometers

Island Time Activities: Computers, software, printer, locking file cabinet & desk chair

Kids Discovery Museum: Desks, computer and office improvements

Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center: Whiteboard, printer, large folding table and roll-up sign

Odyssey Parent Teacher Organization: Reading spaces furniture & reading loft materials

PAWS of Bainbridge Island and North Kitsap: Remodeling of Pleasant Beach adoption center pet area

For lists of Community Grant recipients and descriptions of the funded projects for prior years, please go to www.bainbridgerotaryauction.org.

Since 1947, the Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island has convened under the motto "Service Above Self". The Club works 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.