



# Kiwaniis Korner

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

.....Serving the children of the world .....

1921 103 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS AND THE COMMUNITY October 1, 2024

### PRESIDENT'S KORNER by Matt Grant

Simon Sinek is an inspirational speaker, known for his concept of the Golden Circle. Imagine a bullseye: the outer ring represents “What we do,” the next ring signifies “How we do it,” but at the very center lies the most powerful question of all—“Why we do it.” When we connect with our “Why,” we ignite our passion and motivation, and that’s exactly what makes our Olympia Kiwanis Club so special. Our purpose is clear: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing and improving the world one child and one community at a time, embodied in our motto, “Serving the Children of the World.”



To truly live out our “Why,” we must deepen our connection with the children we serve. Too often, we get caught up in the mechanics of our tasks, losing sight of our mission. That’s why I invite you to join us on October third at our Installation Dinner, co-sponsored with our local Key Clubs. This is not just an event; it’s an opportunity to witness firsthand why we exist.

In collaboration with dedicated leaders from Capital High School and Olympia High School Key Clubs, we have organized an evening that promises meaningful connections with the youth in our community. This event will allow us to induct new officers, share a meal, and, most importantly, forge relationships that inspire.

Engaging with these students has reinvigorated my passion for being a Kiwanian. These young leaders are ambitious, hardworking, and eager to learn. They need our guidance to understand how to serve their community, and in return, we can learn from their fresh perspectives. By fostering a closer relationship with the Key Clubs, we not only empower our future leaders but also demonstrate our commitment to community service through initiatives like the garden and woodpile projects.

I may be biased, but I genuinely believe that the Key Club members from the Olympia School District are the best. While I look forward to my induction at the dinner, my excitement lies in the opportunity to work with our youth. This year, more than ever, I want to support their efforts to attend the District Convention in Seattle and offer them scholarships at the end of the year.

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### DON'T MISS THESE MEETINGS!

- October 7th—NO MEETING.
  - October 14th—**President Grant's Goals for the year.**
  - October 21s—NO MEETING>
  - Local Government by Steve Lundin
  - October 28th—Local Government by Steve Lundin**
  - November 4th—NO MEETING
  - November 11th—NO MEETING— Veterans Day
  - November 12th—JOINT MEETING WITH West Olympia Rotary, Veteran's Day Program**
  - November 18th—NO MEETING
  - November 25th—Homeless Issues and Responses**
- All Programs are tentative.'*

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*Kiwanis defining statement, adopted October, 2004*

I encourage you to join me at Olympia High School on October third. Together, let's experience the profound “Why” of Kiwanis and celebrate our shared commitment to making a difference in the lives of children. Your presence can inspire our mission and help shape the leaders of tomorrow.

Let's Get Connected, **Matt**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO

- October 5—Terry Bergeson
- October 10—Linda Enlow
- October 19—Ronda Larson-Kramer
- October 20—Terry Kirkpatrick
- October 23—Kathleen Drek
- October 25—Gary Edwards
- October 31—Matt Grant



### CLUB INFORMATION ~

**Officers:**  
 President: **Matt Grant**  
 President Elect: **Karen Fraser**  
 Vice President: **Anna Knudson**  
 Treasurer: **Nicole Muegge**  
 Secretary: **Jonathan Lindsay**  
 Immediate Past President: **Shawn Myers**

**Board Members:** through 2026—Derek Harris, Steve Hall, Mackenzie McCall  
 Through 2024—Curt Steigers and Sarah Beth Hernandez Huot  
 Through 2025 Kathy “KT” Thompson, Derek Valley email: info@olympiakiwanis.org  
 DIVISION 37 LT. Governor Vacant

**Board of Directors Meetings:**  
 Monthly during the 4th Wednesday of the month at noon via Zoom. Next meeting: October 23rd..  
**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
**P O BOX 1847 Olympia 98507-1847**

### LUNCH MEETINGS:

**2nd and 4th Monday at 12 noon at TUGBOAT ANNIES VIEWPOINT ROOM—2100 West Bay Drive NW, Olympia**

**KCO BOARD NOTES by Charles Pailthorp DRAFT Minutes of September 24, 2024**

Position:	Person:	Present
President:	Shawn Myers	X
President Elect:	Matt Grant	
Vice President:	Karen Fraser	X
Secretary:	Charles Pailthorp	X
Treasurer:	Nicole Muegge	
Immediate Past President:	Jonathan Lindsay	X
Board Member:	Curt Steigers	X
Board Member:	Sarah Beth Huot	X
Board Member:	Kathy Thompson	X
Board Member:	Derek Valley	XX
Board Member:	Derek Harris	X
Board Member:	Steve Hall	
Board Member:	Mackenzie McCall	X

No proxies or guests.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Shawn -- Club meeting at 12.05
2. MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for the Club Board meeting of August 2024: Shawn moved approval and Curt seconded, which was given without dissent.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT: There was some discussion of line 1144 and how it will be updated at the end of this FY. There also was a question about whether we currently have a Lt. Governor (with the associational expenses.). It seems we do not, but Derek V will contact PNW Kiwanis to see what lies ahead for this position. It also was asked where we stand on member's payment of dues for FY 24-25. Jonathan said that 38 had paid to this date. This tracks with what has happened in past years, when many will pay at the end of September. There are some resignations, but not many. Following this conversation, Charles moved and Shawn seconded that the report be approved, which was given without dissent.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT: KCO membership remains at 104. Charles has submitted monthly reports through August for FY 23-24, as required by KI. There has been no response. He has followed the same procedure as outlined in the minutes for our meeting in July.
5. BUDGET: Shawn moved and Karen seconded that the proposed budget be approved, which was given without dissent.
6. INSTALLATION: This event on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Olympia High School is well underway, with the promise of good attendance. There was some discussion about timing for when the silent auction is closed.
7. OPEN FLOOR. Open floor. No items raised.  
Next Meeting: Date and time to be determined.  
Shawn adjourned the club meeting at 12:31.

**THANK YOU!** Many thanks to our outgoing **President Shawn Myers** and **Immediate Past President, Jonathan Lindsay** for their work for the club this previous Kiwanis year! Shawn has led us to welcoming the Saint Martin's Circle K as one of our sponsored youth groups, as well as welcoming many new members to Kiwanis of Olympia, and transitioning members from the North Thurston-Lacey club into our group of Kiwanis friends. Jonathan has managed our social media and will be our incoming secretary! **THANK YOU Gracias! Merci! Arigatou gozaimasi!**

**KIWANIS OBJECTIVES**

*To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than the material values of life.*

*To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.*

*To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.*

*To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.*

*To provide, through the club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build a better community.*

*To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.*

In 1924, Kiwanis International adopted the Six Permanent Objects of Kiwanis. One hundred years later, the Kiwanis Objects still guide our service. Celebrate the anniversary.

**MEANING OF "FRIEND"**

**F = FIGHT for you**  
**R = RESPECT you**  
**I = INCLUDE you**  
**E = ENCOURAGE you**  
**N=NEED you**  
**D = DESERVE you**



**OLYMPIA KIWANIS FOUNDATION Board Notes, by Charles Pailthrop****Draft minutes of September 24, 2024**

Board Attendance, proxies, and guests: same as for the Club meeting.

1. Call to Order: Shawn -- Foundation meeting at 12:31.
  2. MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for the Foundation Board meeting of August 2024: Moved and seconded by Shawn and Curt for approval, which was given without dissent.
  3. FINANCIAL: Review and Approval of Foundation Financial Reports as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024: Moved and seconded by Karen and Shawn for approval, which was given without dissent.
  4. BUDGET: Foundation Budget for FY 24-25: was reviewed. Karen moved and Shawn seconded that the proposed budget be approved, which was given without dissent.
  5. NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS: Distinguished Kiwanians who have scholarships named after them are set in OKF policy 7D.  
Following a motion by Shawn that was seconded by Steve, all agreed that Wayne Gruen should be among those in whose name scholarships are awarded: He will be added to the pool of Distinguished Kiwanians acknowledged in this way. Karen and others commented that KCO should be more deliberate about calling these individuals to the attention of scholarship recipients, as a way of underscoring the significance of public service.
  6. OPEN FLOOR: No items raised.
- Next Meeting: Immediately following Club Board meeting on a date to be determined.  
Adjournment: Shawn adjourned the meeting at 12:45.

**KIWANIS INSTALLATION DINNER**

**THURSDAY— Oct 3rd, 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Olympia High School Commons, 1302 North Street**

**Students \$5 (free if helping)**

**Members and guests: \$20 each.**

**Join Kiwanis Club of Olympia, Capital and Olympia High School Key Clubs and St. Martin's Circle K Club for a dinner and installation of officers.**

**Silent auction, dessert dash, entertainment and more!**

RSVP: [kiwanisclubolympia@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubolympia@gmail.com)

Happiness is not by chance  
but by choice.



**Dear Club Members,**

**If you haven't already...It's time to make payment for your annual dues of \$200 for Kiwanis Club of Olympia.**  
Your membership is valued and an important part of our ability to serve our community.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY SEPT 30, 2024**

Pay by cash, check or card at our next meeting on Sept 30.

Or, Send you check through the mail (do not send cash) to:  
**Kiwanis Club of Olympia: PO Box 1847, Olympia WA 98507-**  
Or, Pay Online at: [KCO Dues Payment](#)

We encourage checks or cash in order to save on credit card processing fees.

**If any member finds this to be a hardship, the Club secretary will help obtain sponsorship resources to help cover any member who needs help.**

Jonathan Lindsay, Assistant Secretary

**Thurston County Food Bank (TCFB) Needs Your Help!**

Did you know that TCFB has a Birthday Bag Program? Since 2009, the Good Bank has distributed 8,000 "birthdays in a bag" for their clients' children, ages 1-12—and they've just added bags for teens ages 13 to 17! Each bag includes a new gift, book from South Sound Reading Foundation, handmade hat, balloons and candles, coloring books and crayons for younger children and toiletries and school supplies for older children, as well as various donated items. Our generous community donates everything except the new toys.

How can you help continue this program?

- ⇒ Financial donations designated for "Birthday Bags" allow TCFB to buy Mattel toys like Barbies and Hot Wheels through their charity program at a great discount.
- ⇒ If you like shopping for toys, we love donations of new Toddler and preschool toys that fit in a 10 x 13" bag.
- ⇒ If knitting or crocheting is your talent, we need hats for 1 to 12 year olds.
- ⇒ Gently used books and stuffed animals, new cake mixes, Frosting, balloons, and candles are welcome.

Visit our website at [tcfb.org](http://tcfb.org) or call us at 360-352-8597  
For more information. All children should be able to Celebrate their birthday!





## Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship

### Wayne Thomas Gruen

1939 – 2018



Wayne was born in Greenwell, Illinois and attended the University of Illinois earning a BS in Civil Engineering and a BA in Sociology. He went on to earn a Master's in Traffic Engineering and retired from the WSDOT as State Traffic Engineer in 1998. Most of the things Wayne accomplished in the Community were done jointly with his wife of 56 years, Carol. They worked together on many projects, including being ballot inspectors for the Thurston County Auditor's Office.

Wayne was a member of Olympia Kiwanis: 1984 – 2018, 35 years. He served as club president 2008-2009. He was also awarded the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor.

Wayne served as chair of the House Reception and Club Meetings Committee and as a member of, at least, four other Club committees. He worked on the Kiwanis Wood project for over 20 years. Wayne was a leader in the project with local Rotary and Lions clubs to procure and erect Service Club Entry signs at the major entrances to the City of Olympia.

Wayne contributed repeatedly to the Scholarship Endowment Fund. He sold vegetables at the Lacey Community Market to raise funds to support the Kiwanis gardens. He helped plan and manage the Casino Night Club fund raiser. He also served as a "Chef" for the Kiwanis roast beef booth at Lakefair, multiple years.

Wayne's contributions to the community extended beyond Kiwanis. He served as the Lay leader at the First United Methodist Church of Olympia and held or shared most of the leadership positions supporting the Church, including Bread and Roses, Camp Quixote and support to Rosie's Place. He chaired the Thurston County Hunger CROP walk for over 20 years. Wayne also served as a lead at the Olympia Community Kitchen (Catholic Community Services and Salvation Army) and worked on several Habitat houses. He served as a leader with Interfaith Works.

When you come into the city of Olympia, remember Wayne Gruen!



### POLICIES OF THE OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB May 2022

#### AP09: MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend and participate in at least one Club Committee activity per year.
- Participate in at least one service project activity per year.
- Attend as many weekly Club meetings as possible.
- Pay annual membership dues in full and on time.
- Honorary (free) membership status shall be reviewed annually by the Board.
- Encouraged to make an annual financial contribution (beyond dues) to a Club administrative or service project.

#### AP10: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If a member will be absent for a period of 12 consecutive weeks or more, they may request a leave of absence from the Club prior to the absence. If the Board approves the request, the member will receive a \$2.00 per week credit toward future dues payments not to exceed local dues paid by the member.

Notification of any officer or Board member in writing, by e-mail or by phone will initiate the leave request and it will then be addressed at the next Board or Executive Committee meeting.

#### AP11: MEMBERSHIP DROP

Club policy is to give notice to members that their annual dues are due by October 1st of each year and then if unpaid, to give two more subsequent reminders of overdue dues in the last quarter of the calendar year. A person who has not paid their dues for a period of three months after they are due will be automatically dropped from Club membership.

#### AP12: USE OF MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Each club member is entitled to a membership directory that lists how to contact club members. This list is to be used for Club purposes and to encourage social interaction. Member's addresses and personal information shall not be used, given or sold for commercial or political uses.

The greatest glory in living  
lies not in never failing, but  
in rising every time we fail.



OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB COMMITTEES	Chairpersons and some members
Membership Growth and Education	Anna Knudson and Dan Myers
House Reception and Club Meetings	Curt Steigers
Human and Spiritual Values	Sam Reed
Circle K	Sharon Schnebly
Community Service	Jonathan Lindsay
Law Enforcement Youth Camp	Sharon Schnebly
Youth Services and Grants	Jane Field
Interclub Relations	Jonathan Lindsay
Programs	Sam Reed and Dave Peeler
Fundraising / Caring for Kids	Terry Bergeson, Mary Gould
Fire Wood for Needy	John Tobin
Garden	Don Leaf, Derek Valley
Newsletter	Jan Britt
Sponsored Youth and Key Clubs	Joellen Wilhelm
Communication and Social Media	Open
Club History	Sam Reed
Website:	Jonathan Lindsey
Nominating Committee	Mark Johnson and Sam Reed
Risk Management	Bob Lien

**Shabbat Shalom!**

**Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on October 2nd, and ends at sunset on October 4th. Yom Kippur begins at sunset on October 11th, and ends at sunset on October 12th.**

Fromm Rabbi Sandra Lawson. Beautifully said.

For anyone who needs to see this.

In Judaism, there's a teaching that emphasizes the importance of leaving a legacy and contributing to the betterment of the world, even if one does not have children. The idea is rooted in the concept of repairing the world, which encourages every individual to engage in actions that improve society and the world as a whole.

One interpretation suggest that those who do not have biological children can fulfill the mitzvah (commandment) of be fruitful and multiply by nurturing the world in other ways. This can be done through teaching, acts of kindness, social justice work, or any efforts that contribute to the flourishing of humanity and the world.

The idea is that everyone, regardless of the circumstances, has a role to play in making the world a better place, and that this work is a meaningful legacy that can be as significant as having children.

**Kiwanis of Olympia partnered with UNITED WAY for a DAY OF CARING n September 28, 2024**



***Kiwanis Day of Caring***  
 On September 28, 2024, 5 volunteers from United Way and 10 Olympia Kiwanians split 4 cords of wood to keep children and families warm for the winter! See photos to the right! Thanks to Austin for bringing an extra splitter! Together it was an awesome day of working together for our community!

There were plenty of rounds of firewood to split and stack for the volunteers. Thankfully, the weather cooperated with a dry, sunny and not too hot day! If you look close, you might see Kiwanians **Jon Halvorson, Karen Fraser, Don Leaf, Peter Leaf, and Derek Valley** in the photos above!



SEPTEMBER SUNDAY 29	MONDAY 30– 12 Noon Tugboat Annie’s	OCTOBER TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3 –5 PM Installation Banquet at Olympia High School	FRIDAY 4	SATURDAY 5—0900 West Garden and
6	7 –NO MEETING	8	9	10	11	12- 0900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting
13 Kiwaniis Youth	14-12 Noon Tugboat Annie’s	15	16	17	18	19—0900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting 0800-1000am
20	21—NO MEETING	22	23	24	25	26—900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting
27	28—12 Noon Tugboat Annie’s	29	30	31— HALLOWEEN	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 1	2—0900 West Side Garden And Wood Cutting

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**HOW OUR GARDEN GROWS by James Wirth**

This last month we were sowing cover crop, cleaning onions/ garlic, clearing more fields, and in true changing over of the summer season fashion harvesting tons of veggies. We are looking at sunny volunteer shifts this week with cooler temperatures in the high 60's, time to start breaking out the

Snaps this week go to the **Olympia Kiwanis Club** who started the garden project 34 years ago and who enable us through funding, garden committees, and so much more to keep our gardens going strong.

We had 37 volunteers this week and it shows with harvest numbers up to 1,583 lbs of crops for distribution through the Thurston County Food Bank.

We harvesting lots and lots of veggies! We are looking at a mixed bag of rain and sun.

