



# Kiwaniis Korner

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

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103 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS AND THE COMMUNITY

November 2, 2024

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER by Matt Grant

"To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan and not quite enough time." — Leonard Bernstein.

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our recent Kiwanis meeting on October 14! It's always uplifting to share big dreams and ideas with our club as we strive to fulfill our mission together. For those who couldn't join us, we had a brainstorming session aimed at connecting with the Key Club, fostering social interactions, exploring new service opportunities, and brainstorming creative fundraising initiatives.

As a high school principal, I've seen firsthand how powerful it is when individuals can connect with what they are passionate about. It fosters a sense of belonging and transforms a group into a supportive community. This year, let's cultivate that same spirit within our Kiwanis club. In just fifteen minutes at that meeting, we generated four pages of exciting ideas! While we can't pursue them all, each of you has the chance to help us bring some of these visions to life.

At our last meeting on October 28, we took two important steps to turn our ideas into action. First, we made a call to form a Fundraising and Event Committee to carefully review our suggestions for raising funds and enhancing social connections. Second, we are soliciting interested Kiwanians to collaborate with our Key Club leaders from Capital and Oly to plan joint service projects and celebrations. If you attended the Installation Dinner, you already know how incredible our students are! If you are still interested in either of these groups, please let me know.

Of course, we can't expect these groups to shoulder everything. Once we've mapped out our plans, we'll need your support to bring them to fruition. I understand that we all lead busy lives, but even the smallest contributions can make a tremendous difference. Together, we can keep our club vibrant and impactful.

I encourage each of you to get involved and take that extra step to discover a new passion within our group. As I've connected with many of you, I've been continually inspired by the immense talent and resources we have in our community. Let's harness that potential and drive the change that will help us thrive and uplift our community.

Join us in this journey, and together, let's turn our aspirations into achievements! Your involvement is crucial, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together. Let's make the change to keep us alive and relevant!

Thanks, Matt



## DON'T MISS THESE MEETINGS!

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**

December 2nd—NO MEETING

**DECEMBER 9th—JOINT MEETING WITH OLYMPIA ROTARY AT INDIAN SUMMER—OHS BAND AND CHOIR**

**December 16th—We're meeting at TBA! Downtown for the Holidays**

**December 23rd—NO MEETING**

**December 30th—TBD**

All Programs are tentative.'



**Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing and improving the world one child and one community at a time.**

*Kiwanis defining statement, adopted October, 2004*

We all face storms in life. Some are more difficult than others, but we all go through trials and tribulation. That's why we have the gift of faith." -- Joyce Meyer



## 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:

December 5th.

**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**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO

November 22nd—Frank Hensley

November 25th—Nina Carter

November 27th—Ali Raad

November 28th—Derek Valley



**KCO BOARD NOTES by Jonathan Lindsay—Draft Minutes: October 24th, 2024, Club Board Meeting**

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

No guests or proxies.

President Matt Grant called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

1. MINUTES: Approval minutes for the Club Board meeting of Sept 2024: Jonathan Lindsay moved approval, seconded Sara Beth Huot. Passed.
2. FINANCIAL: Review and Approval of Club Financial Reports as of Oct 31st, 2024: Shawn Myers moved approve. Motion seconded by Kathy Thompson and passed.
3. SECRETARY REPORT. Jonathan Lindsay reported 74 paid members. Shawn is reaching out to members who have not renewed and will submit to KI the roster OCT 31.
4. MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Connery has applied for membership and recommended by membership committee to approved. **XX** moved approval, **XX** seconded. Approved unanimously  
 \* Note to send a USPS letter to NTKC members inviting their membership to KCO North Thurston Kiwanis Club  
 \* Jonatan Lindsay suggested we welcome NTKC members. Anna Knudson offered to review resolution with Membership committee and use as an installation for NOV 4
5. GOAL SETTING: The Board reviewed member surveys and suggested Events and Fundraising Committee be formed and review input and focus on Caring for Kids as a priority. Matt will bring together Installation Dinner committee with **KC** and Kiwanis Club of Olympia. Board was very interested in inviting **KC** members to lunch meeting.
6. COMMITTEES: Jonathan Lindsay and Sarah Beth Huot agreed to co-chair an Events and Fundraising Committee. Matt grant will announce at the OCT 28th meeting. Matt said he wanted to reinstitute Spiritual Grown Committee as well
7. OPEN FLOOR:  
 \* Discussion of Key Club Funding and Caring for Kid fundraiser and how some foundation funds may need to move to support scholarships
8. ADJOURN / NEXT MEETINGS: Next Meeting for both NOV and DEC: 12/05/2024. Adjourn.

There is a flickering spark in us all which, if struck at just the right age, can light the rest of our lives.

...Ronald Regan speaking on youth leadership

**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.

***A time of THANKS,***

Lord, behold our family here assembled,  
 We thank you for this place in which we dwell,  
 For the love that unites us,  
 For the peace accorded us this day,  
 For the hope with which we expect tomorrow,  
 For the health, the work, the food,  
 And the bright skies that make our lives delightful.  
 Amen.

*Robert Louis Stevenson*



**OLYMPIA KIWANIS FOUNDATION Board Notes by Jonathan Lindsay**

Draft Minutes of Oct 24th, 2024, Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting  
Attendees same as listed for club board meeting.  
Meeting called to order by Matt Grant at about 12:30 p.m.

1. MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for the Foundation Board meeting of September 2024: Jonathan Lindsay moved, Kathy Thompson seconded. Motion passed.
2. FINANCIAL: Review and Approval of Foundation Financial Reports as of September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Shawn Myers moved approval. Kathy Thompson seconded. Motion passed.  
\* We Ended year better than we thought we might.  
\* There is a deficit budgeted for the Foundation but it showed up in club notes.  
\* \$8,000 made up for Caring for kids with Garden underspent and fundraising
3. SCHOLARSHIPS. Review scholarship criteria documentation  
Discussion about need or additional verification from student/school that they are enrolled/accepted into a program (may not be academic) but some kind of confirmation of plans to issue payment for non tuition expenses
4. OPEN FLOOR: No topics.
5. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING. Next Meeting: Immediately following Club meeting on December 5

Documents:  
Located in Shared Google Drive: [OCT 2024 Board Materials](#)

**MARK YOUR CALEDARS!**

Bell ringing for the Salvation Army red kettles will be on **December 14, 2024**, 10 am to 6 pm at the Tumwater Fred Meyer. **Jonathan Lindsay** will be sending out a sign up notification later this month.

Meanwhile, start singing those Holiday carols! Make sure your KI background check is up to day so you can chaperone our Key Clubbers who will be joining us. And, get ready to “Ring those bells!”



**More “Thank You Notes from Olympia High School Scholarship Winners**



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“Caring, our way of life” Key Club Motto

Dear Olympia Kiwanis,  
Thank you so much for awarding me with this Scholarship! It is a great honor to be selected by All of you as a recipient and I am forever grateful.  
I will be pursuing my higher education at the University of Washington—Seattle—with hopes

of majoring in Marketing. I am so excited with the slightly lighter financial burden. Thank you for believing!!! Chopr Phaim

Dear Olympia Kiwanis Club and Club Members,  
Thank you for the scholarship and for the opportunities it presents. I am Olivia Fellows and I received your Kiwanis Club Scholarship from you! I plan on going into pre-med in the fall. I’ve always wanted to help people and I’ve always loved the sciences. I enjoy hiking during the summer and reading. This scholarship will allow me to become a doctor in the future. There are no words that can express how thankful I am to you for contributing to the Achieving by Believing scholarship.  
*Olivia Fellows*

Hello, Kiwanis Club! My name is Roy Kim, and I served as a co-president at the Key Club of Olympia High School from 2023-2024. It is such an honor to receive a scholarship from Kiwanis for me. This scholarship will enable me to continue my commitment to serving others in college. I first joined Key Club in my sophomore year and it inspired me to become a nurse. I have always been passionate about helping others, and Key Club has significantly shaped that passion. Key Club has given me confidence throughout high school and become a KEY part of my identity. I am deeply grateful for the support from Kiwanis, which provides incredible opportunities and allows high school students to continue to pursue their dreams. ....*Roy Kim*

Dear Kiwanis, Thank you all so much for the “Service Above Self” scholarship! Next fall I plan on majoring in Business Administration/Marketing and these funds will be of great assistance at the University of Oregon. I’ve had a fun time being a part of Key Club in high school and am honored to receive this award! Thank you for helping me extend my education journey as I graduate!  
.....*Jasper Blake*

Dear Kiwanis, Thank you so much for your generosity and recognition of my service to Key Club. I am curious how many of you heard my speech about my club during a fundraiser and this may be repetitive if you were, but Key Club was my first ever leadership opportunity. Having the hundreds of service hours I got from my club shows my dedication and pay off makes me feel so accomplished. I was told today that the Kiwanian my scholarship is named for is Clifford Stilts and I am forever grateful for all the work he did for Kiwanis and especially the work he did to allow women into Kiwanis. Key Club was truly a passion for me and the Kiwanis Club is a huge inspiration for me. Thank you so much!  
*Best, Jayda Lagerwey*

## Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship

### Don Miles 1920-2007



**Don Miles was a 50 year member of Kiwanis, was Governor of the PNW District of Kiwanis (five States) and an International Trustee of Kiwanis (60 countries). He was an Assistant Attorney General and served in the Washington State House of Representatives 1963-1964. An Eagle Scout and later a WWII tank platoon leader, Don was Post Commander of the Olympia American Legion.**

Don received the highest award of Kiwanis International, the Tablet of Honor for his volunteer service. He recruited many members and helped start the North Thurston Kiwanis Club (Lacey), the Yelm Kiwanis Club and the South Sound Kiwanis Club (Tumwater).

Don was a founding member of United Way of Thurston County, President of the Council of Churches (now Interfaith Works) and served on the Boards of South Sound YMCA and the Red Cross. He was a Scout Master, Guardian Member of Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver Award.

Don Miles was married to Katherine Gray and they had four children. Family was very important to Don and Katherine and they made substantial donations towards the construction of Briggs YMCA and YMCA programs. Don and Katherine were avid hikers and skiers well into their 80s. Don was also a runner, and could often be seen in the early morning hours running around West Olympia, Tumwater, and Olympia. He celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a 10K run with his grandchildren.

### POLICIES OF THE OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB May 2022

#### AP13: DONATION SOLICITATIONS

- All requests for funding from the Club must be submitted to the President, a Committee Chair or a member of the Board of Directors for prior approval.
- Requests to solicit funds from members during Club meetings must receive prior approval of the President or Chair of the meeting. This includes fundraising requests from other Kiwanis Clubs desiring to pass around sign-up sheets or envelopes for contributions.

All other requests or sign-up sheets for volunteers or events may only be distributed at meetings by Club members.

#### AP14: BUDGET APPROVED EXPENDITURES and DISBURSEMENTS

- The Board of Directors will develop and adopt annual Club and Foundation Budgets in October of each year, and present them to Club members.
- The budgeting goal for the club (and foundation) shall be to prefund the coming year budget
- To facilitate the above budget approval, the Board of Directors will develop a proposed budget in August of each year and adopt updates as needed. Budget review will be a midyear review presented to the Club members.
- Once the Budgets are adopted, Officers and Committee Chairs may proceed with activities which obligate and expend funds in accordance with the Budget amounts allocated to their function, committee or project.
- Once a Budget line item is adopted, that is considered to be the "approval" for expenditures in that category.
- Contracts must be reviewed by the Finance Committee before considered by the Board for adoption.

#### ***Kiwanis Cutters Deliver Wood!***

Firewood season is here, and the ***Kiwanis Cutters*** are delivering firewood to needy families! If you have a pick up truck or a vehicle that can tow a trailer, contact **Jon Tobin** . Four firewood deliveries have been made in October, and more requests are coming in through the Salvation Army. Help keep our community dry and warm!

We thank Thee fr our daily bread.  
Let, also, Lord, our souls be fed.  
O, Bread of Life, from day to day  
Sustain us on our homeward way.  
...the Eckhardt Family



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	Matt Grant
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

**Achieving by Believing—September, 2024—Olympia High School**

OHS security officer Doug Curtright, Head Custodian Carolyn Poage, ABB Winner REUELE WETZEL, and OHS Principal **Matt Grant** were all present to award REUELE WETZEL the September, 2024 award for **Achieving by Believing!**

Reuele has assisted Officer Curtright and Custodian Poage for 4 years in maintaining the cleanliness of the restrooms at Olympia High School. Whenever any graffiti or unsanitary situation is found, he reports it appropriately and assists with the clean up. It has been his one student mission to keep the rest areas at the high school clean, safe and welcoming for his fellow students. Thank you, Reuele for **Achieving by Believing!**



**MORE SCHOLARSHIP THANKS**

To Olympia Kiwanis Club, Thank you so much for this scholarship. Additionally, your assistance in the Key Club. I plan on putting this money towards my tuition for UW. This will support my endeavor at becoming an engineer. Again, Thank you so much, Sincerely, *Zac Reese*, CHS

**SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU NOTES!**

(Sorry for the delay, I just received these in October! The editor)

To the Olympia Kiwanis Club, Thank you for your consideration in this scholarship opportunity! This money will help me with my future inc ceramics and other studio arts opportunities. Many thanks, *Kana Watts*, Capital High School

To the Olympia Kiwanis Club, I am extremely honored to have received your “service above self” scholarship. My community is very important to me, and it feels good to be recognized for what can feel like thankless work, and I truly appreciate the assistance with financing my education. I plan to continue volunteering and stay involved in leadership and political activities. In the fall, at DePaul University, I will study under the “Peace, Conflict, and Justice” major to hopefully work in diplomacy. Thank you again for this generous award. If your organization ever needs help or more members, I would love to support. Sincerely, *Meredith Morgan*, Capital High School

8/15/24 Dear Olympia Kiwanis, I am so grateful for the scholarship you presented to me. With your generous aid, I will be able to achieve my dream of going to college and starting the path to a career in medicine. I thank you so much and hope to give back to the community like you in the future. Sincerely, *Samara Wasnellah*, Capital High School

To Olympia Kiwanis Club, Thank you so greatly for this opportunity to receive this scholarship. I plan on further using this money in my college journey at UW Tacoma. I plan o become and work for a cybersecurity firm in the future. Thank you again for this opportunity and I can’t wait for what my future holds. Sincerely, *Brian Phing*, Capital High School

Dear Olympia Kiwanis Club, Thank you so much for the opportunity for the \$1,500 scholarship. I am beyond grateful. I plan to use the money to pay off my bachelors degree further to help me begin my masters shortly after with ease. Thank you, *Sela Vandiver*, Capital High School

NOVEMBER SUNDAY 3 MOVE CLOCKS BACK! Daylight Savings Time ENDS!	MONDAY 4—NO MEETING	TUESDAY 5—ELECTION DAY!  <b>VOTE!</b>	WEDNESDAY 6	THURSDAY 7	FRIDAY 8	SATURDAY 9—0900 West Garden and
10	11—NO MEETING— VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY	12— 12 Noon Tugboat Annie’s with West Oly Rotary	13	14	15	16- 0900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting
17	18-NO MEETING	19	20	21	22	23—0900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting 0800-1000am
24	<b>25</b> — 12 Noon Tugboat Annie’s	26	27	28 <b>THANKS GIVING DAY</b> 	29	30—900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting
<b>DECEMBER</b> 1	2—NO MEETING	3	4	5—KCO BOARD MEETING 12 noon—ZOOM	6	7—0900 West Side Garden And Wood Cutting

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**HOW OUR GARDEN GROWS by James Wirth**

In October we harvested Leeks, Tomatoes, Spinach, Cabbage, Collard Greens, Swiss Chard, and Carrots. We also got a great start into our garlic planting with over 5,000 cloves planted by Avanti High School, Freedom Farmers, and our new Evergreen Work-Study field assistant, Amber. We have 3 days of semi dry weather last month and hope to make the most of it, so we extended volunteer shifts to afternoons Wednesday/Thursday/Friday.

Snaps this week go to Jules and Neveah, our seasonal garden staff who have continued to contribute at a very high degree as they come into the last couple weeks of their 90 day terms. Also, we had a hard realization that one of our fantastic FUMCO members was in a vehicular accident this month and we send our hearts out to this graceful and wonderful community.

*Follow us on Social Media and help us keep growing our program by engaging and sharing our posts/ newsletters!  
 Instagram: @Olygardens*

