



# Kiwanis Korner

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

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

1921 104 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS AND THE COMMUNITY January 5, 2025

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER by Matt Grant

Those of you who know me know I have been playing on a tennis team since junior high. I now play in the 55, 40, and 18 year old divisions. Wins are a little harder to come by these days but I still have enough ego to want to stay competitive. Sometimes, after a long day at school, all I want to do is go home and take a nap. However, when I realize that I am playing a twentysomething person on Saturday night, I know I need to get some work in and I forgo the nap.



Participating in teams has always been a powerful way for me to achieve goals, whether they are personal, like staying in shape, or communal, like making a difference in our community. And, let's face it, without a team holding me accountable, I'd probably be at home binge-watching sports and eating snacks I told myself were for "guests." My tennis teams, my work teams, and my family are all part of my support system for committing to my resolutions. And working together with people who share your interests, vision and values can make that work feel less like work and more like a community.

We can meet a new resolution as a club by working on teams as well. I hope you will consider joining one of our Kiwanis/Key Club/CircleK teams which was one of the ideas we brainstormed at the beginning of the year. As we celebrate the one hundred years of Key Club (Internationally) this spring, we can arrange teams to serve in our community. The idea is for groups of seven consisting of Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanis Club members to serve one hundred hours of service by the beginning of June. (Another idea from brainstorming) That may sound overwhelming but it really means an average of three hours per month per member. If we accomplish this feat, we will meet the Kiwanis goal of three hours per month.

To support this effort, we will unveil service opportunities throughout this period that were brainstormed earlier in the year. This will be a great opportunity for our young people in Key Club to connect with great role models like you in Kiwanis. We will finish the team competition in June with a celebration. Hopefully we can all meet our resolutions.

I will provide more details at our first Kiwanis meeting on January 13th. Please consider participating. Together, as teams of Key Club and Kiwanis members, we can meet our resolutions, strengthen our bonds, and leave a lasting impact in our community while celebrating this milestone year for Key Club.

## DON'T MISS THESE MEETINGS!

January 6 th—NO MEETING  
**January 13th—K-12 Education, by Roz Thompson, WASP**  
 January 20th—NO MEETING  
**January 27th—Medical Equipment Bank**  
  
**February 3—NO MEETING**  
**February 10—TBA**  
**February 17—NO MEETING**  
**February 24—Election Process and Review**  
 by Mary Hall

*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*

Eat your bread with joy and drink with a merry heart, because it is now that God favors your works.

....Mount St. Mary's Abbey

## HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO

January 6—Don Lewis  
 January 10—Sam Reed  
 January 14—Mark Johnson  
 January 16—Steve Drew  
 January 18—Matthew Huot  
 January 21—Joellen Wilhelm  
 January 26—Ricky Grewell  
 January 30—Mackenzie Mc Call  
 January 30—Jon Halvorson



*Did I miss your birthday? If so, please let me know so I can add you to the birthday*

## 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: January 29, 2015.

**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**

**PNW DISTRICK KIWANIS MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**

Join us for the 2025 Kiwanis Pacific Northwest Mid-Winter Conference in beautiful Hood River, Oregon, from February 7-9! This conference offers a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow Kiwanians, learn from engaging workshops, and gain fresh insights to strengthen your club. Plus, the \$195 registration fee covers a full schedule of events in the stunning Columbia River Gorge, where you'll have a chance to share ideas, grow your leadership skills, and enjoy some of the best scenery in the Pacific Northwest. Don't miss this inspiring weekend—register now and make a difference!

**Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner, and Sunday Breakfast are included with your Kiwanian Registration. Non-Kiwanian Guest Registration meals are a la carte.**

Other meals are on your own.

<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/mid-winter-conference/>

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Best Western Plus Hood River Inn  
1108 E. Marina Way, Hood River, Oregon 97031**

Cut off for booking a room at the Kiwanis rate is January 10, 2025



**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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

Thanks to **John Tobin** for sponsoring our newest Kiwanian, **Kevin Ruggles**. Keven is a volunteer with our Kiwanis Cutters wood crew.



Kevin has already worked or KCO delivering firewood to needy families. Kevin can be reached at:

[kevinruggles@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinruggles@yahoo.com)

**Achieving by Believing**

**Megan Ripoli** from *Capital High School* was recognized at our December 16th meeting for Achieving by Believing. Megan is a "ray of sunshine" and faces all challenges by being kind and caring and generous.



**Danica Huff** from *Olympia High School* was also recognized for Achieving by Believing. Danica has enthusiasm and goes outside her comfort zone to make others feel welcome. Danica is currently working an internship at a child care Center, while also attending New Market Skills Center and Learning how to be a "Vet Tech".



Both girls will receive a certificate and \$25 Amazon Gift Card and become eligible for the Achieving IS believing Scholarship that will be awarded at the end of the school Year.

I don't believe in aging. I believe in forever altering one's aspect to the sun.

...Virginia Woolf

## Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Cortland Skinner 1913-2008

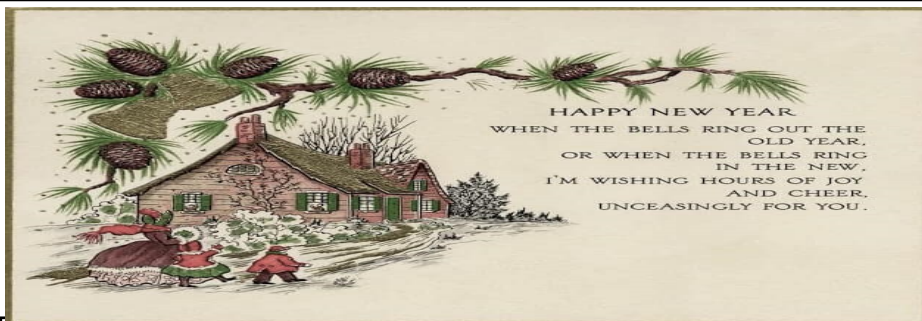
Cort Skinner was a 42 year member of Olympia Kiwanis and President in 1965-66. He also served as President of United Way and the South Sound Maritime Historical Society which founded the Harbor Days Tugboat Races. He was the Olympia Social Security Office Administrator and served as an Olympia Port Commission for two terms.



Cort was born in Spokane, Washington February 11, 1913 and graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla in 1934. He joined the Federal Civil Service as a Junior Service Examiner, working for the Social Security Board in San Francisco, Fresno, Tacoma and Bellingham. In 1942 he became a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Navy and, subsequently, commander of a coastal minesweeper. He was especially proud of taking a crew of 110 enlisted men and 12 officers, with 85 of the enlisted personnel fresh out of boot camp, and molding them into a fully functioning ship's company.

After World War II he was assigned to the Social Security office in Bellingham and subsequently to Olympia, where he became the Office Manager and later Administrator. Cort retired in 1987. He served as an Olympia Port Commissioner in the 80's. Cort was married to Mary Gail and they had two daughters who graduated from Olympia High.

Civic activity was a motivating factor for Cort to join Kiwanis. Cort was also President of United Way, President of the Salmon Club, President of the South Sound Maritime Historical Association, and was on The Olympian Advisory Committee to the Editorial Page and on the State Capital Historical Society Board. Cort and his wife Mary Gail purchased a home and made it available for single mothers with children for many years. Cortland "Cort" Skinner, famous for his bow ties and positive attitude, passed away on May 13, 2008 at the age of 95.



HAPPY NEW YEAR  
WHEN THE BELLS RING OUT THE  
OLD YEAR.  
OR WHEN THE BELLS RING  
IN THE NEW,  
I'M WISHING HOURS OF JOY  
AND CHEER,  
UNCEASINGLY FOR YOU.

### POLICIES OF THE OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB

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#### AP17.02

\* An attendee wishing reimbursement must present receipts for all allowable expenditures.

- Every Key Club delegate shall be responsible for at least one-third of their Convention registration fee and hotel expenses.
- The number of persons subsidized and the amount of the subsidy will be determined by the Board of Directors in their annual Budget.

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May 2022

#### AP17: KIWANIS CONVENTION COST SUBSIDIES

##### AP17.01. International and Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Conventions

- To encourage participation in the International Kiwanis Convention and the Pacific Northwest District Convention, the Club will make available budgeted subsidies for International delegate(s) and for PNW District delegate(s) to attend these annual conventions, as determined by the Board of Directors based on funds available.

- The Club subsidy funds may be used for convention registration or program fees, transportation, hotel costs or official convention meals. They may not be used for entertainment costs or spouse or partner expenditures. A delegate must present receipts for all allowable expenditures.

- Persons wishing to be a delegate must request the subsidy and the request must be approved by the Executive Committee or Board of Directors.

- When multiple requests for a subsidy are received, preference will be given to Club officers, then Committee chairs and then Club members.

- If a delegate(s) who has received the subsidy is unable to attend, the subsidy funds minus non-refundable convention fees shall be returned to the Club.

##### AP17.02. Pacific Northwest Key Club Convention

- To encourage participation, the Olympia Kiwanis Club will make funds available for reimbursing the costs for Key Club members, teacher-advisor(s) and Club advisors.

- Club subsidy funds may be used for convention registration or program fees, transportation, hotel costs or official convention meals.

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| DECEMBER<br>SUNDAY<br>29 | MONDAY<br>30—NO<br>MEETING    | TUESDAY<br>31<br><br><b>HAPPY NEW<br/>YEAR!</b> | JANUARY<br>WEDNESDAY<br>1<br><br> | THURSDAY<br>2                                      | FRIDAY<br>3 | SATURDAY<br>4—0900 West<br>Garden and<br>Wood Sheds                  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------|--|
| 5                        | 6—NO<br>MEETING               | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10          | 11- 0900 West<br>Side Garden and<br>Wood Cutting                     |
| 12                       | 13-12 Noon<br>Tugboat Annie's | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17          | 18—0900 West<br>Side Garden and<br>Wood Cutting<br>0800-1000am       |
| 19                       | 20- NO<br>MEETING<br>MLK DAY  | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24          | 25—900 West<br>Side Garden and<br>Wood Cutting                       |
| 26                       | 27—12 Noon<br>Tugboat Annie's | 28  | 29   | 30—Food<br>Rationing began<br>in the US in<br>1942 | 31          | <b>FEBRUARY</b><br>1—0900 West<br>Side Garden<br>And Wood<br>Cutting |

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Lord, you who gave bread to Moses  
 and his people while they traveled in  
 the desert,  
 Come now, and bless these gifts of food  
 which You have given to us.  
 As this food give up its life for us,  
 May we follow that pattern of self-  
 surrender for each other. May we be  
 life to one another.

.....Edward Hays



Thanks to all our bell ringing volunteers in December for the Salvation Army!  
 Here's Curt Steigers and Key Clubbers from both Capital and Olympia High  
 Schools!



*Let's Get Connected!*