



# Kiwanis Korner

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

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104 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS AND THE COMMUNITY

June 2, 2025

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER by Matt Grant

On our June 9 program, we'll be sharing why we joined Kiwanis. Since Olympia High School graduation is that same night, I won't be able to attend but I wanted to chime in ahead of time. One of the main reasons I joined this club is because of the incredible people in it. Over time, in talking with many of you, I've discovered just how accomplished, fascinating, and community-minded our members really are. For example, did you know...

**Deb Clemens** recently retired as Superintendent of North Thurston School District?

**Jon Halvorson** was once Mayor of Lacey and gives off Burl Ives vibes from *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*?

**Steve Hall** served as Olympia's City Manager and now sits on the Thurston County Food Bank Board?

**Joel Hanson** works for a solar power company and is running for Port Commissioner in District 3?

**Carol Lien** once won a Betty Crocker cooking contest?

**Joellen Wilhelm** served on the Olympia School Board and has tickets to next fall's .US. Open?

**Mark Johnson** is the Senior VP of Policy & Government Affairs at the Washington Retail Association—and is also a proud dance dad of two professional performers?

**Don Law** helped found Olympia Area Rowing?

**Jan Britt** led Liquor and Tobacco Enforcement for Southwest Washington for the WA State Liquor Control Board and was the first female division head for them in 1985? She was also the first female patrol officer for Pullman Police Department in 1975?

**John Tobin** is a retired Colonel, USAF, and **Bill Moore** a retired Colonel, US Army.

**Kathy Thompson** founded the wildly popular Bearzaar?

**Derek Valley** once aspired to be an archaeologist and went on to direct the State Capitol Museum?

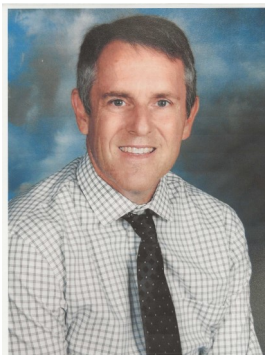
**Dave Peeler** spent over 40 years working on environmental programs at all levels—and has a love for tugboats?

**Sam Hunt** and **Karen Fraser** served as State Senators, and **Lisa Parshley** is a current state legislator?

**Walt Bowen** was a drummer for The Corvettes and now plays jazz?

Between **Tom Rainey** and **Nina Carter**, you'll find a published author, legislative liaison, military veteran, conservationist, city council member, and Evergreen State College faculty emeritus?

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## DON'T MISS THESE MEETINGS!

**June 2nd—No Meeting**

**June 9th—Membership Committee and Club Business**

**June 16th—No Meeting**

**June 23rd—Capital Lakefair Court**

**June 30th—Gardening with Jill Severn at SQUAXIN Park**

**July 7th—No Meeting**

**July 14th—Washington Center for the Performing Arts with Jill Barnes**

**July 21st—No Meeting**

**July 28th—Hands on Childrens Museum with Patty Belmonte**

**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*

O God our Lord,  
Send a table down to us from heaven above.  
Make the day of its coming like a festival  
for us,  
For Thou are the best  
provider.



*The Koran*

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO

*Let the editor know if your bday isn't listed. It's hard to keep up with over 100 birthdays!*

June 4th—Thomas Rainey  
June 8th—David Hansen  
June 21st—Ricci Weatherman



## CLUB INFORMATION ~

### Officers:

President: **Matt Grant**

President Elect: **Karen Fraser**

Vice President: **Anna Knudson**

Treasurer: **Shawn Myers**

Secretary: **Jonathan Lindsay**

Immediate Past President: **Debra Clemens**

**Board Members:** through 2026—Derek Harris, Steve Hall, Joel Hansen

Through 2027—Curt Steigers and Sarah Beth Hernandez Huot

Through 2025 **Kathy "KT" Thompson**, **Derek Valley** email: [kiwanisclubolympia@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubolympia@gmail.com)  
DIVISION 37 LT. Governor Vacant

### Board of Directors Meetings:

Monthly during the last Thursday of the month at noon via Zoom. Next meeting: June 26th, 2025.

### 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**

**BOARD NOTES** by Jonathan**Approved MINUTES: May 29, 2025, Club Board Meeting**

Minutes approved by email vote: 5/30/2025 - 6/1/2025

Date/Time: May 29, 2025 | 12 pm

**Agenda, Financial Statements and meeting transcripts:**

**Attending:** Matthew Grant (President), Debra Clemens (Immediate Past President), Karen Fraser (President Elect), Anna Knudson (Vice President), Shawn Myers (Treasurer), Jonathan Lindsay (Secretary), Curt Steigers, Kathy (KT) Thompson, Joel Hansen, Steve Hall, Derek Valley, Derek Harris.

**Absent:** Sarah Beth Hernandez Hout. **Proxies:** Jonathan for Sarah Beth. **Guests:** (None listed)

**Financial and Governance Updates**

- Financial Report Approved: The club's financial report was presented as "pretty normal" and subsequently approved.
- Fiscal Review Committee: The need for a Fiscal Review Committee to audit financial records was raised. Matt Grant will review bylaws to form this committee, with potential members names discussed.
- **June 30th Meeting Location: The June 30th meeting will be held at Squaxin Park Rose Garden for a fee of \$167 with attendees bringing their own lunch and encouraged to make voluntary donations to offset the cost. Jonathan will reserve the garden.**

**Membership and Communications**

- Membership & Education Committee: The club currently has 97 members. The Membership Committee will lead the June 9th program, gathering feedback on why members joined and stayed to aid recruitment. An informational table will be present at upcoming plant sales.
- It was reported that the transition to all member badges to the "blue badge" is ongoing.
- Kiwanis Engage & Member Day: Kiwanis International's new "Kiwanis Engage" platform is launching in July. Jonathan is re-evaluating "Member Day" as a potential club management tool due to its advanced features and will bring a recommendation to the board. NOTE: Member Day rate is \$25.00 per month
- Bylaws Conversion: Jonathan will convert PDF bylaws to Word documents for Shawn to edit sections related to finance and membership dues.
- New Board Members: Joel Hansen and Deb Clemens were welcomed as new board members.

**Upcoming Events and Initiatives**

- Key Club 100-Year Anniversary: Matt proposed an event for Monday, June 16th, from 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM at Olympia High School to celebrate the Key Club's 100th anniversary. It may include pizza, cake, and a "raise the paddle" fundraiser. Matt Grant will finalize details with students and the Key Club budget, with the Foundation potentially covering costs if needed. It was noted that students from North Thurston Kiwanis Clubs should be invited and that the Key Club Lt. Gov is a Timberline student.
- Kiwanis Club Informational Signs: Discussion occurred regarding outdated Kiwanis Club informational signs around the city, particularly on Martin Way, Plum Street, and Black Lake Boulevard. Steve will contact the City of Olympia to inquire about current policies and standards for these community service club signs. Jonathan will check club archives for past agreements.

**Other Items**

- Donation Envelopes: Shawn has acquired 500 new donation envelopes for mailings.

Next Meeting June 26th. Adjourn.

**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.

**PRESIDENT'S KORNER**

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**Nancy Connery** received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Public Works Association in 1988?

**Terry Bergeson** was once the Superintendent of Public Instruction?

And that's just a small sample! What an amazing group of people to be part of. I'm excited to keep learning more about the talents, stories, and achievements of our members.

Also, a quick correction from last month: I accidentally shared the wrong date for the **100 Years of Key Club**

**Celebration.** The correct date is **Sunday, June 16, from 12:45-2:00 PM at Olympia High School.** We'll be serving pizza and honoring our inspiring young club members. I hope to see many of you there!

Thanks for all you do! *Matt Grant*

**SERVICE HOURS APRIL 2025**

We had 26 members reporting 281 hours of service including Key Club, Garden and Wood Crew, Administration, Law Enforcement Camp and Newsletter. Members also reported on non-Kiwanis volunteer work they did in our community.

**Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Minutes by Jonathan Lindsay****Approved MINUTES: May 29, 2025, Foundation Board Meeting**

Minutes approved by email vote: 5/30/2025 - 6/1/2025

Date/Time: May 29, 2025 | immediately following Club Meeting

**Agenda, Financial Statements and meeting transcripts:**

**Attending:** Matthew Grant (President), Debra Clemens (Immediate Past President), Karen Fraser (President Elect), Anna Knudson (Vice President), Shawn Myers (Treasurer), Jonathan Lindsay (Secretary), Curt Steigers, Kathy (KT) Thompson, Joel Hansen, Steve Hall, Derek Valley, Derek Harris.

**Absent:** Sarah Beth Hernandez Hout. **Proxies:** Jonathan for Sarah **Guests:** none

**Key Financial Adjustments and Reporting**

• **Budget Revision:** The budget for the current fundraiser was adjusted, reducing anticipated income from \$30,000 to \$22,000 and eliminating a related \$8,000 expense line.

• **Johnson Fund Clarity:** A clarification was provided on the Johnson Fund income, explaining its net zero impact on the P&L statement due to offsetting entries, which helps avoid skewing operating income with market fluctuations.

• **Financial Report Approval:** The financial report, including updated March investment activity, was approved.

**Fundraising Initiatives**

• **Garden Sale:** The annual garden sale is set for Saturday, June 7th, from 10 AM to 2 PM at 3839 11th Avenue NW, featuring a variety of plants. Volunteers are needed, and plant donations are welcome. The goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Garden Committee.

• **Trailer Sale:** A large "Load Trail" brand trailer, deemed not easily usable by the club, will be sold for an asking price of \$6,000 (with negotiation leeway). Proceeds will go to the Foundation's general fund.

• **Online Donations:** Current online donations exceed \$1,600.

• **Fundraising Push:** A 5-10 minute fundraising push is planned for the June 9th meeting, focusing on member participation rather than just monetary goals, with a target of 75% member involvement.

• **Capitol Campus Garden:** Recent work at the Capitol Campus garden involved 24 students, parents, and 10 Kiwanis volunteers planting winter squash, harvesting 200 lbs of spring onions, and weeding. Lettuce and cabbage crops are thriving.

• **Food Bank Collaboration:** The collaboration with the Food Bank is positive, with Kiwanis contributions partly funding two new seasonal employees.

• **Avanti High School Interns:** Two student interns are successfully working at the garden through an Enterprise for Equity grant.

**Daffodil Sale Planning**

• **Pre-sales:** Pre-sales for daffodil bulbs will begin at the June 7th plant sale, with bulbs available for pickup in September.

• **Logistics:** A standard receipt book will be used for sales. Bulb pickup will likely be at the garden on a designated Saturday, with full contact information collected from buyers for tracking and future communications. A spreadsheet will be used to track sales and pickups. Next Meeting: June 26. Adjourned.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Now is the time to sign up and volunteer for:

**Thurston County Foodbank Plant**

**Garden Sale**—Saturday, June 7th.

0900—1700. Contact Derek Valley

**Key Club 100th anniversary.** Date to be set. June 2025

**KCO SUMMER POTLUCK—**

Incoming President Karen Fraser will be hosting a club summer potluck at her home overlooking Puget Sound on Wednesday, August 20th, 4 pm—8 pm. Bring a dish to share, your family and /



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF OLYMPIA

**PLANT SALE**

Support Growing Food  
for Our Community!



**Saturday June 7th, 2025**



**10 AM – 2 PM**



**Westside Food Bank Gardens**

3839 11th Ave NW, Olympia, WA 88502

Browse a great selection of:

Veggie and Flower Starts,  
Flower Bulbs, Perennials  
and Much More

All proceeds go toward growing  
fresh produce for the Thurston  
County Food Bank.



**More Info:**

Kathy Thompson - 360.701-9326

**OUR GARDEN GROWS!**

In May students (25) from Griffin Middle School helped harvest Red Torpedo onions at the Capitol Campus Garden.



*Let's get connected!*



## Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Scholarships

### Glen Tolman 1922-2012

Glen Tolman was a 58 year member of Olympia Kiwanis and served as the Club Secretary/Treasurer from 1962 through 1965. Glen created the first Olympia High School Key Club, which was chartered in 1971. He worked for the Boy Scouts of America and later owned a financial planning company.



All five of his children graduated from Olympia High School. His daughter, Lynn Urvina, joined the first Olympia High Key Club with his encouragement and has since also served as the Olympia Kiwanis Club President (2014).

In 1988, Glen was presented with the *Kiwanis Tablet of Honor* for his efforts towards the *Kiwanis International IDD Project*, to raise funds to eliminate Iodine Deficiency Syndrome (which caused goiters and developmental delays) in children worldwide. In partnership with UNESCO, IDD has been virtually eliminated world wide.

Glen was proud to be a veteran of the US Army Air Corps, having served on the European Front during WWII. He moved his family to Olympia in 1956 when he accepted a position here with the Boy Scouts of America. He loved the beauty of the Pacific Northwest and never returned to his native Idaho. Glen sold insurance for many years, and had owned his a financial planning company before retiring to travel with his wife Janet, and work in his garden. Glen supported strong schools and youth serving organizations his entire life.

### Olympia High School Seniors EXIT Interviews

Thanks to our Kiwanis Volunteers, **Jan Britt, Nancy Connery, Terry Kirkpatrick, and Kathy Thompson** for assisting OHS "Exit Interviews" for high school seniors. It was very well organized and quite illuminating to meet with these seniors to hear their plans for the future and comments on their school careers!

### BY THE NUMBERS, from Kiwanis International

6, 522 Kiwanis clubs around the world

516,000 Service projects conducted annually by Kiwanis clubs worldwide.

83 nations where Kiwanis has clubs.

98children whom the average Kiwanian reaches per year.

7,824 clubs worldwide in our service programs for youth, college students and adults with disabilities.

448,509 members of the Kiwanis family (adult and youth).

7,100,000 hours devoted to service each year by the Kiwanis family of clubs.

1.3 billion US dollars raised by Kiwanis clubs since 2021.

### POLICIES OF THE OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB May 2022

#### AP26: LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION

Each incumbent committee chair shall have the responsibility, in concert with the President Elect, to recruit and train his/her successor.

Further, the President Elect shall have the responsibility to see that this process of selection and training of committee chairs takes place during the year the President Elect serves in that position.

Each year, either a replacement committee chair should be selected and trained, or the incumbent committee chair should agree, to continue for another year, if approved by the President.

Each committee chair should have a job description for his/her position, together with a timeline of what activities / tasks should be completed, for his/her committee.

#### AP27: DUES:

**AP27.01** Dues for club membership are \$200 per year paid in one installment.

\*There is also a discount for family members. A family member is an active member residing with one or two other active members of this club in the same household. There shall be no membership distinction made between family members. This discount is effective as long as it is provided by Kiwanis International and the PNW District.

• Members may pay for other members.

**AP27.02** A family member is an active member residing with one or two other active members of this club in the same household. There shall be no membership distinction made between family members.

**AP27.03** Former SLP members receive a \$42 dues reduction in the first two full administrative years of membership following the first partial year of membership. as provided in the following table (includes all membership types). Dues for April through September will be at the Kiwanis International New Member Fee rate.

Dearest Lord,  
Teach me to be generous,  
Teach me to serve Thee as Thou  
deserves;  
To give and not to count the cost;  
To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
To toil and not to see reward,  
Save that of knowing that  
I do Thy will, O God.

*St. Ignatius Loyola*

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/ Events	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
Finance Committee	Karen Fraser
Club History	Sam Reed
Website:	Jonathan Lindsey
Nominating Committee	Mark Johnson and Sam Reed
Risk Management	Bob Lien

Donate  
securely online:



### CAPITAL CITY MARATHON—KCO WATERSTOP AT MILEPOST 25

Thanks to **Jonathan Lindsay, Kathy (KT) Thompson and her husband Ken Thompson, Joellen Wilhelm, Sam Reed and Nancy Connery** for chaperoning OHS and CHS Key Club Members at the May 18th Capital City Marathon. We all staffed the busy stop at Milepost 25, where we serve the 5 K runners, the half-marathon runners and the full marathon runners with water, sports drink, wet sponges and encouragement.



*Let's Get Connected!*



<b>JUNE SUNDAY</b> 1	<b>MONDAY</b> 2-NO MEETING	<b>TUESDAY</b> 3	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 4	<b>THURSDAY</b> 5 0900 West Side Garden	<b>FRIDAY</b> 6	<b>SATURDAY</b> 7—1000 West Side Garden PLANT SALE!
8	9-Noon Tugboat Annie's	10	11  Full Moon	12—0900 West Side Garden	13	14-0900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting  Flag Day
15—FATHERS DAY	16— NO MEETING	17	18	19—0900 West Side Garden	20  Summer Begins!	21—0900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting 0800-1000am
22	23—Noon Tugboat Annie's	24	25	26—0900 West Side Garden	27	28—900 West Side Garden and Wood Cutting
29	30—Noon <b>Brown Bag lunch at Squaxin Park</b>	<b>JULY</b> 1	2	3 0900 West Side Garden	4 4th of July! Independence DAY!	5 0900 West Side Garden And Wood Cutting

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Cabbage starts

**Olympia Kiwanis Food Bank Gardens by Derek Valley**

**Kiwanis Food Bank Gardens** in May were bustling with activity. Field preparation included spreading fertilizer, planting more new cool weather crops, weeding beds and in some cases harvesting the "first of the season crops. Lettuces, spinach and rhubarb were delivered to the Thurston County Food Bank during the month.

**Recognition of Volunteers:** Raising the valued crops depends on a cadre of volunteers to help in the greenhouse, prepare the planting beds for new plants, weeding the beds, irrigation systems installed and a myriad of other tasks. Without listing all of the volunteers, whether they are seniors, Kiwanis members, students from Evergreen and high schools or community service participants, their work and support is valued. We pay them back by giving instruction on gardening and farming techniques and understanding the value of the produce we raise to support the communities' individuals and families in need. The Federal Government curtailing or reducing support of Food Banks and programs like SNAP make our work more important. Volunteers are an integral part of what we do.

**Kiwanis Food Bank Plant Sale** Mark your calendars and bring your wallet. The volunteer crews have been raising plants that will be ready to sell. Annuals, perennials, and vegetables will be available. a good variety for your garden. Donation accepted to support the Kiwanis Food Bank Garden's success. Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Westside Garden 3839 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Olympia. Sale starts at 10 am to 2 pm.