



# Kiwanis Korner

## OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

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104 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS AND THE COMMUNITY

September 3, 2025

### **PRESIDENT'S KORNER by Matt Grant** **Remembering Don Law**

When I was a brand-new teacher, I often doubted whether I had what it took to truly make a difference for students. Don Law was one of the people who changed that for me.

At a curriculum night years ago, I asked my students to present to parents about the Age of Discovery. The idea was that they would role-play lobbyists while parents acted as legislators deciding on a holiday name. What might have been a routine classroom report quickly became something memorable. Don's son Eric gave a thoughtful, well-prepared presentation and then Don jumped right in, role-playing a skeptical legislator. He asked tough, pointed questions with humor and energy, and suddenly the whole room was engaged. Parents and students leaned in, captivated by the lively back-and-forth between father and son. What could have been ordinary became lively because of Don's presence.

And yet, Don never took the credit. Instead, he praised me for my teaching. From that night forward, he never missed an opportunity to encourage me as an educator. Don was always quick to uplift others, always making people feel valued.

Don brought that same spark to Kiwanis. He made our meetings dynamic, fun, and memorable. His updates on Olympia Area Rowing made me take genuine interest in the program's growth, and his enthusiasm for introducing speakers was sometimes so grand that longtime member Virgil Clarkson would joke that Don's introduction was the program itself. I've also learned Don helped open the door for women to join our club, another example of his forward-looking leadership.

Beyond his energy, Don embodied what it means to be a Kiwanian. He cared deeply about people. He always asked about my school, reminded me of the difference I'd made with his kids, and showed that same interest in the lives of others. His "Happy Dollars" were a highlight of our meetings—often tied to Michigan football, always shared with good humor. As Sam Reed put it, Don was "a vital part of the esprit d'corps of the club...with his constant banter, humorous asides, picking on us Cougars, badmouthing Ohio State, and bragging about Michigan." He loved to stir things up, and we loved him for it.

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### **DON'T MISS THESE MEETINGS!**

**September 1st—No Meeting**

**September 8th—Olympia City Council**  
Candidates

**September 15th—No Meeting**

**September 22nd—Cryptocurrency,**  
Amanda Starnes

**September 29—Port Commission**  
Candidates

**October 6th—No Meeting**

**October 13th—Department of Commerce**  
Weatherization Program

**October 20th—No Meeting**

**October 27th—State of the Club—New**  
President Karen Fraser

*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*

### **HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS** **TO**

*Let the editor know if your bday isn't listed.*

September 7—Matthew Hargrave

September 12—Karen Fraser

September 20—John Tobin

September 20—John Reilly

September 20—Charles Pailthorp

September 27—John Drebiek

September 27—Alex Young

September 27—Bob Thompson

September 28—Carol Lien

September 30—Curt Steigers



### **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: September 25th, 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 Lindsay, Secretary, Approved August 31, 2025

Members: Matthew Grant President Debra Clemens Immediate Past President Karen Fraser Board Members Curt Steigers President Elect Anna Knudson Shawn Myers Vice President Treasurer Jonathan Lindsay Secretary

Absent: Derek Valley, Derek Harris, Joel Hansen Proxies: None

1. The agenda was approved as presented.
2. Finance Committee Report Kathy (KT) Thompson Joel Hansen Steve Hall Derek Valley Sarah Beth Hernandez Hout Derek Harris MOTION PASSED. to approve the Finance report presented by Shawn.
3. Membership and Education Anna presented Colin Meenk and Tom White for a board vote to accept as new members after a recommendation from the Membership and Education Committee. The board voted unanimously to accept their membership applications.

\*A short conversation occurred about pro-rated dues for the 2025 year (\$16.67)

### 3, Secretary's Report

\*Service Hours: Jonathan reported that the club's service hours for July have been submitted through the new "Kiwanis Engage" portal. Unfortunately, all previous reports for the year were lost during the system transition

•Secretary of State Annual Report: The annual report has been filed for the Foundation SOS still needs to be contacted to confirm Club filing status.

\*Summerfields Recognition: A conversation about recognizing the Summerfields' contributions has started. A certificate of appreciation or a longevity award were suggested.

\*Court Summons: An update on the court summons (re: O K Boys Ranch) was provided, stating the case is now being handled by a different law firm in Seattle.

### 4. From the Floor

\*Public Relations / Social Media: Discussion about building a group to focus on social media and communications. It would be good to have a dedicated person in that role.

\*Community Garden: Deb Clemens gave a brief update on the community garden, noting that the group worked hard to clean out several rows and that the carrots were looking good.

### \*Action Items

- Place a call for volunteers for social media/public relations in the next club meeting agenda.
- Jonathan to follow up on a suitable form of recognition for the Summerfields' service
- Matt Grant to contact a couple OHS students to inform them about their scholarship status and connect with Shawn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 25th.

**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 \*nd high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.*

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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!**

**J J Olson (pictured below)** was inducted into club membership on August 11, 2025. **JJ** is a former St. Martin's University Circle K member. Please be sure to welcome **JJ** back into the Kiwanis family!



Club Members Service Hours for July, 2025: **283**

**True freedom is understanding that we have a choice in who and what we allow to have power over us.** *Anonymous*

## Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025 by Jonathan Lindsay Approved August 31, 2025 via email



Members and attendance the same as for the Kiwanis Club of Olympia Board meeting.

1. Financial Report: MOTION PASSED. To approve the Finance report presented by Shawn.

\*FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. the Board create a Scholarship Committee to review and improve a variety of procedures pertaining to award and administration of scholarships.

\*FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION. Printed materials should be developed to advise members on how major gifts might be made and how gifts might be included in wills

•The Sweeties fundraiser netted about \$50.

2. GARDEN COMMITTEE. Derek reported that the lease is up on Calliope Garden. The owner does not want to renew. The Garden Committee is considering some options: - Expand Capitol Campus site—Use land offered by Cornerstone Presbyterian Church—Pursue property options near the Airport through Joel Hansen.

\* MOTION PASSED. The Board voted to participate in the Give Local Campaign. Jonathan offered to coordinate this.

\*Daffodil Sales: The committee recommended that Don Leaf purchase additional daffodils for future sales. It was clarified that no board action was needed for this purchase, as Don agreed to cover any outstanding costs.

3. Upcoming Budget: The budget for the upcoming year is due by the end of the current weekend. Shawn reported that the garden's proposed budget is coming in lower than expected, even with a proposed increase in donations to the food bank and funds for improvements to a new property.

4. Meeting Dates: - The next board meeting is scheduled for September 25th, and the Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 18th.—Day of Caring is Sept 26.

5. Decisions Made— Agenda and Minutes Approval: The meeting agenda was approved by a motion from Kathy Thompson and seconded by Sean.—The financial report was approved by a motion from Karen and seconded by Kathy.—Give Local Campaign: The board approved a motion to participate in the "Give Local" campaign and authorized Jonathan to manage it. The registration fee is \$25.

6. Next Steps

\*Scholarship Committee: Karen will work on a definition of what the Scholarship Committee should be doing. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting on September 25th. Proposed members for the committee include Anna Knudson, Dave, Shawn, and Jonathan.

\*Donation Materials: Shawn will contact the Community Foundation to see if they have a brochure or other materials that the Kiwanis Foundation can use as a resource for members interested in major gifts or bequests.

\*Next Meeting Agenda: The agenda for the September 25th meeting will include the proposed budget and the approval of a motion to adopt it.

## KCO FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

The **Don Law** family will graciously donate all the proceeds from the Kiwanis estate sale to our Kiwanis club.

The sale will be **Friday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm and Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 am-10 am. Cash or checks please.**

### Location:

1405 East Bay Dr NE  
Olympia WA 98506

O Thou who clothes the lilies,  
Who feeds the birds of the sky,  
Who leads the lambs to pasture,  
And the deer to the waterside,  
Who multiplied loaves and fishes,  
And changed the water to wine,  
Do Thou come to our table as giver  
And as our guest to dine.

*Author Unknown*



## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

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Even in his passing, Don's family has shown generosity, allowing Kiwanis to benefit from an early visit to his estate sale, with all proceeds supporting our club.

(Mark your calendars:

Friday, Sept. 12, 4-7 pm, and Saturday, 8am-10 am ; (cash or checks, please.) Saturday at 10 am it will open to the public.

Don Law was a pioneer of our club, a champion of community, and a friend who made us all better. As one tribute on Legacy.com noted, "His example of a life well lived brings a smile to my face." Another added, "He was extremely funny, and I still smile when I think of his antics." What a great Kiwanian and what a gift to us all.



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## Olympia Kiwanis Foundation Scholarships

### Sherman Huffine 1909-1990

Mr. Huffine was President of Olympia Kiwanis in 1954-55 and was a strong advocate for the arts and for the disabled. He was an attorney and Vice President of Olympia Brewing Company.

A founding member of the Olympia Opera Guild and Ballet Northwest, he championed the construction of the Washington Center for the performing Arts.



Sherman Huffine was born in Seattle in 1909, attended Queen Anne High School, and was salutatorian of his graduating class. He received his bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Washington, graduating from the UW Law School in 1930. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, Order of the Coif and Law Review.

After graduation, he practiced law in New York for several years and returned to Washington state in the early 1940s to become secretary of the Olympia Brewing Co. He retired as the company's vice-president for legal affairs in 1973, but remained on the board of directors until the company was sold in 1983.

He was a member of the Washington State Arts Commission and the Seattle Chamber Music Festival. He was past president of the Olympia Kiwanis Club, AAA of Washington, United Way of Thurston County and the South Puget Sound Community College Foundation Board. At the time of his death, Huffine was emeritus director of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra and honorary trustee of Seattle Opera Association, he was one of the founding members of the Seattle Opera Board.

In addition, Huffine also served as a board member of the Washington State Foundation for the Handicapped and was active in a variety of organizations to benefit the handicapped, particularly in the South Puget Sound. Sherman died in Olympia in 1990, at the age of 81.

### POLICIES OF THE OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB May 2022

#### AP29: BACKGROUND CHECKS AND CONTACTS WHEN WORKING WITH CHILDREN: AP29.01:

The Club requires a background check and a statement of "eligibility" for all members who have regular contact with minors through their membership in and on behalf of, the Olympia Kiwanis Club.

**AP29.02:** The background check must be completed and an individual deemed "eligible" to volunteer with minors before the individual may begin the volunteer work.

**AP29.03:** The background check process will be conducted by the Secretary, who shall compile and maintain a list of all "eligible" members.

**AP 29.04:** Members who wish to participate in activities with minors must complete and sign a Consent to Background Check form.

**AP 29.05:** Each record will be considered individually and members will be denied "eligible" status only if the offense is substantially related to contact with minors.

**AP 29.06:** Members may appeal a "non-eligible" determination to the Club Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

**AP 29.07:** Members will not ask minors to become "friends" on Facebook or other social media. Members may accept a "friends" request from minors, but should not interact with them more than once every other week by this media, except for contacts for club business, via social media.

**AP29.08:** Two Adult Rule. While volunteering on behalf of Kiwanis, members should never be alone with one child. There should always be two adults present whether with one or more children. If, because of extenuating circumstances, a member finds themselves alone with one or more children, the member will stay in public areas and establish contact with other Club members AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

**AP29.09** In all cases, there will be at least one adult female over 21 years of age for every 10 minor females present, and there will be at least one adult male over 21 years of age for every 10 minor males present.

**AP29.10:** Eligible members must renew their CONSENT TO BACKGROUND CHECK every 24 months.  
Revised November 25, 2013

#### SAVE THE DATE!

**Installation of Officers Dinner at  
Capital High School Thursday,  
October 2nd at 6 PM!**



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

Donate  
securely online:



**DUES ARE DUE BY OCTOBER 1st!** Your Membership dues are due by Oct 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year.

This is a notice that your dues can be paid anytime for the next Fiscal Year that begins on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. **The amount for an individual is \$200.** If more than one household member is paying, the first member is \$200 and the second is \$170. If you wish to pay in two installments, you can pay \$100 by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and the remaining balance of \$100 in March 2026.

If you have a financial hardship paying your dues, please reach out to our Secretary, Jonathan Lindsay and he will look for an anonymous sponsor to help.

What are you paying for? Here is a breakdown of the dues schedule:

\$77 goes for dues to Kiwanis International

\$13 for General Liability/Risk Management Insurance

\$8 for publications

\$5 – Risk management

\$4 for Directors and Officers Insurance

(Total to KI is \$107.)

\$46 to PNW District dues

\$3 Member Convention Assessment

(Total to PNW District \$49)

**Our Club retains \$44 for our Admin Fund.**

For those who fail to pay dues by the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> date, he/she will be removed from our Roster that we report to KI on Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. We will gladly add you back after your dues payment has been paid. Otherwise, our Club pays for someone who is not continuing

## **TWO CHANGES IN THE KIWANIS FOOD BANK GARDENS.**

**By Derek Valley**

Changes come in many different forms. The Kiwanis Food Bank Gardens produces tons of vegetables for the clients including spring and summer vegetables (lettuces, onions and cabbage). We are now shifting to harvesting summer and fall vegetables (garlic, beets, carrots, basil, beans, potatoes) and at the same time planting fall and winter vegetables (cabbage, broccoli, kale) that will be harvested well into the fall and winter. This evolution in crops raised and delivered provides a variety of food to those in need.

Harvesting keeps our valued "summer" employees, our Garden Coordinator and many dedicated volunteers very busy. There are several available times and volunteer activities when we need extra hands to do harvesting, cleaning and preparing the vegetables to be delivered to the Thurston County Food Bank. Your joining this community service project would be much appreciated.

**Wednesday 9 to noon Westside Garden 3839 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW**  
**Thursday 9 to noon Capitol Campus Garden 212 Maple Park Ave SE (north of Employment Securities Bldg)**  
**Saturday 9 to noon Westside Garden address above**  
**For more information email Jess, [jessc@tcbf.org](mailto:jessc@tcbf.org)**

And finally, **we continue to look for replacement land on which to raise vegetables.** The Calliope Farm land (2 acres) that Kiwanis has been fortunate to use for the past several years, will not be available to us after this season. We are looking at several land options for suitable replacement garden land.

See our garden photos on page 6!

**Caring for Kids Campaign** Our annual "Caring for Kids" campaign fundraiser ENDS at the end of September. Donate securely on line with the code to the left or at: [www.kiwanisclubolympia.org](http://www.kiwanisclubolympia.org)

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| AUGUST<br>SUNDAY<br>31 | SEPTEMBER<br>MONDAY<br>1-NO<br>MEETING<br><br>Labor Day | TUESDAY<br>2            | WEDNESDAY<br>3 | THURSDAY<br>4<br>0900 Capital<br>Campus Garden                               | FRIDAY<br>5                      | SATURDAY<br>6—0900 West<br>Side Garden               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 7<br><br>Full Moon     | 8—Noon<br>Tugboat Annie's                               | 9                       | 10             | 11—0900<br>Capital Campus<br>Garden<br><br>Patriot Day                       | 12<br>4pm Don Law<br>Estate Sale | 13-0900 West<br>Side Garden and<br>Wood Cutting      |
| 14                     | 15—NO<br>MEETING                                        | 16                      | 17             | 18—0900<br>Capital Campus<br>Garden                                          | 19                               | 20—0900 West<br>Side Garden and<br>Wood Cutting      |
| 21                     | 22—Noon<br>Tugboat Annie's<br><br>Fall Begins           | 23<br><br>Rosh Hashanah | 24             | 25—0900<br>Capital Campus<br>Garden                                          | 26                               | 27—900 West<br>Side Garden and<br>Wood Cutting       |
| 28                     | 29—Noon<br>Tugboat Annie/s                              | 30                      | OCTOBER<br>1   | 2-0900 Capital<br>Campus Garden<br><br>6 PM<br>Installation<br>Dinner at CHS | 3                                | 4<br>0900 West Side<br>Garden<br>And Wood<br>Cutting |

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Ethan and Willow care for cabbage. The white cloth (row cover) protects the plants from bugs and deer, retains heat and allows rain to flow through.

To the left—Jess, Nono and Jules harvest beets.



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