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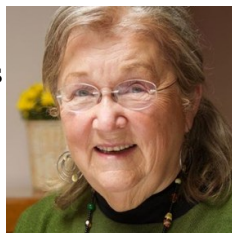
105 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KIDS AND THE COMMUNITY

APRIL 2026

Hello Kiwanians---

What a BIG SUCCESS our fundraising breakfast was
An enthusiastic crowd of approximately 240 people attended --- at 7 am!

Over \$30,000 was received on the day of the event!
Further contributions are continuing to arrive.
We will know the final total in the near future.



President Karen Fraser

Thank you to attendees, donors, and sponsors.

Not only was it a financial success, it also achieved other successes:

- More people in our area are now aware of the special ways Kiwanis serves our community. For this we thank the excellent speakers, who were nicely informative, upbeat, and succinct. AND
- We gained a few new members.

This great success shows what we can achieve when we all pull together, each doing a part.

It was truly a full Club effort.

Great appreciation goes to: organizers, table captains, volunteers, sponsors, Club officers, and speakers.

Above all, special thanks goes to attendees and donors and sponsors who made the financial grand total raised a wonderful reality.

The funds received, minus expenses, all go to the Kiwanis Foundation, through which most of our service projects are funded.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Our April lunch meetings are April 13 and 27. I'm looking forward to seeing you at these.
- Our New Members Orientation will be held Thursday, April 16, at Mercato's Restaurant, at 6:30. If you are a new or relatively new member please attend! RSVP with Sam Reed.

---Karen

Thank you to our 2026 Breakfast Sponsors!



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Upcoming Meetings

2nd and 4th Monday at 12 noon
Tugboat Annie's
2100 West Bay Dr NW, Olympia, WA

- 13-Apr Artificial Intelligence
- 27-Apr Capitol Campus: International Arboretum
- 11-May Olympia Fire Department
- 26-May JBLM/South Sound Military & Communities Partnerships
- 8-Jun WA State Insurance Commissioner
- 22-Jun Capital Lakefair Court
- 29-Jun Community Farm Land Trust & Kiwanis Gardens
- 13-Jul Primary Candidates
- 27-Jul Saving the Nisqually Delta

Volunteer Opportunities

Kiwanis Gardens

Westside Gardens
3839 11th Ave NW
Wednesdays
9 am—12 pm

Capitol Campus Gardens
212 Maple Park Ave SE
Thursdays
9 am—12 pm

Email Jess Colson to sign up!
jessc@tcfb.org

Capital City Marathon

Sunday May 17
7:30 am—2:00 pm

Firewood Crew

3839 11th Ave NW
Saturdays
9 am—12 pm

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New Member Orientation!

**April 16th at 6:30 P.M.
Mercato Ristorante
111 Market St. NE**

Whether you recently joined or have been with us for a few years, come learn about our committees' latest goals and find your perfect volunteer fit.

- Networking: Talk informally with club leadership and peers.
- Refreshments: Enjoy complimentary desserts from Mercato.
- Drinks: No-host beverages (e.g., wine) will be available for purchase.

RSVP Required:

Please let us know you're coming by April 10
reed.sam.sumner@gmail.com

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.

**“Kiwanis is not something
you belong to.
It’s something you do.”**

Member Directory Available

Available to member on line or by request

kiwanisclubolympia@gmail.com

www.kiwanisclubolympia.org

The Olympia Kiwanis Foundation

Each year, we provide tens of thousands of pounds of fresh, organic produce to the Thurston County Food Bank, deliver hundreds of cords of firewood to help low-income families stay warm through winter, invest in leadership development for local high school students, and fund scholarships for college and technical training.

Your donation makes a direct, meaningful impact on the lives of people in our community—and helps build a stronger future for generations to come.

If you would like information about naming Olympia Kiwanis in your estate plans please email:
kiwanisclubolympia@gmail.com
or speak with a board member.

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CURRENT CLUB LEADERSHIP

Officers:

President: Karen Fraser
 President Elect: Anna Knudson
 Vice President: Shane Hamlin
 Treasurer: Shawn Myers
 Secretary: Jonathan Lindsay
 Immediate Past President: Matt Grant

Board Members:

Through 2026—
 Derek Harris, Steve Hall, Joel Hansen
Through 2027—
 Curt Steigers, Sarah Beth Hernandez Huot
Through 2028—
 Deb Clemens, Dave Halverstadt

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The Kiwanis Board of Directors meets on the last Thursday of the
 Meetings are held remotely and recorded. Guests are welcome!

Kiwanis Board of Directors March Meeting Highlights March 26, 2026 via Zoom

Financial and Fiscal Oversight

Annual Fiscal Review: The review process for both the Club and the Foundation is complete. The committee reported that all accounts are administered in accordance with established bylaws and standard business practices.

Budget Approval: The Board reviewed and formally approved the monthly finance reports for both the Club and the Foundation.

Membership and Growth

Regional Recognition: The club has been officially recognized as the fastest-growing club in the Pacific Northwest region.

Recruitment Data: A recent survey of new members indicated that 50% joined following a direct invitation from a current member.

New Member Orientation: An orientation session is scheduled for April 16 at 6:30 PM at Mercado's.

Service Projects and Partnerships

Circle K Liaison: Jonathan reported on the Saint Martin's Circle K club, which currently has approximately ten active members. They are scheduled to visit the Kiwanis Club meeting on April 13.

Project Diversification: The Board is evaluating new service opportunities that require lower physical impact. Potential partnerships with local organizations, including the South Sound Reading Foundation, are being explored.

Youth Support: The Board confirmed that funding for graduation cords and tassels for Key Club members is available within the existing budget.

Foundation Event Results

Annual Breakfast: The March 17 event saw an attendance of approximately 250 to 300 guests. Preliminary financial data indicates that Foundation revenue for the quarter is trending upward.

Operational Updates

Meeting Expenses: The Board reviewed a proposal to increase the cost of Monday lunches by \$2.00 to include dessert. The Board voted to decline this increase to maintain current meal pricing for the membership.

Volunteer Contributions: Dessert items for Monday meetings will continue to be provided through the support of volunteers and the "Wood Project" team.

Kiwanis Service Project Committees

Name	Lead
Circle K	Julia Sachez (SMU)
Club History	Sam Reed
Events & Fundraising	Jonathan Lindsay
Finance Committee	Anna Knudson
Fire Wood for Needy	John Tobin
Garden	Don Leaf, Derek Valley
House Reception and Club Meetings	Curt Steigers
Human and Spiritual Values	Sam Reed & Shawn Myers
Interclub Relations	Inactive
Law Enforcement Youth Camp	Derek Valley
Membership Growth and Education	Heidi Lame & Dan Myers
Newsletter	Jan Britt
Nominating Committee	Sam Reed
Programs	Sam Reed & Dave Peeler
Risk Management	Bob Lien
Sponsored Youth and Key Clubs	Joellen Wilhelm & Rose Bossio
Website	Jonathan Lindsey
Youth Services and Grants	Inactive

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

Olympia Kiwanis Foundation: Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: March 26 **Presiding:** Karen **Attendance:** Anna, Shawn (Treasurer), Shane, David, Jonathan, and Deb.

1. Call to Order

The Foundation board meeting was held in conjunction with the executive board session.

2. Foundation Financial Report

Fiscal Review: The annual fiscal review of the Foundation accounts is complete. The review committee found that the funds were administered responsibly and in compliance with all relevant policies and bylaws.

Budget Approval: The Foundation budget and treasurer's report were formally approved by the board.

3. Foundation Events and Fundraising

March 17th Breakfast: The event was deemed a significant success. Attendance was estimated between 248 and 300+ guests, potentially marking a record for the annual breakfast.

Revenue: Preliminary reports indicate that revenue for the quarter is trending upward.

4. Key Club Support

Graduation Supplies: The board discussed the purchase of cords and tassels for graduating Key Club members.

Funding: It was confirmed that these expenses are covered under the existing Key Club budget and no further board action is required at this time.

5. Adjournment



Ready to Get Involved?

Kiwanis Food Bank Gardens
Email Jess Colson to sign up!
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For Other projects email:
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