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We Need You!

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE DISTRICT!

We have been given the chance to raise \$13,000-\$15,000 for the District coffers by finding about 15 people that can work parking cars and taking money at the Josephine County Fair in Grants Pass, OR this summer the week before our District Convention in Portland.

Please contact:

Cindy Crowther, District Fundraising Chair, at 541-419-9890 or davecindy.crowther@gmail.com for further information.

There are RV sites, and of course hotels, available that you will need to reserve. I'm sure whoever is able to be there will have a blast getting to know each other after hours!

Our focus this quarter is Building Your Club and all of the upcoming events. You'll find many great service projects featured from around the district, info about the upcoming District Auction, Mid-Winter registration and agenda, including education options, and the Two for Two membership program – your club can win a \$200 prize just by participating.

There were no submissions of questions this time for the new Ask the Gov column, a short Q&A that we implemented, so send your questions, suggestions, opinions & perhaps your vents! Surely you can think of at least one question for Governor David, so please forward them to me at the email address below and we'll publish the answers.

Another interesting submission this month are two quick examples of ideas for Wine Cork Sculptures for the DCON Competition, as well as further info about it. And, check out the Winter Double Word puzzle!

Please continue to send me your service project articles, Kudos, and Kiwanis Moments. Of course, your feedback is very welcome so send me your thoughts too. That's it for this quarter – hope you find great ideas to kick off 2023!

Melanie Bozak, Builder Magazine Editor 2022-2023
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A message from 2022-2023 Governor David Crozier

Thank You For All Your Hard Work!



Happy New Year to everyone and congratulations to all our clubs; we are at 100% reporting on club officers for 2022-2023, thanks to every club and the Lt Gov's for helping us get there. Also, thanks to the many clubs that have recorded their Youth Protection Education on KI. We still have a way to go on Youth Protection; every club should schedule this soon. Youth Protection Education benefits and protects both our Kiwanis members and the children we serve. If your club needs any assistance accomplishing this let us know; lots of information can be located here:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/youth-protection/yp-training-resources>

We are approaching our Mid-Winter Conference, a great opportunity to socialize with other Kiwanians and CKI, as well as Bert West, KI President and Michael Mulhaul, KI Trustee. We also have a great service project lined up. Registration is open. More information is on pages 6 & 7. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there.

With the holidays just past, I want to congratulate all our clubs for the many projects they conducted over the holidays. What a great time to be a Kiwanian. It's our busiest time of the year and what a great feeling to help so many kids. I know many of you have put 100s of hours into your club's projects and I thank you all.

As we head into spring, this is a great time to be looking for your next club officers and a Lt Governor. While Service to Children is our focus, our clubs can't operate without Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Boards and our District can't operate without Lt Governors. To those who are serving or have served in these positions, my hearty thanks - your service to your club and district makes Kiwanis work for everyone. If you are considering any of these positions, we have a wealth of training available. If you would like to get an idea of what is involved in these positions let us know.

Again, Happy New Year and thanks for all your hard work in your communities. Keep up the great work!

Together We Can!

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The first person to send the page number where the leprechaun was found wins a prize.
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AROUND THE DISTRICT - Governor David Crozier and fellow members of the Port Townsend Kiwanis Club served root beer floats at a local area event.

Signature PROJECT

2023 Signature Project Contest Submissions Open January 9th and are Due by January 26, 2023

You've heard the saying, "Go Big or Go Home." That is exactly what the Kiwanis Club of Olympia did, they went BIG with their annual service project, Thurston County Food Bank Gardens and Greenhouse. The impact was so huge, they won the coveted honor of Kiwanis International Tier II Signature Project Award at the international convention held in Indianapolis, IN June 2022.



Cast off your shy tendencies and strut your stuff by showcasing your club's fantastic annual service project. Your submission also helps clubs with ideas of what they can do in their communities. Signature Project award applications are due by January 26. You can find more information and the application on the Kiwanis International website:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/service-projects/signature-projects/contest>

Mid-Winter 2023 at the Sheraton Portland Airport

Happy 2023 Kiwanians!

What do you have planned in February? We have an idea, what about joining us in Portland, Oregon at the Sheraton Hotel near the Portland Airport to meet none other than International President Burt West and International Trustee Michael Mulhaul?

Also, to top it off we're having dinner Saturday Night with CKI and a Service Project where we will be filling boxes with much needed items for Foster Children.

Mid-Winter Conferences is a chance for updated educational sessions, but this year there will be training on the very much needed platform we all use to report.

Featuring



SHARON LACEY - Motivational Humorist

In addition to being a sought-after keynote speaker, Sharon is also an internationally touring headlining comedian. She performs in comedy clubs all across the USA and Canada, and has been to Iraq twice to entertain U.S. troops. She's also been on four comedy tours of Africa, where she performs for Ugandan audiences in two of their tribal languages.

Sharon is the author of *A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO DEMENTIA: A Stand Up Comedian's Race Against Time*.

All of this comes after Sharon's earlier careers as a radio dj, television news producer, and a national award winning middle school teacher.

Registration is open now!

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

Registration includes Saturday Dinner

\$135 registration until February 3, 2023

\$145 registration after February 3 -February 17, 2023

No day passes

We really hope you will attend. See you soon!

Your Convention Team - Cindy Crowther & Steve Emhoff

Mid-Winter 2023 Schedule

FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 17TH

Arrive	Dinner on your own	
5:30 - 6:30 pm	Registration	
6:00pm	Social not host bar (St. Helens Foyer)	
7:00pm	Opening Session/No Host Bar	St. Helens A

SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH

Breakfast	Part of Hotel Registration	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration	
9:00am - 10:15am	Service Project: Foster Welcome Boxes	St. Helens B
10:30am - 11:45am	Inspirational Speaker - Sharon Lacey	St. Helens A
2:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch on your own	
1:30pm - 3:20pm	Lt Governors Energized	St. Helens A
1:30pm - 2:20pm	Education	St. Helens C & D
1:30pm - 5:50pm	Foundation - Gail Spurrell	St. Helens B
2:30pm - 3:20pm	Education	St. Helens C & D
3:30pm - 4:20pm	Exec & Finance	St. Helens A
3:30pm - 4:20pm	Education	St. Helens D
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Education	St. Helens D
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Bigfoot Meeting (Past Lt. Governors)	St. Helens B
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Past Governors	St. Helens C
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Dinner with CKI	St. Helens A
	6pm Social Hour - No Host Bar, 7pm - 9pm Program (TBD)	

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 19TH

Breakfast	Part of Hotel Registration	
9am - 10am	Board Meeting & Closing - Governor David	St. Helens A

DON'T MISS THESE GREAT SESSIONS AT THE MID-WINTER CONFERENCE...

New Member Maze Challenge!

Can you help a New Member navigate through their maze faster than anyone else? You will encounter their 'problems' that 'block passageways' and then come up with 'solutions' to 'open them' to help them along their journey as a Kiwanian until your New Member gets safely back to the Club. Try it yourself or bring a friend to see how you do. Are you up for the Challenge?

All About Club Culture

A Club's Culture can be a plus or a minus to its success. Come see the good, the bad, and the benefit of understanding their Club's culture and how to leverage it to be more successful.

Past or Present Club Leaders - The Next Incoming Leaders are Counting on You!

Clubs have members who have been or are currently in Club Leadership positions. Incoming Leaders have not had their Club Leadership Training yet and will be anxious to find out what they will be doing beginning October 1st. Come see how you can be their Superhero by sharing tips or tricks you learned from your experience in the role of your successors and help set them up for success.

How to Be the Best (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, or Member)!

Everyone has had something they just loved doing in their Kiwanis role. There are a lot of amazing things we do that no one will probably ever know about. Come share either something you love to do in one of the Kiwanis roles or what you know someone else has done in one of the Kiwanis roles making a difference for members or others that you admired and will never forget.

How to Promote a Signature Project

One club's project will be shared, with examples of various options and opportunities to promote and make the Signature Project happen.

Return On Investment (ROI) – For Our Members!

Adding Value to others is one thing, but what does that truly mean to the volunteer? Most can't put a Value or Currency on it. Come find out how you can help them feel the real Return on Investment of their hearts and their hands for them.

Making Meetings Fun and Inviting

This module is full of demonstrations, activities, and resources you will see, do and leave with. Come see for yourself how you can turn your club "meeting" into an "experience," creating curiosity that your attendees will wonder what they might experience the next time they join you. Make your "Meetings" something attendees will leave describing as a Movement, Memory, Miracle, or Magic!



Mary Crozier Port Townsend Kiwanis Club

I ran a **Mystery Dinner** fundraiser event Dec 2 & 3 to raise funds for 2 of our local Foster-Support Organizations: Foster Support of Jefferson County & Olympic Angels. Both of these organizations “adopt” foster families and help them throughout the year with material items (clothes, toys) as well as services, such as mentoring the foster child, tutoring, babysitting, etc.

Foster Supports of Jefferson County
Foster Supports works closely with the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF). Because Foster Supports needs written permission to contact foster families, the DCYF sends a permission form to the foster family as well as the biological parent upon the return of their child, and then Foster Supports makes contact after the form is signed and returned.

When they contact each family, they explain how they can help - providing clothes, school supplies, food, finding resources and support. They let them know that they’re with them for the long term.

Olympic Angels
The Olympic Angels provides a Love Box program. The Love Box Program focuses on holistically supporting and sustaining fostering families. Volunteers spend time building relationships with all members of the family by playing games, sharing meals, and connecting, while also delivering monthly personal care packages (referred to as Love Boxes) based on the family’s current needs. The program is designed to increase placement stability and build an infrastructure of support around the home. Volunteers are matched with a fostering family based on location, compatibility, and scope of needs. This programs delivers meals and groceries, household supplies, provides extracurricular activities, seasonal treats, and babysitting help.

CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Corvallis Kiwanis Porter Park Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Kiwanis Club of Corvallis Sunrisers was invited to participate in the Corvallis Parks & Recreation's Porter Park Ribbon Playground Cutting Ceremony, and was recognized as having made a \$5,000.00 contribution to the completion of a wonderful improvement of playground equipment to this City Park.



Sunrisers who attended in the above photo are, from left to right, Rich Taylor, Terri Fackrell, Pansy Kemp, Milt Donelson, and Ed Fox. George Shaw and John Gallagher also attended, but missed being in the photo.



Sunrisers have been participating with The Corvallis Parks & Recreation Department on other projects. So, when we learned that there was a budgeting problem that, if not corrected, might result in the elimination of a smaller piece of park equipment specifically for smaller kids, ages 2-5, from their plan, Sunrisers stepped up and committed to the \$5,000.00 contribution as long as this special playground equipment remained part of the larger project.

-Gary Brackett, Tacoma Kiwanis Club

Portland Area Division Yarn Wigs Project

I'd like to tell you about an amazing service project I attended this weekend coordinated by Susie Meyer in the Hillsboro club and LTG of the Greater Portland Area Division. It was creating yarn wigs for kiddos with chemo. It is a project replicable in all of our divisions. It has strong appeal, as it can be done in conjunction with Key Club members like what Susie arranged with members of the Division 62 & 65 Key clubs. The Hillsboro club hosted the event for the division by providing beverages, treats and lunch, in addition to \$400 for supplies and the room rental. Best of all, it gave an opportunity for the generations to work together creating magic for children experiencing a difficult time in their lives.



Yarn wigs are created fashioned off of Disney characters. We created Cpt Jack Sparrow, Elsa from Frozen, and Rapunzel. No experience is needed. They have Magic Yarn chapters all over the USA waiting for service clubs to work with. They have volunteers that crochet the base of the cap, then work sessions like what we did on Saturday, working in groups of two, hooking the yarn in place to create the yarn wig. When I spoke to some of the Key Club students, I asked them if they were thinking about the child that would receive their wig. They smiled and said yes! Good feelings all around.

-Delanie Delimont, District Secretary

CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

100th Anniversary for the Kiwanis Club of Fort Vancouver

Founded in November of 1922 and chartered in February of 1923, Fort Vancouver Kiwanis club has seen and been a part of incredible changes in Vancouver, Washington. From the Roaring 1920s to the tech-filled 2020s, the club has thrived. Offering support of youth programs and community organizations that benefit young people, members continue to serve Vancouver.

The downtown club was the first in SW Washington. Sponsored by the downtown Portland Kiwanis Club, it continues to meet every week in downtown Vancouver. Members do considerable volunteer work for a small club. And the club is growing. Past and current members have served as Lt Governors and joined in efforts to manage Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki. The members also work with other local Kiwanis Clubs to run the Doernbecher golf tournament each year. This year, the donation to Doernbecher will be \$9,000.



The 100th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for February 11, 2023, at Club Green Meadows in Vancouver, Washington. Invitations will be coming out soon.

Please join us or, for more information, contact:

Carol Taylor at ctmailme@aol.com or Doug McPhee at Ftvankiwanis@gmail.com.

-Doug McPhee, Treasurer, Fort Vancouver Kiwanis

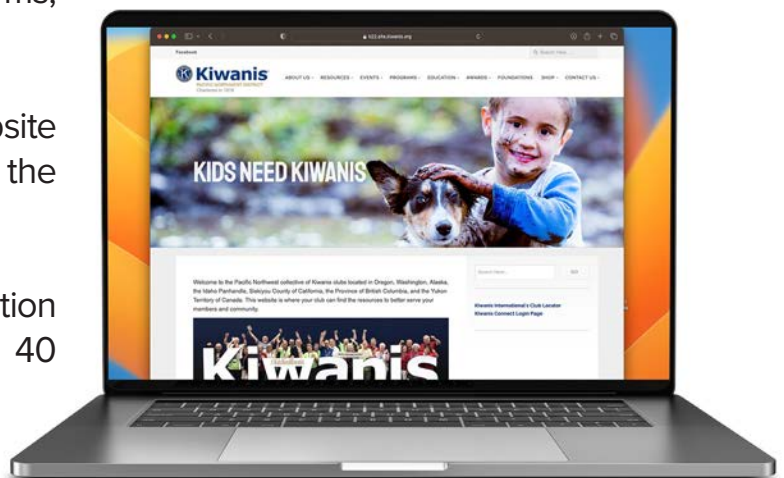
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You asked for easier navigation, fillable forms, ability to pay on line; it has arrived.

Visit our new www.pnwkiwanis.org website (<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org>) and check all the great features out.

You can also view the Zoom presentation on where things are located. It is about 40 minutes long.

<http://bit.ly/3vOUTEx>



A message from 2022-2023 Governor Elect Nicholas Hafez

Building Relationships, Enjoying Fellowships, and Expanding Service



As we just ended our beautiful holiday season, I would like to wish many of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. May you all have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

What a great conference I had in Indianapolis last October. It was an incredible learning experience with meeting many Kiwanian leaders and staffers and most of all my class of Governor-Elects and our President-Elect Katrina. There was a lot of fellowship and fun, but we also had full learning sessions for three days. It was really a Kiwanis moment.

As we celebrate this new year, let us reflect on how we can support our communities; from monetary donations to special projects, to fundraising for the Salvation Army, to help fundraise through your pancake breakfasts. We embark on these many projects and promote our love to our communities with our Kiwanis hats. Let us improve our communication for the betterment of our District.

But imagine if we had more members working together to fulfill our dreams for still yet a better community. Our club boosts, club openings and member retention will allow us to be in a better shape to execute our projects and make them a solid success.

In one of the sessions I attended in Indianapolis we talked about:

Why do we grow Kiwanis? Here's why: #KidsneedKiwanis and #KiwanisneedKids

- 50% of our preschoolers don't get outside every day to play
- 380,000 babies are born prematurely in the US annually
- 11.3 MILLION of our US kids leave school every day with no place to go
- 2.1 BILLION people in our world lack safe drinking water
- Countries still lose infants and mothers to neonatal tetanus
- In 2022 an estimated 2 million children under the age of 5 will die of hunger & other causes
- Mental health needs of children have raised continuously over the year.

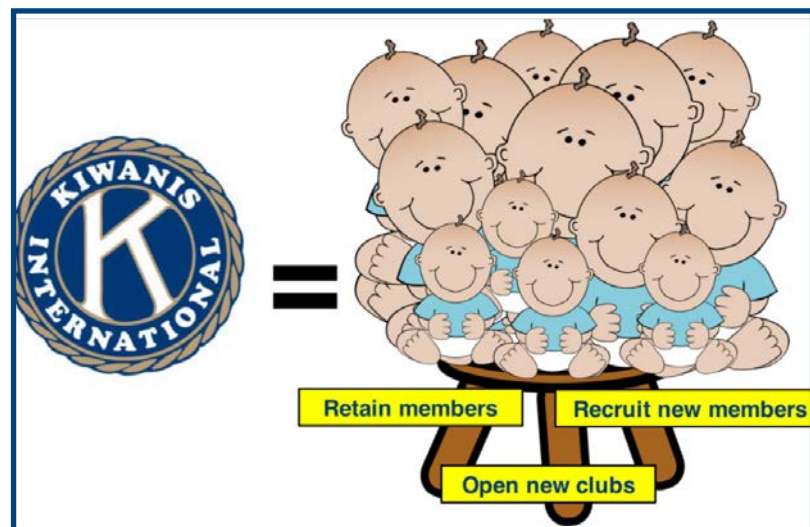
The question was asked over and over: What if Kiwanis did not exist? The reality is then we would not be able to bring the best to our communities and we could not make a difference. We exist to serve the Children of our communities and make it better. And that's why our District is focusing its efforts this year to open and boost our existing clubs.

Let us ask more of our friends, our neighbors, and our business partners to our socials and service projects to join us. We will multiply; we will have more hands amongst us for more and better projects.

We have the Power of Community Together with Growth and Service.

Yours in Service,

Nicholas Hafez, Governor-Elect
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SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

PNW KEY CLUB UPDATES

Greetings, Kiwanians! Key Club has some exciting updates to share with you all.

First off, back in September, PNW held our annual Key Club Days event! We had over 400 members in attendance, both virtually and in-person this year. Our members listened to Keynote Speaker Melvin Adams, attended workshops such as College Applications 101, and had fun bonding with members across the Pacific Northwest. In addition to our fun and learning, we were able to contribute significantly to our District Project: Help End Hunger. Between our canned food drive and over \$800 dollars in donations during our miracle minute, we were able to provide over 2,500 meals to families in need across the Pacific Northwest. Our members truly seized this opportunity to engage, perform service, and learn more about PNW Key Club.

Additionally, Key Club has been able to connect with our Kiwanis family, especially during this year's Kiwanis One Day event! On this wondrous occasion, Key Club members were able to work with their Kiwanis Clubs in hosting meaningful service projects. Divisions 64, 65, and 66, for example, collaborated with Portland-area Kiwanis Clubs to take part in the Magic Yarn Project! They were able to make dozens of whimsical, spirited hats for children battling cancer.

As we move further into the school year, we encourage you to continue to connect with your local Key Clubs. Key Clubs are busier than ever right now, working to attract and retain members, planning service projects, and preparing for District Convention 2023, which will be held in Seattle, WA, from March 31st-April 2nd. Please reach out and see how you can support your Key Clubs with all of these challenging tasks! Additionally, if you would like to receive regular updates from PNW Key Club, please consider subscribing to our Biweekly Updates by going to www.pnwkeyclub.org, scrolling down to the bottom of the home page, entering your information, and clicking subscribe. If you have any questions or would like to chat more, feel free to email me at kfam@pnwkeyclub.org!

~Tina Nguyen, PNW Key Club Kiwanis Family Relations Chair



Meet our new District Office Assistant, Michele Fitzsimmons. Like many Kiwanis members, Michele is very family oriented. She has three grown children, four grandkids, a dog, 6 chickens and several grand dogs and grand cats. Chickens have become quite the hobby with her, providing her with amusement and some wonderful eggs. Another recent hobby she has picked up, is freeze drying food. Her current favorite is freeze drying the numerous eggs she gets, to be given out as gifts to friends and family.

Michele is a native to the Oregon City area; born and raised. Currently she resides in Salem but is looking forward to getting back to the area soon.

She has worked in bookkeeping since 1994. When asked about what it is like working for Kiwanis, she said it is very complex. There is something different going on all the time, which she likes. She likes doing new things, one of the things she was drawn to Kiwanis. She hadn't worked for a non-profit organization before and looks forward to the variety. She especially is interested to hear about all the wonderful service projects members are involved in.

Membership Matters

Success and Challenges



Does Your Club Need Membership Help?



Your PNW Membership Team wants all clubs to be successful and vibrant.

The Team supports clubs which want to grow their membership:

- To increase your impacts in your communities, and
- Get your club back to charter strength.

Contact your lieutenant governor, who has an assigned coach, to request help. If you don't know who your lieutenant governor is, contact me at greg.wegrich@gmail.com to get going.

Two for Two (2 for 2)

Two for Two is a successful program that spreads the effort of attracting new prospective members without requiring every member to convert prospects into members. It is a year-round program that celebrates the collective efforts of all club members.

You can find everything you need to know about the program by clicking this link:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/membership/two-for-two-membership-strengthening>

Let me know about your successes and any challenges.

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All the proceeds from the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis District Online Auction, **Friday, March 31 - Wednesday, April 5, 2023**, will be used at the District Office to support education of our Kiwanis clubs and members through the Pacific Northwest which serves children and communities like yours. It also helps keep our District Dues from increasing.

Since this is a virtual auction, we would like to build auction packages for people to have experiences and get-a-ways. A club can work together and create a destination package that includes hotel stays, restaurants, and experiences. Or you may have something that works well in a virtual environment like a cooking class people can sign up for. This is an opportunity to showcase your town and its uniqueness.

This will be a fun way to come together as our Kiwanis community and share new experiences with each other. Please share the link to the auction with your friends and family as well.

Contributions or gifts to the Kiwanis District office are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/online-auction/>

Let 'Er Buck - An Auction Experience

Throughout the week of the Pendleton Roundup 2022, you could hear "Let 'Er Buck" used as a catchphrase to mean many things, "have a great time," "let the show begin" and so forth. Such was my introduction to an amazing time at Pendleton Roundup 2022.

I was thrilled when I was the lucky winner of the Pendleton Package put up by the Kiwanis Club of Pendleton for the District's Online Auction.

My husband and I were hosted by the president of the club, Pat Hagan and her husband Mike. This dynamic duo gave us an insider look at the Roundup, making sure to introduce us to all that was offered.

From Extreme Bull Riding to the Happy Canyon Pageant, we saw firsthand the dedication of thousands of volunteer hours needed to put on this weeklong event.

In addition to selling drink tickets to raise funds for their club, to flipping pancakes at the Cowboy breakfast, to dressing in period costumes for the Happy Canyon Pageant, our hosts Pat and Mike showed off that "Can Do" Kiwanis spirit.



I treasure the new friends we have made in the short time we spent in Pendleton and the opportunity to see other Kiwanis clubs in action. This wouldn't have happened without the Kiwanis Club of Pendleton providing this wonderful experience for the District online auction.

"Let 'Er Buck!"

-Delanie Delimont, District Secretary

CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Kiwanis One Day with Winthrop Kiwanis

Every club we know has faced problems maintaining members, programs, SLPs and all the things we associate with Kiwanis during the pandemic. We've worked hard to keep our Key Club alive and to do the things our community expects from us.



October 22nd was Kiwanis One Day, and we finally could bring back an active group working with our students in a friendly setting, producing something useful in our community.

Every Fall when things were normal, we would hold a Cider Press to provide homemade cider for our local Food Bank. A member owns the apparatus, and we usually can get donated apples to use; it's a fun event for all of us. This year we got

the apples and chose the One Day weekend so as to miss the High School's Homecoming Week activities and it was a huge success.



Starting mid-morning, ten Kiwanians, eight Key Clubbers and a few spectators turned the bin of donated apples into 78 gallons of cider to be delivered to the Cove, our local food bank. Crews ground and pressed the apples. Others prepped the jugs and filled them.

Apple residue was saved for animal feed and, when the bin was finished, we celebrated over a lunch of chili, cornbread, spice cake and of course apple juice.

Club members thoroughly appreciated the students, and the students left the event with feelings of accomplishment in the community.

-Roy Reiber, Kiwanis Club of Winthrop



CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Klamath Falls Kiwanis Club One Hundred Year Anniversary

On November 24, 1922, 100 years ago, the Kiwanis Club of Klamath Falls was chartered. This was less than a decade after the Kiwanis program was founded back on the east coast, so our forefathers jumped in early. Over the past 100 years, the club has done more things than there is room to list here, for our community and children everywhere.

There are placards all around town that show Kiwanis' contributions to the community - Steen Sports Park dugouts, parks, benches, playgrounds, etc. Sadly, a lot of the signs recognizing Kiwanis as a contributor have disappeared. Many of our more recent projects have been monetary contributions to support specific groups, mostly for children, but adults are not left out.

The club assists the Klamath-Lake Food Bank, both with contributions and with physical work. The Gospel Mission has our financial support for the work they do, as does the Senior Center, and on a broader scope: Doernbecher Children's Hospital, the Worldwide NeoNatal Tetanus Elimination Goal, and SIGN Fracture Care Int'l.

There are also the Kiwanis high school Key Clubs and OIT's Circle K Club, providing a venue and experience for young people to learn about being socially responsible adults. The SMART reading program has been on the club's "to-do" list for a long time as well as the Dolly Parton IMAGINATION program and the County Library and Friends of the Library.

One exciting project the club contributes to is the robotics teams in the city schools - FIRST Lego League, FIRST Tech Challenge, FIRST Robotics Competition and, in the county schools, VEX Robotics.

Other programs that get the club's help include (but are not limited to) the Boy Scouts, Klamath Outdoor Science School, the Folk Music Alliance Youth Program, Friends of the Children, Integral Youth Services, Tater Tots, Klamath Ice Sports Youth Program, the Ross Ragland Youth Program, the Assistance League and Bags of Love.

Funding for all of this comes from the Kiwanis Club's See's Candy Sale each Christmas season. Because the birthday came on Thanksgiving Day this past year, the members celebrated a bit early with a party on October 21st.

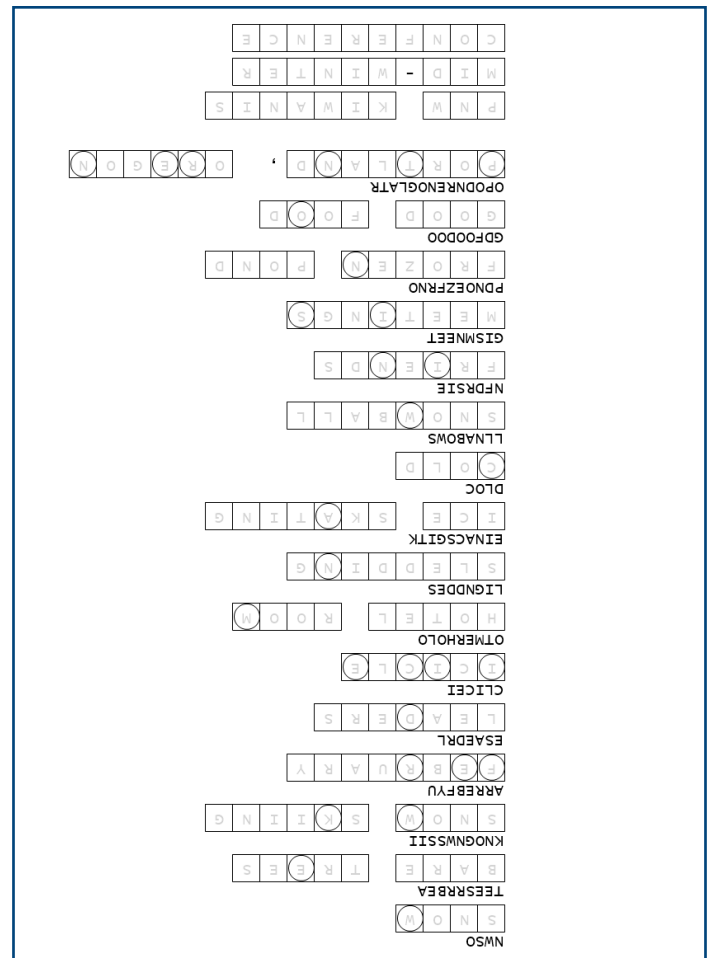
There were several out-of-town guests and higher officers of Kiwanis that joined us; the weather was great and they did not have to fight snow. Close to 50 were at the gathering

held at the Waffle Hut that evening. Royal Wise, a long-time member who now lives in Arizona, made the trip to Klamath Falls to attend the party and shared some of the things in which he had been involved, getting a lot of laughs and wise cracks from the crowd.

Attendees were then thoroughly entertained by Klamath County Museum Director, Todd Kepple, who showed pictures and news articles of Kiwanis's history in the basin. At the end of the program, the recently retired president, Neal Buchanan, introduced the officers and directors for the current year, who were installed by Kiwanis Cascade-Siskiyou Division Lieutenant Governor Joan Collins: President - Mike Neuman; President Elect - TBA; Treasurer - Heather Tyler; Secretary - Joan Riker; as Past President Neal also remains on the board as a director.

Even as the Kiwanis of Klamath Falls looks back on its first century, the members also look forward to the next century.

SKRAMBLE solution...don't peak. Puzzle is on page 24.



PNW Kiwanis History

WE BUILD:

PNW's First Kiwanis International Convention

The 2023 Pacific Northwest Midwinter Conference (Feb. 17-19) and District Convention (Aug. 17-20) will be held in the city of one of Pacific Northwest Kiwanis' four founding clubs: Portland. Portland is no stranger to district conventions, hosting eight PNW Kiwanis District Conventions ("DCons") between 1937 and 1992 and three back-to-back conventions in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

In over 100 years of Kiwanis International Conventions, six have been held in the Pacific Northwest, including two in Portland. The first "ICon" our district hosted was in Portland on June 16-19, 1920. At the time, it was billed as the fourth annual convention of Kiwanis International; however, in 1942, the 1916 national convention in Cleveland was deemed to have been the first international convention, thus retroactively making the Portland convention the organization's fifth convention.

In 1920, Kiwanis was still a very new organization. Kiwanis was first established in 1915 and expanded into Canada in 1916. Kiwanis adopted the concept of Districts at the international convention in June 1918, and the Pacific Northwest District was organized in the fall of 1918. However, the district uses as its official "birthday" the date of its Charter presentation in Tacoma (January 17, 1919), making the PNW District 104 years old as of January 17, 2023.

This convention is an important part of Kiwanis history because delegates adopted "We Build" as the Kiwanis motto, replacing the original motto "We Trade". "We Build" remained the Kiwanis motto for 85 years. In 2005, delegates at the international convention in Honolulu changed the motto to "Serving the Children of the World".

In those days, all expenses were paid by the host club and there was very little pressure from Kiwanis International to stimulate large attendance. For this reason, those who attended were usually elected delegates – typically club presidents. About 1,000 Kiwanians attended the convention, from as far away

as Tampa FL and Moosejaw SK. PNW's Governor was H.W. Riggs of Vancouver BC. The convention was the first one the western side of the continent, and the program billed Portland as "City of the West."



Sessions were held in the Elks Temple, then located at S.W. Broadway and Stark. Most of the detail was handled at the Kiwanis office then situated in downtown Portland's Concord Building, which is on the US National Register of Historic Places.

Events during the convention included an auto trip and salmon barbeque at Eagle Creek on the Columbia Highway, an evening of dancing, a picnic dinner at Council Crest, and a banquet at the Portland Auditorium basement.

Many Kiwanians stuck around for another organization's convention that immediately followed the Kiwanis convention. As an early example of service organization collaboration, street decorations were shared with the Al Kaker Temple of the Shrine for the 1920 National Shrine Convention that directly followed the Kiwanis International Convention; on the decorations, the Shrine emblem was simply placed over the Kiwanis K.



CONVENTION HOST CHAIR GEORGE LOVEJOY

After being nominated unsuccessfully for Governor in 1919, George Albert Lovejoy was the host chair for the 1920 international convention. He must have made a positive impression, because at that convention he was elected Third Vice President of Kiwanis International. He was the District's first member to serve on the International Board and also the only one to have never have first served as Governor. Serving as Governor was not a requisite at the time; just two years after the position of Governor was created, very few Kiwanians had served in such a position.



IN THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS

Henry J. Elliot of Montreal QC served as Kiwanis International President in 1919/20. He was quoted as saying this at the convention:

“The Kiwanis club is now established in the principal cities of the United States and Canada. We have international headquarters at Chicago. In the last year we have formed 140 new clubs and added 12,600 members, which gives us a total of 275 clubs and more than 30,000 members. This work has been accomplished in four years and is evidence that we have a real grip on the people of the North American continent.

A movement, an ideal, a law, is valuable only in, filling a pressing need. Kiwanis, with its ideals, would mean nothing were it not that it has been born in a time when the modern individual is grasping for the freshening influence which it provides.

Time was when men lived to themselves, producing their own, consuming their own: apart, save for some slight social contact. Today is the era of complex organization, for gigantic undertakings have gripped us and men are finding themselves dependent upon their contact with each other for the very necessities of existence. This closer contact has brought its evils of envy, selfishness and greed. Man has not wholly adjusted himself to the new order.

Thus, thinking men are today, turning their thoughts towards a solution of the problem and out of the many misunderstandings, the countless irritations, has arisen the great groping for a mutual understanding, the better appreciation of the other fellow, out of which has come Kiwanis.”

Note: Kiwanis International headquarters would later move to Indianapolis.

-Patrick Ewing, PNW Kiwanis Historian

100TH ANNIVERSARIES - Congratulations to the Yakima Kiwanis Club, who is now planning to celebrate its Centennial anniversary on March 30th. They're excited to welcome everyone interested in joining them, so reserve that date now and contact Roger Bell at rogerrdarat@gmail.com for more information. They are working on a dynamic speaker for the celebration!

Also see page 11 for information on the belated Fort Vancouver Kiwanis Club's centennial celebration to be held on February 11th. There are no further 100-year anniversaries during this fiscal year.



First, I'd like to thank Governor David and John Brookens for having faith in me to be the District Chairperson of KCCP.

The **Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program** has a vision, which is:

We Envision a World Without Childhood Cancer

Imagine wearing your Kiwanis branded shirt, pin, or hat and someone comes up to you and says: "Kiwanis, aren't you responsible for ending cancer in children?"

The history of KCCP started during Frank Morehouse's year as our PNW governor, 2010-2011. Frank had worked in the medical field for many years and during that time, he became friends with a 10-year-old patient named Penny. As it became clear that Penny would not survive the brain tumor, Frank made a promise to her that he would do something to end childhood cancers.

Out of that promise, the Kiwanis Children's Cancer Program was formed, based on the long time and very successful program at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

What do we do? We fund Fellowships in pediatric oncology and hematology. This means that Pediatric Doctors sign up for another 3-4 years of training to become Physician Scientists in the field of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology.

Where do we do this?

Doernbecher Children's Hospital, which is the "grandfather" of KCCP

Seattle Children's Hospital

British Columbia Children's Hospital

Why these three? They are the only Research and Training Hospitals in the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis.

What do these Fellows do? They are involved daily with the most advanced and novel treatments through initiated pilot and confirmational clinical trials. New discoveries in the PNW have been heralded by the FDA and in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology field as the most significant advancement in the treatment of cancer in children.

Personalized targeted medicines like Gleevec®, to treat the cancer at its source rather than affecting the entire body, immunotherapy drugs like Kymriah®, that accommodate the retraining of a child's own immune system to recognize and attack cancer, and prevention research to identify markers at birth, then through immunotherapy retrain the immune system to attack when the markers become cancer.

Phew! That's a lot of medical talk to say that the Fellows that we fund are working diligently to end childhood cancers! And they share their discoveries with other physician scientists around the world.

What can you do? Make sure that KCCP is a line item in your club's budget, ask me to come to your Division Council Meeting and make a presentation, check out the links on the PNW Kiwanis website.

That is <https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/kiwanis-childrens-cancer-program/>

Contact your area's KCCP organization: Doernbecher Children's (KDCCP) Seattle Children's (KCCP-S) or BC Children's (PNWCCS)

Thank you for your support!

~ rita ann Schwarting, PNW KCCP District Chair

Kiwanian Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle Honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Lewis G. Zirkle, president and founder of SIGN Fracture Care, recently received the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award from the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA). This award honors an OTA member who has dedicated their career to orthopaedic trauma and whose overall contributions to the profession have made outstanding, long-lasting, and impactful improvements to orthopaedic trauma education, research, and patient care.



“The OTA Board agreed unanimously it would be difficult to find someone more deserving of this honor,” said Dr. Michael Archdeacon, OTA President. “In addition, you should know we received several nomination letters on your behalf, and your dedication to our profession, and your amazing humanitarian accomplishments through SIGN are very highly regarded by our colleagues.”

Creating equality of fracture care around the world has been Dr. Zirkle’s lifelong vision. During his time as a US Army surgeon in Vietnam, as well as subsequent visits to both Vietnam and Indonesia, he taught local surgeons the techniques to treat patients with fractured arms and legs. However, once he understood they didn’t have a reliable supply of appropriate surgical instruments or implants, he realized he needed to revise his plan.

Dr. Zirkle was unable to find an existing company able to meet the required parameters within a reasonable cost. His undeterred conviction led him to found SIGN Fracture Care in 1999 as a nonprofit organization dedicated to supplying orthopaedic training as well as designing, manufacturing, and donating implants for surgeons to provide healing.

Under Dr. Zirkle’s leadership, SIGN Fracture Care has educated and trained over 7,000 SIGN Surgeons at 414 hospitals in 56 countries. Over the past 23 years, they have helped more than 390,000 people heal from fractured bones with implants donated at no cost to the patients. Each one of those people is now able to walk, which in turn enables them to return to work or school and support their family.

“We owe this award to our SIGN Staff and to all SIGN Surgeons,” Dr. Zirkle says. “I am pleased, and I am humbled to see the outstanding surgery done by SIGN Surgeons.”

-Lori Maier, Sign Fracture Care



2023 PNW District Convention CORK SCULPTURE COMPETITION

IDEAS & EXAMPLES

- Make it about anything (reasonable taste, please) and any size.
- Remember, 80% of the sculpture made of wine corks.
- There are 2 major categories, automated & not automated.
- Extra points for Kiwanis, PNW Kiwanis, Club, Division, theme.
- Extra points for creative presentation & explanation.
- Judged at 2023 DCON in Portland, August 18th-20th – bribes accepted.
- Modest prizes and massive bragging rights!





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CHILDREN'S FUND

In the 2021-22 Kiwanis year, the Kiwanis Children's Fund granted **US\$1.6 million** to Kiwanis communities all over the world, which in turn, impacted around **300,000 children**. We raised over **US\$2 million**, in support of KCF priority programs, more than we have in any of the last 5 years!

The Children's Fund is an essential partner for Kiwanis, extending and amplifying the collective power of generous Kiwanians. Together, we invest in Kiwanis communities to solve problems, meet unmet needs, and expand the reach of Kiwanis.

Gifts to the Children's Fund help us invest in Kiwanis communities like the Pacific Northwest and Kiwanis programs in Zambia. In an area where families struggle for access to water and electricity, the **Kiwanis Club of Lusaka, Zambia** makes sure that over 200 pre- and primary school children can get a quality education at Imitiikula Academy. The club has already made infrastructure updates, including the addition of an iron sheet metal roof to help with the building's durability.

Now, a club grant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund will enable them to provide essential school supplies, such as desks, boards, shelves, textbooks, and recreational equipment; hire a team of teachers and staff; develop a curriculum that meets students' needs; and provide food so that children can concentrate on learning

For information and help with how you and your club can support the Kiwanis Children's Fund contact one of the District Chairs: Jerry Deas (governorpnw2018@gmail.com) or Mike Frucci (frucci101@comcast.net).



The Kiwanis Club of Lusaka, Zambia makes sure that over 200 pre- and primary school children can get a quality education at Imitiikula Academy.

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