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July 3-6, 2024
Denver, Colorado**



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**District Convention
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Club Anniversaries

CONGRATULATIONS to the following club celebrating their 100th anniversary this quarter! The celebration information we have received is noted; please contact the clubs directly.

Shelton, WA - May 23, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS again to the Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club holding their 100th anniversary celebration on April 11th.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Kiwanis Club of Duncan holding their 75th anniversary celebration on June 11th.

There are no 50th anniversaries so far this year.

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Spring has sprung & the Kiwanis year is half over already! What are you doing to help your club grow and be able to serve more children? In this issue, you'll find a lot of useful information about upcoming conventions, service and fundraising projects, and how to grow your clubs. Also, I hope you'll take time to read about a national award given to one of our own, Brian Egger, PNW Key Club Administrator.

The selections for the KI Signature Project Contest have been sent in and the District Auction is in the books – check out those pages, too. Look to see if your club or division is listed in the Membership Race and of course, read the membership page (aka PNW Growth Team) for help to grow and sustain your club and about the new clubs being opened in the district over the next few months – perhaps you'd like to help.

The First Lady's Foster Kids Project page has information about donating to Akin with baby needs and clothing at the District convention this summer. Of course, look for the special Aladdin icon – the first person to send me the page number where he's hiding wins a prize! Congrats to Katie Weitz from the Kiwanis Club of Penticton for finding the January Aladdin within a half hour.

Melanie Bozak, Builder Magazine Editor 2023-2024 - mabozak@gmail.com

A message from 2023-2024 Governor Nicholas Hafez

You are the Leaders of the Future!



How do we prioritize membership growth? By prioritizing inclusivity and adaptability.

Membership growth is crucial for our organization's future. This is a reality that has hit us, and it is becoming more problematic. Our clubs are getting older, and not as many newer prospects from CKI are joining. When CKI members do transition to a Kiwanis club, most discover an older organization that does not cater well to young professionals and is slow to adapt to new realities.

We should welcome all new members, ensuring they feel comfortable and valued. We need to put even more energy than we do already into creating an inclusive environment where everyone can have fun and contribute. We need to challenge ourselves to help potential members overcome barriers (real and perceived) to see the value in joining Kiwanis and taking the initiative to join us.

We should also consider building new clubs, including internet-based and young professional clubs, as well as satellite clubs. These approaches can help us attract a new generation of members who are eager to serve and contribute to our communities but have never engaged with a community service group such as Kiwanis.

It is essential to engage with potential members. Let's involve them in our projects and invite them to our meetings. If they are interested in doing more, offer them a membership card and a healthy start in their new role as a Kiwanian.

We have been increasing our membership in the PNW over the past year. However, we still need to do better. We need to understand that membership is a priority and goes along with service hand in hand. We have a modest membership increase this year; it is about 250 new members and I applaud all the members who asked others and invited them to join. That's how it really works... ASK. We are halfway through the year. Now we need to end strong.

Our membership co-chairs have worked very hard boosting and helping clubs and we are in the process of building 3 new clubs. We are going to need Leaders like you who can and will step up to leadership positions in their clubs and divisions.

In May you will be electing your new officers and board members. Be ready and offer the torch to the ones who will lead next year - a President who will bind the team together and a Lt Governor who will direct all the teams within their division. The Lt. Governor position is one of the most fun positions in Kiwanis; it provides you with the most unique Kiwanis experience of a lifetime, visiting with the clubs within your Division and beyond.

The Lt. Governor is the scout who will help the District Membership Committee by getting to know the clubs that need to be strengthened and helping to build the new club in the Division. We always speak of strength and growth. They go hand in hand with leadership. A strong leader will always lead and will improve the team.

To all our members in the PNW, Team Community, you are the leaders of the Future, you are the Power of Community. Help us by stepping up to many positions in your club and in your Division. That's progress which will lead to a successful transition for 2024-25.

Yours in Service,

Nicholas Hafez

Governor

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Important Dates for 2024

Lt. Governor Training

May 31-June 2, Kennewick, WA

Kiwanis International Convention

July 3-6 Denver, CO

PNW Kiwanis Convention

August 22-25 Wenatchee, WA
Conference Center

Find the magic carpet!

The first person to send the page number where
the carpet was found wins a prize.

Send your answer to mabozak@gmail.com



2024 PNW Signature Project Winners

Group I – 27 members or fewer	Group II - 28 members or greater
<p>“Operation Holiday Lights” Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles – Olympic 17 club members; 15 participating = 88%</p> <p>Club fundraiser for 40 years Focus: Community Enhancement and Spirit</p> <p>Serves all ages</p> <p>“... creates a magical and joyous atmosphere for children and families in our community, offering them a memorable experience during the winter season. The lights become a backdrop for community events, creating a sense of togetherness and camaraderie during the long winter evenings.”</p>	<p>“Kiwanis Cares for Kids” Kiwanis Club of Gig Harbor 58 club members; 32 participating = 55%</p> <p>Service project for 7 years Focus: Back-to-school supplies, clothing, basic needs, poverty Serves all ages</p> <p>“... supports our most underserved (with up to 70% of students on Free/Reduced lunch) with child specific requests for clothes and shoes throughout the year, including kids who are experiencing homelessness ... funds much needed field trips ... funds growing young minds through experiences and extracurricular activities ...”</p>

Breaking News: Our Signature Project Contest Top 10 finalist selected by Kiwanis International was Gig Harbor. The final winners will be presented at International Convention in Denver. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Gig Harbor!

PNW District Online Auction

Dear Kiwanians,

Thank You to ALL who participated in the District Auction this year; you have my deepest appreciation.

I really want to thank ALL the Clubs and individuals who donated items for the auction, especially:

1. Kiwanis Club of Walla Walla
2. Tri-Cities Kiwanis
3. SW Washington Division Kiwanis Clubs
4. Springfield Oregon Kiwanis
5. Port Townsend Kiwanis
6. Port Angeles Olympic Kiwanis
7. Pendleton Kiwanis
8. Horse Heaven Kiwanis Club
9. Hood Canal
10. Lonnie and Debbie Johnson
11. Greg Wegrich
12. Gary Beller



This year we made approximately \$3,800 and so far \$1,740 in the Duckie Splash. We will have Duckies available soon for sale on the District Convention page until August and the drawing will be held at DCON in Wenatchee, Washington.

Cindy Crowther, PNW Fundraising Chair

FIRST LADY MARIA'S FOSTER KIDS SUPPORT PROJECT

The Akin logo is the word "akin" in a bold, lowercase, blue sans-serif font. It is centered within a white circular area that is part of a larger graphic featuring stylized, colorful silhouettes of people's heads and shoulders in shades of orange, red, and teal.

HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY'S UNIQUE NEEDS AND MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE.

ENROLLMENT IS CONTINUOUS FOR OUR BASIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS, EARLY LEARNING, MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

The Children's home society of Washington recently merged with Childhaven and together they rebranded themselves as **Akin**. The merger brought together two of the oldest and largest nonprofit social service agencies in Washington State. Akin is focusing their efforts on prevention and support to families before they fall into crisis. They hope to become a safety net that supports families in difficult times and helps them avoid involvement in child welfare and juvenile justice.

Akin is a statewide organization with offices in Vancouver, Key Peninsula, King County, Walla Walla, Spokane and Wenatchee. In the Wenatchee area, Akin provides Counseling, Academic support programs, Parent education and youth support groups. One way they help support families is through their "Tiny Stores" which opened last March. These stores try to stock things that will be helpful to families to meet their basic needs, with an emphasis on Children. Akin served more than 500 individuals in their first six months and they continue to see a steady increase in numbers each week.

For the First Lady's project, we will focus on baby and toddler needs. Here is the list of needs for the Wenatchee store:

Please make monetary donations to PNW website: <https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/first-ladys-program/> to be opened May 1, 2024. All donations made before August 10th will be used to purchase baby items. Monetary donations made after August 10th will be given as monies to Akin to be used as they desire.

~Maria Hafez, First Lady 2023-2024

Baby Needs

- Socks
- Wipes
- Pullups
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Baby Wash, Shampoo
- Baby Laundry Detergent
- Baby Sunscreen
- Baby Towels
- Nail Scissors or Clippers
- Baby Thermometer

Clothing

- Diapers (1-3 in sizes)
- Children's Underwear
- Shirts
- Onesies



Membership Matters

We have nearly completed the second new district club for the 2023-2024 year – the Kiwanis Club of Ridgefield-La Center in Washington. We anticipate completing the organization documents by mid-April, thanks to all the hard work from the Southwest WA division. It was a very exciting time meeting the residents of that area and talking with them about all the things we love about Kiwanis! Lonnie and I led the effort with lots of hours from local Kiwanians, the sponsoring club of Woodland-Kalama and Lt. Governor Patty after all the work of the calling team led by Michael McCay. Ridgefield has been the fastest growing community in the state for several years and looks like it will be a very exciting club. Thank you so very much to all involved in the effort! We are already preparing for the next ones.

Did you realize that the Kiwanis year is half over already? For your PNW Growth Team, that means we have a lot of work to do to up our game and add many more hands for service to the great PNW District! In addition to working on a few new clubs, both Lonnie and I are working with many clubs to “boost” their membership while retaining the members we have. We have lots of helpful ideas and tools to offer your clubs – let us meet to discuss how your club would like to add members.

Melanie Bozak, PNW-North Membership Chair

We are preparing to create a brand-new opportunity for the people of Bend, Oregon to serve their youth and community. That’s right, we are starting a new Kiwanis Club in Bend. A lot of the preparation work has been done, and now it is time to roll up our sleeves and make the calls, knock on doors, and invite the good folks of Bend to join us in serving the needs of their fast-growing neighborhoods.

As we move farther into this year of the PNW Growth Team, it becomes even more clear that the old saying of “It Takes a Village...” is so true. Our team, from Michael McCay, our de facto leader of the telephone call appointment setting, to past Governor Bob Munger, the guru of all things related to club formation and secretarial roles, to those dedicated folks who go out and knock on doors to assist in forming clubs. Each is extremely important in their own way. Take one part out of the team, and it sort of falls apart. Each part has a different shape and a different role, but somehow, they all fit together. Personally, I couldn’t be prouder of the team, and thankful for their contribution to my very core.

Lonnie Johnson, PNW-South Membership Chair

We make such a difference in our towns, villages, and cities, and, 2 more thoughts:

- 1. Please check out the information from KI about 2 more resources to help clubs with membership.***
- 2. If you’d like to practice inviting people to join Kiwanis, we are working on a pre-convention 4-club boost for anyone who can come to Wenatchee a bit early and join in... see the info box.***



PNW DISTRICT Membership Race Through February 29, 2024

CLUBS:

- +7 Members** Goldendale, Grants Pass, Kennewick, Kent, Kent AM, Kirkland, Madras, Snoqualmie Valley
- +8 Members** Lake Oswego, Redmond OR
- +11 Members** Olympia

DIVISIONS:

- +16 Members** Greater Portland Area
- +17 Members** Skagit Island Whatcom, Lake Washington-East
- +18 Members** Central Oregon

Just a friendly little competition to encourage you to grow your club!

A message from 2023-2024 Governor-Elect Vicki Frucci

Key Elements for Our Future



2024 Lt. Governor Training

With the Mid-Winter event over and being a hit, we are turning our attention to the Lt. Governor training. In that annual training for the incoming class of Lt. Governors, we focus on their role and are putting together some great content to equip and prepare them to start their new leadership role on October 1st.

Our team of Lt. Governor trainers Bill Glenn, Ken Brutzman, and Mitch Cunningham is on the task, we will be looking forward to another great event. It's all about the Lt. Governor's very important role as the leader of your Division officers.

We recently secured the site and dates of this event and here's the scoop:

Location: Clover Island Inn, Kennewick, WA

Dates: Friday evening, May 31st to Sunday noon, June 2nd

This training will be for all new and repeat Lt. Governors, as well as Lt. Governors-Elect. Be sure and get registered as soon as the link becomes available on this link "Lt. Governor Training". If the link does not work, use the URL: <https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/lt-governor-training/>.

If you are the next Lt. Governor for your Division, we look forward to seeing you in this training session that is all about "You" and your new role. Thank you so much for stepping forward to be that leader.

2024 Club Leadership Education (CLE)

Another important training we provide is for our new or repeat Club Leaders' training. It is oftentimes referred to as CLE.

We take that training very seriously and provide many tools and materials to help you with your responsibilities during your term.

This year we will be having 2 Virtual sessions (June 15, 2024 and July 13, 2024) and 1 in-person session the Thursday before District Convention in Wenatchee (August 22). CLE consists of training for each Club officer position (President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chair). The same training will be delivered at each of the 3 CLE listed. There will be more information out for each session and be sure to register ahead of time to get the link for a Virtual session and the in-person session through the District Convention site when it is live on the website. There will also be the Kiwanis International version of the CLE training and will be announced in July.

We look forward to having all new Club Leaders attend your choice of the format and date you prefer to attend. Thanks for preparing to be the best club leader with specific training for your role.

Yours in Service,
Vicki Frucci, Governor-Elect
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WE NEED YOUR SKILLS AND TALENTS!

Building Chair Needed

You don't have to live in the area to help. John Flaherty, our Building Chair for our property at 5427 Glen Echo Ave, Gladstone OR, is looking for his replacement to take over next October 1, 2024. Now is the time to speak up and let him know you are interested. Joining the Building Committee now will get you prepared to take over next year. John will still be available to be the local person to check on the building. You can become the leader from any location. Meetings are bi-monthly on Zoom. Connect with John Flaherty at johnflaherty@gmail.com or 503-577-4879.

DCON 2024 in Wenatchee, WA

Great Sessions on Friday, Aug. 23rd



2024 PNW District Convention Education Modules

Our District Convention will be happening from August 23–25, 2024 at the Wenatchee Convention Center in Wenatchee, Washington.

I wanted to just share a bit of news about the Education Modules we will be offering to you during this year's PNW District Convention (DCON). We have a bit of a new twist in these modules.

We will be delivering the modules in a method similar to “Ted Talks”. We will have 3 Tracks with a number of sessions running in each track. The tracks will be set up for a specific topic, and the modules will be very short, focused and specific content related to that track. So, attendees do not have to sit through a lot of material in a certain topic to get just the piece they wanted. Once the short module is done, the attendee can stay for the next module in that track or move to another. It's a great way to get people the info they need and the flexibility to get up and move from one to another if they want.

This method is very interesting and by offering it like this we can offer 24 specific focused topics in the time we have been delivering 16. We're looking forward to it and we are looking forward to you getting the specific content you want and be able to move to others as you see fit.

We will also have a room near the track rooms set up for Questions and Answers. After an instructor completes their topic, they move directly to the Q&A room, and any attendees can follow them in, ask questions or get additional information from them and return to the tracks for more topics.

We will be sending out the various topics and presenters as we continue to fill the grid. Be sure to watch for it and plan the topics you want to get into at the convention. If several from your club attend, you can strategically pick the topics you want and spread pick out to get the information and bring back.

ALSO, we want to hear from you and get any suggestions you may have of topics you want us to consider putting it into our Education Modules. We really like to be able to bring new topics to you all.

Please send any topics you are wondering about or need to know about Kiwanis, development tools, How-tos, recruiting, retaining, teambuilding, making meetings fun, games, intentional living, or any topic you or your club might be interested in also. I'm anxious to hear from you.

Vicki Frucci, Governor-Elect
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BIG FAT GREEK DCON WENATCHEE WASHINGTON AUGUST 23RD-25TH 2024



WHAT TO EXPECT:

Thursday

We begin with administrative type meetings, Club Leadership Education, and ends with the Team Dinner. The Team Dinner is for everyone, do not let the title fool you.

Friday

The exhibit hall, credentials, and registration all open.

Breakfast is celebrating all new members since 10/1/23, don't miss the fun! Then move into the learning tracks (also in the afternoon); then lunch with Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs.

We finish Friday with an a la carte choice from the Past LTG Bigfoot Brigade through registration: a bus ride to beautiful Leavenworth then dinner and stroll on your own.

Saturday

Registration continues, FINAL credentials time and visit the Exhibit Hall.

We start the morning with an Awards Breakfast presented to individuals and clubs for their successful administrative year 2022-23 presented by Past Governor David Crozier.

Then, on to the business of the weekend where we vote at the Delegate Session: elect the Governor-Elect and handle any business for the district. Be sure to send delegates from your club.

Then, an amazing lunch, and we will have a speaker we're sure you'll enjoy.

Now we move into a service project supporting Akin Children's Home Society and hear about their project, we'll be asking your clubs to bring things families can do together like books and games.

Whew are we excited/tired yet? Well, let us take a little break to get costumed up for the main event... the "Governors Ball" celebrating Governor Nicholas. This year's theme is Greek/Arabian Knights. Dress Code is Greece or Arabian Knights style; or come as you are; we'll still let you in the door. Enjoy your dinner listening to a band and belly dancing. Save your \$\$\$ so that you can bid all night on the Outreach Auction. Find out who the winner of the DUCK SPLASH is, followed by much needed rest, BEDTIME!

Sunday

Farewell Breakfast with a speaker we know you will enjoy.

Your Convention Committee and Chairs are excited to meet you!

Registration and Hotel Registration is now live...visit:

<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/district-convention-2024/>

Keep visiting this site for continued updates.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS LIVE!



Register early for the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention to get the best price! Early registration could also result in access to our special event: The first 1,000 people to register for the full convention package will receive a free ticket to the July 4 Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball game at Coors Field. (One ticket per registration. Note: Transportation to or from the game will not be provided.)



Embark on an extraordinary journey at the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. Discover the pathways to expanding your club's membership and magnifying its influence on your community. Delve into innovative fundraising concepts. Learn how to transform service projects in ways you never thought possible. Receive hands-on guidance in becoming a skilled Kiwanis leader.

And the best part? The chance to connect with fellow Kiwanians and swap fresh ideas. You'll leave inspired to make a difference.

So, grab your gear and join us for the most exciting and educational Kiwanis event of the year. You don't want to miss out on this adventure of a lifetime! See you in Denver!

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION TO:
<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/kiwanis-convention/>



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"WHAT ELEVAVATATION WILL YOUR CLUB ASSEND TO?"

The PNW Foundation will award annual banner patches to Kiwanis clubs based on their club's total annual contributions. As of January 31, 2024 the clubs' donations are:



Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend, WA	\$500.00
Kiwanis Club of Snohomish, WA	\$500.00
Kiwanis Club of Yakima, WA	\$500.00



Kiwanis Club of Federal Way, WA	\$400.00
Kiwanis Club of the Valley, Bonney Lake, WA	\$250.00
Kiwanis Club of The Dalles, OR	\$250.00
Kiwanis Club of Stanwood-Camano, WA	\$250.00



Kiwanis Club of Tigard, OR	\$200.00
Kiwanis Club of Emerald Empire of Eugene, OR	\$200.00
Kiwanis Club of Kent, WA --AM Club	\$190.00
Kiwanis Club of Kent, WA	\$170.00
Kiwanis Club of Auburn, WA	\$150.00
Kiwanis Club of Pullman, WA	\$125.00
Kiwanis Club of Corvallis, OR Sunrisers	\$115.00
Kiwanis Club of Duncan, BC	\$100.00
Cascadia Kiwanis Club	\$100.00
Kiwanis Club of Gladstone, OR	\$100.00
Kiwanis Club of Montavilla, OR	\$100.00
Kiwanis Club of Fort Vancouver, WA	\$100.00
Kiwanis Club of Springfield, OR	\$100.00
Kamiakin Kiwanis Club of Yakima, OR	\$100.00

Join the above Kiwanis clubs and make a donation to the PNW Kiwanis Foundation so more student scholarships and club grants may be given out to "Make Dreams Come True".

CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Ferndale Honored for Placing Flags

The Ferndale Kiwanis Club was recently honored by the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. SAR is a national historical and educational non-profit organization that promotes freedom, patriotism, respect for our national symbols and the value of American citizenship.

One of the many ways the SAR promotes these values is by recognizing outstanding displays of the American flag by individuals, corporations, businesses and civic and service organizations.

The Ferndale Kiwanis Club has been proudly displaying over 150 flags along Main Street on nine different federal holidays for over thirty years. After 9/11 the flags were placed and taken down each day, every day for three months.

Ferndale Kiwanis started a program where families can acknowledge their family members who served our country by purchasing a flag in their honor.

The flag pole will have a plaque attached with an engraving of the veteran's name and date of service as well as the branch they served in. Two of our newest flags will fly on July 4th to honor two Revolutionary War patriots.

-Kathy L Young
SOS Tutoring
Successful Organized Students



Longtime member and flag service project coordinator Pete Harksell (holding flag and plaque) with Dennis Davenport, member of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution



Ferndale Kiwanis Club being presented with the plaque.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

PNW KEY CLUB UPDATE

BRIAN EGGER: HE'S OUR GUY & WE'RE SO PROUD!!



At the recent PNW Key Club DCON, it was announced that PNW Key Club Administrator Brian Egger was awarded the highest honor bestowed by Key Club International: The Key of Honor Award. The award was introduced by Key Club International in 1941, and awarded recipients who have made a lifelong positive impact to youth and are honored for their long-term support of the Key Club program. There are many illustrious former recipients including John F. Kennedy in 1964. Never has it been awarded to anyone in the PNW, and Brian may well be the youngest recipient ever (but we'd need to verify that).

Wendy L. Fraser, Ph.D., President of Fraser Consulting, LLC and Past Circle K International President, wrote in her nomination letter: "Brian has been a delightful paradox as the Pacific Northwest District Key Club Administrator. He embodies rare servant leadership by focusing on building the capacity in Key Club by encouraging district officers, adult advisors, and members to voice their ideas and explore service and leadership concepts so that it comes from them. He consistently generates ideas and practices that strengthens district leadership which impacts service and member engagement. He has sound character, integrity, sprit, and encompasses Key Club's ideals."

"I have found Brian instrumental in supporting, guiding, and modeling for Key Club district and club officers and advisors. He supported the district in creating and renewing their strategic direction and engaged me to help coach select board members and committee members in this effort. Brian helped the district governor and a past Key Club governor put together a small, diverse committee that I worked with for four months to construct a strategic plan that the House of Delegates considered and passed. Brian was behind the scenes supporting the effort and it is clear to me that it would not have happened without his guidance. He understands the sweet spot between initiating, guiding, and engaging enough so that these Key Club leaders get their opportunity to learn and grow with these efforts. He knows when to step in and when to step aside, and when to observe. Not many people exercise this with the humility that Brian does."

"Brian has a servant leadership acumen and a professional maturity that has made a difference in many people's lives. He is a rare gem and has been making a difference here in PNW for many years. I cannot think of another person who encapsulates the ideals and criteria embedded in the Key of Honor Award than Brian Egger."

Criena Sekhon wrote in the nomination, "Those of us on the adult committee supporting Key Club are very proud of Brian for being more than worthy of this honor. The process for nomination is arduous and required 20 letters of recommendation in support of the nomination. Every individual I requested a letter from was more than happy to provide one, including several past Kiwanis Governors, Key Club International Presidents, Key Club Governors, Past Chair of the Kiwanis Youth Programs Board and many others." The full award and plaque will be presented at Key Club ICON in July.

CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN!



SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

BUILDERS UPDATE

Six New Builders Clubs!

I'm excited to announce that we have 6 new Builders Clubs in the Pacific Northwest District, and that 3 of those clubs were co-sponsored by a Key Club.

The above was how I wanted to start my SLP article for this edition, but at the recent Key Club District Convention, held in Portland, I was surprised to discover that there is a seventh Builders Club charter request sent just the week before, and it was co-sponsored by a Key Club. To me this is very exciting news and points out the importance of the Kiwanis family.

For a few years now, I have had the pleasure of conducting a workshop at Key Club DCON on how they can create their own legacy, or someone to take over Key Club when they graduate. These young, bright minds seem to enjoy the thought of mentoring youth to replace them. The response I have received seems to bear that out. Seven clubs, 4 co-sponsored by Key Clubs. I am impressed.

In addition, Builders Club advisors have completed 100% of their background checks. Good Job! Protecting our youth is Job #1.

In Service to our Youth,
Lonnie Johnson
PNW Builders Club District Administrator



K-KIDS UPDATE

The K-Kids is a winning proposition for students, their schools and communities. These young leaders learn to help others through service. They begin to understand the impact they can have on their communities and the world.

KI Advisor & Member Survey 2023

The results of the club advisor and member survey last year reported:

- The top four skills advisors report their members building: Teamwork 92%, Caring 86%, Communication and Listening 81% and Confidence 81%.
- The top four topics K-Kids members report learning: Need in their community 75%, How to help others 69%, How to plan projects 57%, How to lead discussions or activities 52%.

April

K-Kids are involved in Earth Day. Planting flowers or trees. Collecting bottles or cans for recycling. Cleaning up around schools.

May

K-Kids are celebrating their year of service. They plan parties acknowledging the officers and service. They put up posters showing all the projects they worked on during the year. K-Kids start making plans for the next year and get ready for elections!

Please talk to your Kiwanis Clubs about starting a K-Kids Club. Please contact me for information:

Debbie Johnson
PNW K-Kids District Admin
bass.girl@budget.net (541) 659-3621

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

AKTION CLUB UPDATE

Our Kiwanis Aktion Clubs are the only service clubs for adults with developmental disabilities in our country, and perhaps worldwide. Currently, there are 12 active clubs in our district with about 163 members.

What this means is that there is a huge opportunity for growth. Are you in one of the 14 divisions/areas that currently doesn't have a club, or one of the 9 that had a club in the past and it's now inactive?

The Gig Harbor Kiwanis Club is working with local organizations to start a new club, and another new club was recently formed in Port Townsend. I will do whatever I can to help you start a new club or reinstate an inactive club. Please call, text, or email me if I can help you in any way.

With a Heart for Service,
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On January 10th Governor Hafez and Rita Schwarting traveled to the charter event for the Newberg, Oregon Aktion club.



The Outreach Program



The Outreach Program is the signature project for the PNW Kiwanis Cascadia Internet Club. We raise funds through auctions and medallion sales which are held at Mid Winter and District convention. Baskets and items are donated by members of Cascadia club, clubs throughout the PNW District, divisions and individual PNW members, and Outreach medallions are sold for \$100 each.

Through these two fundraisers, thousands of dollars are raised yearly. These funds help support the PNW Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (SLP). Financially we help send District SLP officers and board members of PNW Key Clubs (Kiwanis High School members), Circle K (Kiwanis University members), and in certain instances Aktion Club members to attend conferences and conventions.

If you would like to support our Service Leadership Program members, please stop by our Cascadia booth at both Mid-Winter and District Convention and pick up your medallion and check out our auction items that are being displayed. Medallions may be purchased anytime throughout the year by contacting Steve Emhoff at steve@emhoffgroup.com or 509-945-3944.

KIWANIS LAW ENFORCEMENT YOUTH CAMP 2024



UNLOCK THE ADVENTURE...

Explore the excitement of a career in law enforcement!

Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp

August 11 - 17, 2024

Kickstart your journey into the world of law enforcement at the PNW Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp, co-hosted by Kiwanis and the Washington State Patrol at the Washington State Patrol Academy in Shelton, Washington. For high school juniors and seniors, male and female, who have a strong interest in criminal justice, whether it be in the FBI, ATF, Military, County or municipal levels. The intense camp will be an experience of a lifetime and give students a chance to experience these professions.



The website: <http://www.kiwanislawenforcementcamp.com> will provide detailed information and contact to answer questions.

For questions and more information email: kiwanislawenforcementcamp@gmail.com

Derek Valley, Olympia Kiwanis, KLEYC Board Member, (360) 951 9151

KiwanisSIGN PNW District Project

2024 PNW February District Board Meeting Report KiwanisSIGN Update

Strong support for the project has continued with a total of \$2,470,826 donated through January 2024. There were 3,174 implants shipped to KiwanisSIGN surgery centers between January 2023 and January 2024. Estimating that each surgery affects a family of four, this means that more than 12,696 patients and family members in developing countries had their lives restored this year. Confirmed surgical reports since the project started total 123,019 through January this year. This means over 492,076 patients and their family members have had their lives restored because of your efforts!



Soddo Christian Hospital, Ethiopia

- 281 SIGN Surgeries in 2023

Dawit, 9, was in a traffic accident that left him with a fractured right femur. He was unable to stand or use his leg, so his family brought him to Soddo Christian Hospital. The doctors were able to treat his wounds and, a few days later, used a donated SIGN Fin Nail to stabilize the broken bone. At Dawit's 6-week checkup, he is able to squat and smile, and he is well on his way to a full recovery.



Bayalpata Hospital, Nepal

- 46 SIGN Surgeries in 2023

Salina, 6, fell and injured her leg while playing. When her family realized that she was unable to walk the next day, they brought her to Bayalpata Hospital, where doctors determined that she had a fractured femur and that a SIGN Pediatric Fin Nail was the best treatment. Over nearly a year, she has returned for check-up appointments, which show good healing and that her accident will not have any lasting effects on her ability to walk, run, and jump.

KiwanisSIGN Awards: The PNW District has sponsored a total of 74 SIGN surgical centers. Our main focus now is on sustaining these KiwanisSIGN centers. To this end, 120 Kiwanians have now donated in excess of \$1000 and received the "Milt Lewis Medal" in recognition. In addition, 22 Kiwanians have individually donated in excess of \$15,000 to sponsor one of the 74 SIGN centers.

Restoring Lives

"Society is really benefiting from this. SIGN is very important, especially to the patients that we treat, because they recover quickly and return to their activities."

- Dr. Kennedy Nchimbi / Tanzania



SIGN Fracture Care International Update

2024 PNW February District Board Meeting Report KiwanisSIGN Update

In early June 2023, Jeanne Dillner, CEO, and Terry Smith, SIGN Engineering Manager, traveled to Tanzania where they visited Nkoaranga Lutheran Hospital in Meru. While there, Jeanne got to visit Martha, who was the first patient to receive the SIGN Pediatric Nail in Tanzania. They then traveled to Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute (MOI) in Dar es Salaam where in collaboration with the Institute for Global Orthopaedics and Traumatology (IGOT), hosted the 8th MOI Trauma Course. More than 160 doctors from 14 African countries participated, gaining hands-on experience while learning from their colleagues and international experts.

The annual International SIGN Conference was held in Richland, WA, in October. There were 60 SIGN surgeons from 23 countries in attendance. Each participated in lectures, engineering workshops, and hands-on bioskills lab sessions. They took this training back to their home countries, where they are sharing it with other SIGN Surgeons.

On Thursday evening of the Conference, October 12, SIGN Supporters and Surgeons gathered for the SIGN Homecoming Gala: A Night to Inspire Healing. This fundraising event gave the opportunity for donors and surgeons to get to know each other and form bonds that cross borders.

To help surgeons care for wounds that are common in traffic accidents, SIGN Engineers developed a skin graft system that was delivered to surgeons following the SIGN Conference. This inexpensive and innovative system enables surgeons to cover wounds and reduce the risk of infection for patients.

SIGN celebrated its 25th anniversary on January 29, 2024. They are celebrating all year with special messages going out in newsletters and electronic mailings. If you are not on the list and would like to receive these updates, you can sign up via their website at <https://www.signfracturecare.org/join-mailing-list>

2023 SIGN by the numbers:

- 25 New SIGN Programs
- 25,799 Patients healed in 2023
- 423,250 Patients healed since 1999

The top reporting programs in 2023:

- Cambodia** - Kossamak Hospital **1,029***
- Tanzania** - Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute **713***
- Tanzania** - Dodoma Regional Referral Hospital **652**
- Malawi** - Kamuzu Central Hospital **484***
- Myanmar** - Yangon General Hospital **321***
- Cambodia** - Calmette Hospital **277***
- Ethiopia** - Soddo Christian Hospital **272***
- Bangladesh** - Rajshahi Medical College Hospital **267***
- Kenya** - St. Orsola Hospital Matiri **259**
- Ethiopia** - St. Paul Hospital **259***

* *Kiwanis sponsored*



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CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Stanwood-Camano Receives A Kiwanis Children's Fund Microgrant

Congratulations to the Stanwood-Camano Kiwanis Club who received a \$1,000 microgrant from the Kiwanis Children's Fund to help grow more fresh vegetables for the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank!

Per Club Secretary Erika Sigmon, "We plan to add 3-4 more planter boxes. Last year we took in over 4K pounds of produce to the food bank! We are hoping for closer to 6K this year, especially with the additional planter boxes."

The project started 16 years ago as an Eagle project, mainly sustained by Boy Scout Troop volunteers up until about four years ago and then the Kiwanis club stepped in to keep it going through COVID years to present. It started out in fields, truly as a farm, now we work in planter boxes (currently 14 of them), large pots, and a few spots where squash are planted in the ground. There have been 5 Eagle Projects completed at the farm so far.

NOTE: The club will have a Plant Sale open to the public on April 20th, 10am - 4pm at the Stillaguamish Grange Hall, 6521 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood, WA. Funds raised will be used to support this club-operated 'farm' which grows food to be donated to the local food bank.



What's a Children's Fund Microgrant?

The Kiwanis Children's Fund has a long history of collaborating with Kiwanis clubs to fill gaps in their project funding via club grants. But what about smaller clubs with limited service budgets? The Children's Fund knows that small projects can have a huge impact on the lives of children.

If your club has 35 members or fewer and is in good standing with Kiwanis International and the Kiwanis Children's Fund, you may qualify to apply for a microgrant of US\$250-1,000!

Your project must:

- Be a service project enhancing the lives of young children and youth in your community.
- Support at least one of the three Kiwanis causes: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.
- Be upcoming or in process (not yet completed) when grant payment is received.

For more info: <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/grants-scholarships/microgrant-program/>

CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Kiwanis Kids “Noon Tunes” in the Park

2024 marks the 7th year the Kiwanis Club of Puyallup is the primary sponsor of the City of Puyallup-Parks and Recreation Department’s concert series for children and their families. This annual summertime series is funded (at \$5,000 per year) by a partnership of our club’s Youth Service and YCPO committees and Puyallup Kiwanis Foundation.

The 6-8 concerts are held weekly during July and August. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, no concerts were held during the summer of 2020, but attendance has increased each year since the concerts resumed in 2021. In 2023, more than 2,300 concert-goers enjoyed the 7 shows. Concert themes vary from week to week. Examples include - Reptile Isle (snakes, lizards & gators), Captain N’ Arrr (Pirate Show for Kids), The Gumballs (High Energy Kids’ Band), Roberto the Magnificent (crazy comedy, & stunt show), and Professor Ficklestein (Science show for Kids).

Concerts are held in Pioneer Park in downtown Puyallup and those attending bring blankets, strollers, folding chairs, and lunches to enjoy while sitting on the lawn in front of the stage. During the introduction of each concert, the emcee acknowledges our Kiwanis club as the primary sponsor plus our club’s banner is displayed on the stage.

The “Kiwanis” name and logo are included in all promotional materials (flyers, posters, and the Parks and Recreation Department’s summer programs booklet). For 2024, the Kiwanis Kids “Noon Tunes” will also be promoted on the club’s website and Facebook page.

Visit puyallupparksandrec.com for updates and possible changes to the entertainment schedule.

Concerts are subject to cancellation due to weather.
QUESTIONS? CALL 253-841-5457.

**SPECIAL EVENT
SUMMER CONCERTS KICK-OFF
JUNE 25 @ BRADLEY LAKE PARK**

Time	Performer	Style
1:00-2:30pm	Prism Data Montage	80's New Wave
2:00-4:30pm	Infinity Project	Journey Tribute
5:00-6:30pm	Heart By Heart	Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Members

**FAMILY SERIES
THURSDAYS @ PIONEER PARK**

Date & Time	Performer	Style
July 7, 6:30-8pm	Kalimba	Earth, Wind, & Fire Tribute
July 14, 6:30-8pm	Whiskey River	Lynard Skynard Tribute
July 21, 6:30-8pm	Cherry Cherry & Main Street	Tribute to Neil Diamond and Bob Seger
July 28, 6:30-8pm	Brokarriff	Motown Hits
August 4, 6:30-8pm	Atomic Punks	World's #1 Van Halen Tribute
August 11, 6:30-8pm	Brickhouse	Kings of Disco
August 18, 6:30-8pm	Paperback Writer	Disneyland's Beatles Tribute

**KIWANIS KIDS
NOON TUNES
TUESDAYS @ PIONEER PARK**

Date & Time	Performer	Style
July 5, 12-1pm	Reptile Isle	Snakes, Gators, Lizards
July 12, 12-1pm	Professor Ficklestein	Science Show for Kids
July 19, 12-1pm	The Hot Its	Top Kids' Band
July 26, 12-1pm	Eric Boss	Nationally-Known Comic
August 2, 12-1pm	Ruck & Elizabeth	Old West Fun
August 9, 12-1pm	Cap'n Arrr	Pirate Show for Kids
August 16, 12-1pm	The Gumballs	High Energy Kids' Band

**THANK YOU TO
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After enjoying the concerts, youngsters can walk to the far corner of the park and cool-off in the “Kiwanis Kids Spray Park”. Or, they can head into the Puyallup Public Library, located on the west edge of the park, and have some fun in the “Kiwanis Imagination Station” which is part of the children’s section in the library.

Summertime in Puyallup is all about Kids.

-Pete Bristow, Secretary



CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

Port Townsend Kiwanis 75th Anniversary

The Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend celebrated their 75th anniversary in March by donating labor and funds to accomplish four legacy projects at the local Port Townsend middle school.

The celebration was held in the afternoon following the work party, which included proclamations, Everyday Hero awards, dedication of the projects, honoring many sponsors and supporters of the club, and hosting Governor & First Lady Nicholas and Maria Hafez and other local leaders.



Students working on the new fence decoration cups donated by the PT Kiwanis Club.



Volunteers planting flowers and shrubs in new garden area.

Moses Lake Prepares Bikes



Kiwanian and Rotary members working on new garden area.



Kiwanis Club of Moses Lake member Susan Blackwell (pictured) helped prepare used bicycles for BARGAS (Bicycle Activities, Repairs, Giveaways And Skills-building). BARGAS, which has expanded far beyond just a bike rodeo, is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Moses Lake, Moses Lake Trails Planning Team and City of Moses Lake Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services.

~ Louis Logan, Moses Lake Kiwanis Club

PRE-CONVENTION GROWTH TEAM BOOST

Please join your PNW Growth Team leaders as they conduct a 4-club Boost in the Wenatchee area. Learn how and practice sitting down with potential members and telling them what you love about being a Kiwanian and why they might want to join a club and help children and their community.

Tentatively scheduled for Monday night through Wednesday afternoon, 8/19-21/24.

Registration & more information soon!

TWO FOR TWO WORKS! MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU.

This month marks the second anniversary of the introduction of Two For Two. This resource is geared toward customizing Two For Two and making it work for any club. It is included in the annual club mailing that should have arrived late March and will soon be available online.

You can find the additional resources online (kiwanis.org/twofortwo):

- Two For Two guide
- 5 easy steps to begin Two For Two & Discussing the value of membership
- Making Two For Two fun

CREATE YOUR CLUB'S MEMBERSHIP PLAN

There is a new workbook from KI that is a club's starting point, with our help if you like, to:

- Examine where the club is today
- Strategize where the club wants to be in the future.
- Analyze which membership strategies work best for the club.
- Decide how the club plans to meet its goals.

The workbook was included in the March club mailing. An educational campaign focused on using this guide will begin soon. Workbooks will be sent for the district convention as well.

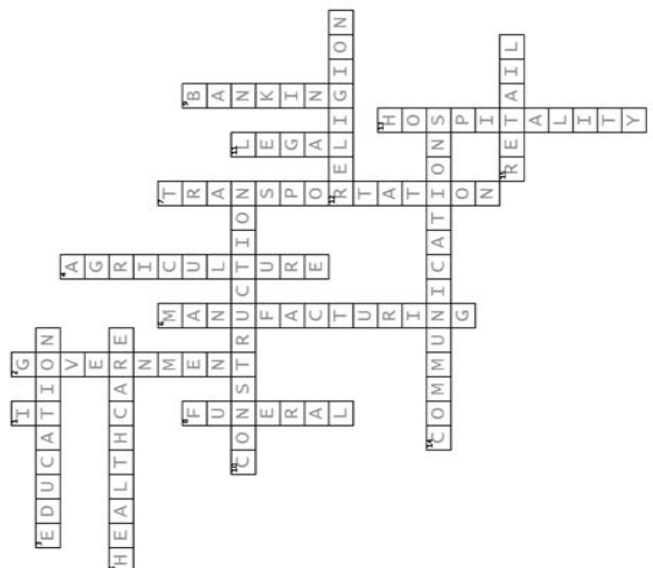
Candidate for Governor-Elect



John Flaherty

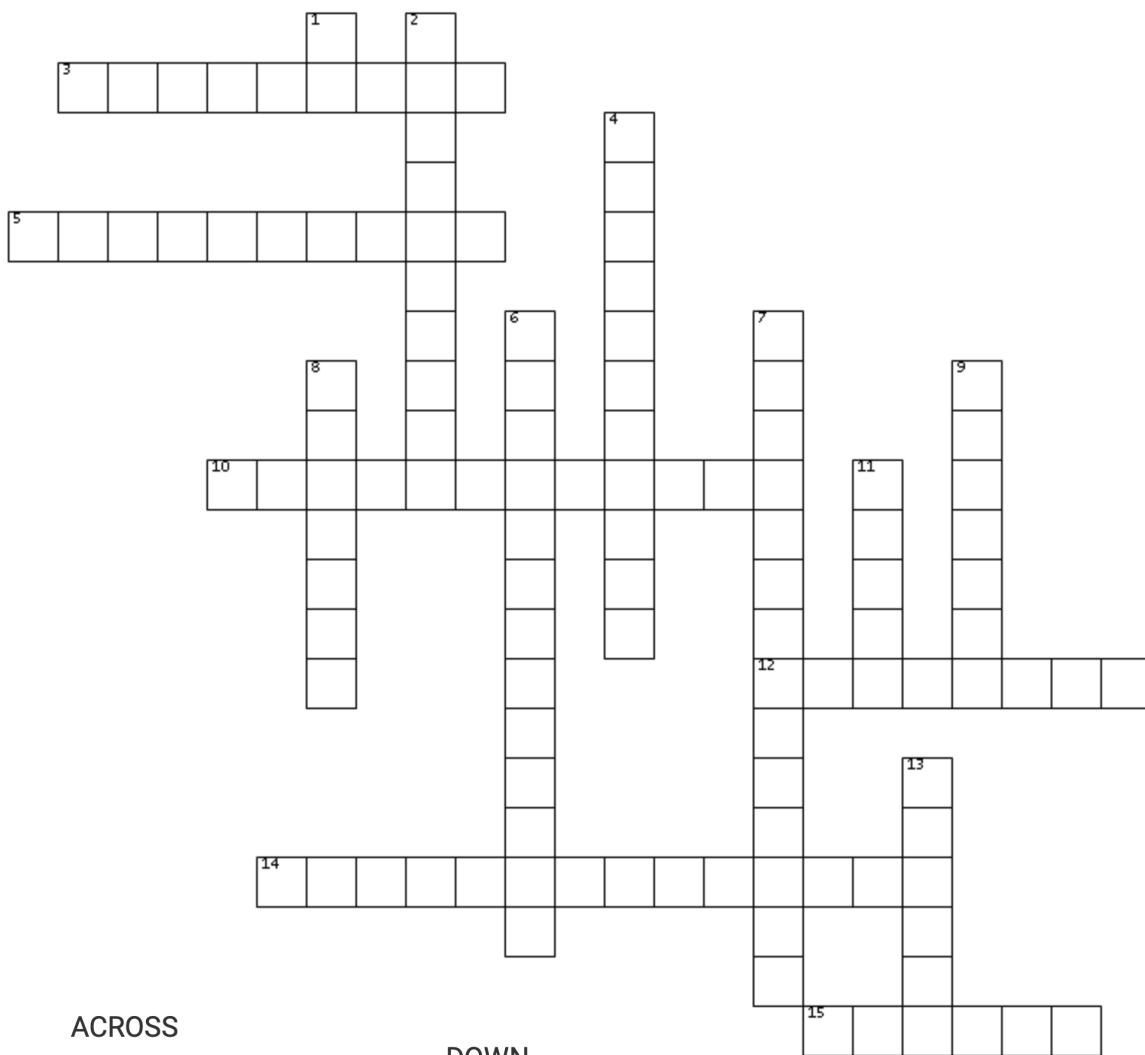
John joined Kiwanis in 1981 and has been the President of four different clubs a total of seven times. He has served as Lt. Governor multiple times. John has been the chair of many District-level committees including Children's Miracle Network, Key Leader, Building (District Office), and S.O.S (Save Old Spectacles). As part of the Membership committee since 1985, John has worked on the teams that have started eight new clubs. John hopes to increase our relationships and engage our club members. You can contact him at johnwflaherty@gmail.com

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TOP PROFESSIONS OF KIWANIANs



ACROSS

- 3. Teacher
- 5. Nurse
- 10. Hard Hat
- 12. Pastor
- 14. Telephone Operator
- 15. Inventory Clerk

DOWN

- 1. Computer Tech
- 2. Mayor
- 4. Farmers Co-op
- 6. Assembly Line
- 7. Bus Driver
- 8. Death Services
- 9. Teller
- 11. Attorney
- 13. Catering Manager