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Spring 2025

**International Convention  
June 25-28, 2025  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**



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Grand Ronde, Oregon**

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## Club Anniversaries

**CONGRATULATIONS to the following clubs celebrating their Club anniversaries this quarter!:**

**50 Years! Kiwanis Club of Spokane Valley**  
April 15, 2025

**50 Years! Kiwanis Club of Port Angeles, Olympic**  
April 17, 2025

**100 Years! Kiwanis Club of Pasco**  
June 8, 2025

**Please contact the clubs directly for their celebration information.**

*"Find the good. It's all around you. Find it, showcase it, and you'll start believing it."*  
—Jesse Owens

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### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

*As spring breathes new life into the world, it serves as a gentle reminder that growth often follows periods of struggle. Just as the earth shakes off the frost of winter, stepping away can be a necessary step toward healing—especially when faced with health challenges that demand attention and care. So, I am stepping back from my position as Editor of the Builder.*

*Going forward you should send magazine submissions through the website or to the District Office staff: PNW District Secretary David ([dsec@pnwkiwanis.org](mailto:dsec@pnwkiwanis.org)) or our Tech Guru Gary ([publications@pnwkiwanis.org](mailto:publications@pnwkiwanis.org)). Please take time to check out the pages covering the Mid-Winter Conference, International Convention, and the PNW District Convention in Grand Ronde, Oregon in August. The Club Service Showcase features a couple of fantastic club projects and you will find this year's **Signature Project Winners** in this issue as well.*

*We're using a different hidden icon in each issue in keeping with Governor Vicki's TEAM theme – the first person to send in the page number where it's hiding wins a prize! Congratulations to Dave Towne for winning the prize of a gift card for last issues hunt!*

*A huge thank you to all of you! I hope you find great ideas to Spring YOUR club forward!*

**Melanie Bozak**, Builder Magazine Editor 2024-2025 - [mabozak@gmail.com](mailto:mabozak@gmail.com)



## From the Dugout...

### Mid-Winter:

If you haven't heard yet, our recent "Mid-Winter" Conference was a great success. Thank you so much for all who attended, evaluated, and provided useful feedback so we can keep our continuous improvement effort going with each event.

### Lt. Governor Training:

The Lt. Governors of each Division are very important to the success of the Clubs in each Division. Their resourcefulness and willingness to lead and share their experience with the Presidents of their clubs can be very helpful and add to the success of those clubs. The date again for Lt. Governor training is May 30-June 1, 2025 and will be held in Pasco, Washington. More details can be found by copying and pasting this URL in your browser:

<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/lt-governor-training/>.

### Lt. Governor – Red Jackets Change:

For those who are currently serving as my Lt. Governors, or Lt. Governors-Elect, you may be happy to hear, I want to extend the flexibility to choose to wear the red jacket if you want to, but it is not required. An alternative could be a red shirt or our dark blue team shirt "TEAMS".

This isn't just coming around. A few years ago other Governors chose different colors and lightened the requirement to wear red jackets. Our 2024-25 Team Shirts are a Dark Blue. Some of the reasons this practice has come about among many Districts has been that jackets like these are hot, its another expense for incoming Lt. Governors, and another really important reason is because the younger generation we are desperately trying to attract are not attracted to wearing uniforms and overwhelmingly not red.

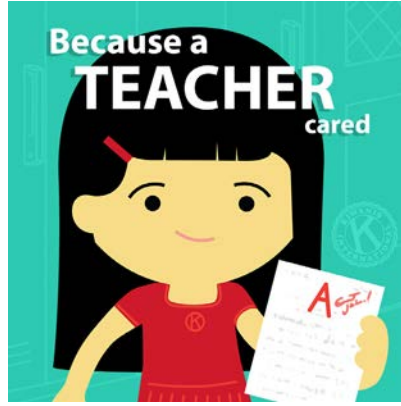
From now on through my term, current Lt. Governors have the choice to wear red jackets, red Kiwanis shirts, or the Team Blue shirts at board meetings and as you are performing any club visits, installations, or in another official capacity. It will be up to our next Governor John Flaherty to let his incoming Lt. Governors know what his expectations are going to be before they purchase anymore red jackets.

Through Service,  
Vicki Frucci 2024-25 Governor  
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<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/branding-marketing/social-media-assets/>

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They are available in two sizes and can be ordered using the form here:

<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/legacy-patio-at-the-district-office/>



# Our Candidate for Kiwanis International Vice President

## Jackie Sue McFarlin



I have a secret, and I bet no one knows what it could be...I love Kiwanis! I have been a Kiwanian for over 30 years and I love my Kiwanis Family. I am so very proud of the remarkable impact we have all achieved on behalf of the children and youth around the world.

I am currently serving my final year of a three-year term as Kiwanis International Trustee. While serving on our International Board, I have been intimately aware of the challenges our clubs face, as well as the financial means we need to keep our premier service organization stable in our ever-changing world.

I am running for Kiwanis International Vice President to ensure our Board judiciously spends your dues wisely, while ensuring our funds are managed within our budgeted means without using our 'rainy day funds,' also now as our reserves.

When elected, I will ensure Kiwanis International gives equal weight to boosting our existing clubs and opening new clubs. By 'closing the back door' our new membership can truly mean more hands for service instead of replacement hands of those lost.

Kiwanis International has developed amazing tools, processes and support for club growth, enabling our members to have more relevant and impactful service for the children, youth, and communities they serve.

I want to continue serving with you to inspire each other to be the best that we can be; to provide the resources to those who follow us; and to build on the foundation of those who came before us.

Legacy is like a book you write but will never get to read. It is leaving stories of children's lives and communities that Kiwanis has changed. Did you know, as Kiwanians, the average number of children each of us reach in our service is 106? Wow!



I personally invite you to our Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, June 25-28, 2025 not just to vote for me (but I hope you do!) but to enjoy the education, fellowship, and camaraderie.

Together, we can forge the future of Kiwanis!

Jackie Sue McFarlin  
*Kiwanis International Trustee 2022-2025*  
*PNW District Governor 2015-2016*

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# Mid-Winter Conference Recap

## February 7–9, 2025, Hood River, Oregon

Our Mid-Winter Conference has come and gone and I believe that most everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. We kicked off the event on Friday night with a welcome from Hood River mayor Paul Blackburn, followed by opening comments from Governor Vicki. The kick-off included a no host bar and games, music and time to meet new people and reconnect with old friends.

Our PNW District CKI group held their DCON simultaneously with our conference, so they joined us for breakfast Saturday morning then headed off to do their own thing. It was great to capture some of that youthful energy to start the day.

The morning session included a presentation from Isabella Baldiserri, our PNW District Key Club Governor. This lady has a lot going for her. Her presentation was informative and fun to listen to. She is the perfect example of what kind of leaders our Service Leadership Programs are producing. Her speech was followed by our own PNW International Trustee, Jackie Sue McFarlin, who gave us an update on all the good things that Kiwanis is doing around the world. The first morning educational session showcased a “100 Years of Key Club” – where they started, what they’re doing and where they’re headed. After this, the director of our Mount Hood Kiwanis Camp showed us all the work they’re doing for hundreds of special needs kids and adults every year.

There was a two-hour break for lunch, giving folks a chance to browse the Kiwanis exhibits in the atrium and get some food at the neighboring restaurants. We also managed to sneak in some mid-year training for our current Lt. Governor class.

We were fortunate that Brad Boyd, our PNW Area Manager from International was able to attend. He gave us two sessions in the afternoon. The first one reviewed the new International initiative - Build, Nurture and Retain and the second one covered different membership models, i.e. Meet-Ups, Satellite Clubs and Corporate Memberships. Brad has worked with all of the above, has a wealth of knowledge.

Other afternoon sessions included “Club Boosts” presented by Melanie Bozak, our PNW District Membership co-chair, and “Ask Bob”, presented by Bob Munger, who knows all the ins and outs of the Kiwanis computer programs. Both sessions were very interactive with many questions asked and answers provided. A session on “Running for Higher Office” was presented by Jackie Sue McFarlin and Roger Bell. This session defined the opportunities you have to serve Kiwanis beyond the club level. We closed out the afternoon with Mike Frucci talking about his “First Gents” project. The SEAD Initiative, (Support, Empower, Act, Destigmatize), is a group that addresses youth homelessness. First Gentleman Mike partnered with The Dalles Key Club and Kiwanians throughout the district to raise over \$400 in cash donations and a truckload of hygiene supplies to be distributed to homeless youth in the Gorge.

The hotel provided a delicious BBQ dinner for the Saturday night event. We had over 100 people in attendance and once again we had the CKI Kiwanians joining us. Governor Vicki gave a great speech about her T.E.A.M.S. theme for the year. We also had quick look forward to this year’s ICON, which will be held in Pittsburg and DCON, which will be held at Spirit Mountain.

As is traditional, your PNW District board held their meeting on Sunday morning. They took care of the District’s business and closed out the conference. Just a heads up, last year’s Lt. Governor class president, Don Gibbard, announced his candidacy for District Governor Elect for next year at the meeting. One other note of interest – for those people who registered for the conference but were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances, the conference committee has agreed to provide a \$50 rebate for you to apply against the cost of registration for DCON this year.

Once again, the best part of attending a Kiwanis conference is the camaraderie.

~Ken Brutzman, PNW District Convention Co-Chair

# MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2025

[Click to see & download pictures in the gallery.](#)



Hood River Mayor Blackburn sings "Roll On Columbia".



Welcome from Governor Vicki Frucci.



PNW Secretary David Pearson welcomes attendees.



Gov. Baldisseri on 100 Years of Key Club.



Roger Bell presents "Running for Higher Office".



Jackie Sue McFarlin VP Candidate.



Melanie Bozak and KI's Brad Boyd sharing a laugh at the podium.



Conference crowd with TEAM backdrop.



Don Gibbard & Cindy Crowther announce Gov-Elect candidacy.



Governor Frucci begins the morning.



The PNW Foundation's Gary Schroeder with PNW CKI scholarship recipients.



The Dalles Key Club SEAD 1st Gent's Project.



# MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2025

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The Next Door Inc presenting.



Board of Directors meeting in Gorge Room - Hood River Inn.



Governor-Elect John Flaherty addresses the board.



Governor Frucci rings the bell.



Executive table & a few of the directors.



Martin Behm, Chair of the Finance Committee.



Roger Bell explains a procedure.



Char Grinolds of Kent AM opens a session on Saturday.



District Secretary Pearson answers a question during board meeting.

**Photos courtesy of David Cowan**

Governor Vicki Frucci & Executive table applauding the board.



KI Director Brad Boyd speaks on "Innovative Membership Models".



Isabella Baldisseri, KC Governor takes a question during her session.

## A message from 2024-2025 Governor-Elect John Flaherty Seeing Kiwanis from the District Level



We just finished up the 1st six months of our year! Where has the time gone? I have been a Kiwanian for over 43 years, yet this last 6 months has exposed me to more wonderful people and more community service projects than I could have dreamed existed.

It has been enlightening working with our Governor Vicki and seeing how positive organizational and leadership skills have enhanced the abilities of our district team and all our Kiwanians (and SLPs) to increase their service to the communities they live in.

It is now time to increase our efforts in supporting Vicki so that WE may ensure continued service to the children and families of our communities.

### SOS

I would like to thank all the individuals and clubs who have contributed to the Save Old Specticals (SOS) Project in the 2024 - 2025 Kiwanis year. (So far, we have collected, or turned over to the Lion's Foundation over 7,000 pair of glasses). Please keep up the good work of collecting the glasses and hearing aids and turn them over to me at our August DCON or (Per our policy of the last two years), to your local Lions Club. Please just make sure that you report to me the number of glasses you give to your local Lions Club.

### SLPs

The Leadership is mostly in place for all of the SLP groups for their 2025 - 2026 year. We are still in need of the top leadership role for K-Kids! Please think about how you might be able to help continue in supporting this fine group of young citizens.

Yours in Service,

John Flaherty, Governor-Elect 2024-2025

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### GET READY NOW FOR THE 2025 KIWANIS YOUTH LAW ENFORCEMENT CAMP!

Let your sponsored key club members and your own students and grandchildren know about the **2025** camp scheduled for **July 13-19, 2025** at the Washington State Patrol Academy in **Shelton, Washington**.

High school juniors and seniors who think they might be interested in a career in law enforcement need to come to this camp to learn about a variety of career opportunities and options. Campers experience a week like they are attending a police academy, meet like-minded students from throughout the PNW district and make friends for life.

Check out our website at: [www.kiwanislawenforcementcamp.com](http://www.kiwanislawenforcementcamp.com)

# 2025 SIGNATURE PROJECT WINNERS



## GROUP I (27 MEMBERS OR FEWER) KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER KINGSTON

We are excited to announce that the Kiwanis Club of Greater Kingston has been selected as the 2025 Pacific Northwest District Signature Project Winner – Group I for their Percussion Instrument Park!

This incredible project has created an inclusive musical playground that brings people of all ages and abilities together through the power of music. Located in Village Green Park in Kingston, Washington, the project provides accessible percussion instruments—such as chimes, bells, marimbas, and drums—that allow individuals, families, and community groups to enjoy and engage in creative expression.



The impact of this project is undeniable, with 1,500 people positively affected each year. It has become a community gathering space, encouraging spontaneous musical collaboration while fostering social connections and inclusivity. The park is used daily, with additional participation from Key Club members, the Boys & Girls Club, and local families who have embraced the space as a welcoming and engaging environment.

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Kingston for their outstanding contribution to their community! Their project will now advance to Kiwanis International, where it will compete against other inspiring projects from across the globe. We wish them the best of luck!

## GROUP II (28 MEMBERS OR GREATER) KIWANIS CLUB OF OAK BAY

We are thrilled to announce that the Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay has been selected as the 2025 Pacific Northwest District Signature Project Winner - Group II for their incredible Willows Beach Tearoom project!



For 75 years, this project has been a cornerstone of the Oak Bay community in Victoria, BC, serving over 5,000 people annually while providing financial assistance to nonprofit youth and senior programs. The project not only raises significant funds to support scholarships, homeless teens, Scouts/Guides, and senior housing initiatives, but also creates job opportunities for 10-12 local high school students each year.

The impact of this project is undeniable, raising an average of \$50,000 annually while bringing the community together in a truly meaningful way. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Oak Bay on this well-deserved recognition!

These entries will now advance to Kiwanis International, where they will compete for top honors against clubs from around the world. We wish them the best of luck!

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## 2024-2025 PNW MEMBERSHIP BALL GAME

### Who is Leading?

Report is through February 2025

But first, some great news: at 5 months into the year,  
21 out of 30 divisions have at least +1 new member;  
3 divisions have no change -- that equals 80%;  
and 6 divisions have a net loss.

### WAY TO GO, TEAM!!

#### CLUBS:

+8 Members Puyallup, WA  
+8 Members Steilacoom, WA  
+8 Members Yakima  
+9 Members Spokane, WA  
+10 Members Kamiah, WA  
+10 Members Kennewick, WA  
**+11 Members Canby, OR**

#### DIVISIONS:

+13 Members Central Oregon  
+13 Members Mid-Columbia River  
+16 Members West Pierce County  
**+17 Members Willamette Valley**

*Just a friendly little competition to encourage you to grow your Club, Division, and the entire PNW District!*

## Opening Clubs in the Pacific Northwest District

Our District has been chosen to have additional help from Kiwanis International as we will be opening new clubs. Of, course it is a process and we have started the process in one community, and will be starting another in April. These sites had been pre-determined and as they get completed, we will be continuing to do more. Don't give up if your area isn't one of these first two. With every site we work on we become more efficient and effective, so when it gets to your area, we should have a good handle on it through continuous improvements with every one we work on.

If anyone wants to help with these club openings, let our Membership Growth Team know, through Melanie Bozak at [mabozak@gmail.com](mailto:mabozak@gmail.com) and Lonnie Johnson at [damaro@budget.net](mailto:damaro@budget.net) or myself at [mvm101@comcast.net](mailto:mvm101@comcast.net). There are lots of things members can do to help, and when you help others, others will be more apt to return the favor when it's in your neck of the woods. It's just the beginning for our PNW District and I look forward to our growth as a result.

Through Service,

Vicki Frucci, Governor 2024-25

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As we enter the halfway mark for our 2024-2025 Kiwanis year, there are so many new and interesting resources available to assist in our quest for new clubs, new members, and new directions. Please look at the club toolbox link on the Kiwanis International website. Just copy and paste this into your browser:

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/build-nurture-retain/club-toolbox/>

Spend a few minutes browsing through the new information available; just browsing through the Recruitment Resources area will give you multiple ideas to work on. Some are updated, like the ACE Tools section; some are probably familiar to you, like Two for Two; but there are some, like the Club Boost Checklist, that might just help you grow your membership in a positive, engaged manner. Two of those that we find particularly interesting are the Hosting an Open House, and the Guest Day; both are fairly low cost, low resource options for growth.

We are aware of 3 clubs in the western part of Oregon that are pooling their resources to hold a joint Open House event. This might just be a Hallmark moment for our PNW Lt. Governors to grow their divisions. I'm excited to discover their results in the upcoming month. Another division that's working on a group open house is the Mid-Columbia River Division in the Tri-Cities area of southeast Washington with 5-6 clubs potentially leading the Open House concept. We learned a great deal last year about planning divisional events in the greater Wenatchee to coincide with DCON.

While Kiwanis International has been encouraging our clubs to grow over the past few years, it is truly inspiring for them to now provide us with DIY Tools to make it happen. So, I encourage you to go to the KI website and look for yourself. I believe you will find it interesting and informative.

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**EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!**

***May is Membership Month!***

**Is your club growing? Are you wanting to grow?**

**Coming May 1st there will be a flyer sent**

**from your PNW Growth Team announcing ways to make May 2025...**

**MAY MADNESS!!**



**YOUR DONATIONS HELPED "MAKE THESE DREAMS COME TRUE!"**

The PNW Kiwanis Foundation is pleased to announce the following scholarships that were awarded at Mid-Winter. Congratulations to the following CKI members.

**ANNOUNCING CKI SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

PNW Kiwanis Foundation Robert H. Andrew Scholarship – Ryley Jackson - \$3,000

PNW Kiwanis Foundation Gene O'Brien Scholarship – Autumn Yi - \$3,000

PNW Kiwanis Foundation Patrick Maloney Scholarship – Diego Gonzalez - \$2,000

PNW Kiwanis Foundation Chuck Clutts Scholarship – Elicia Chang - \$2,000

PNW Kiwanis Foundation Jewel Bailey Scholarship – Nathan Chien - \$2,000

PNW Kiwanis Foundation Roy E. Fritch Scholarship – Delaney Hurlimann - \$1,500

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT [PNWKIWANISFOUNDATION.ORG](https://pnwkiwanisfoundation.org)**

The PNW Kiwanis Foundation can continue to "Make Dreams Come True" for students only when District Kiwanis clubs make their annual contributions to the Foundation.

Join in the excitement by sending your club annual donation to:

Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation  
3990 SW Ben Hogan Drive  
Redmond, OR 97756

## KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is the fundraising arm of Kiwanis International. For members, a gift to the Children's Fund is a way to amplify the impact they make in kids' lives. That's because we turn gifts into grants that support Kiwanis projects around the world. We also partner with other organizations — and with Kiwanis clubs of all sizes, helping them apply for grants and funding projects that serve kids.

[Give now to help Kiwanis reach the kids who need us](#)



# PRINCESS CRUISES

## **PNW KIWANIS GROUP CRUISE**

**on the Beautiful Princess Majestic of the Sea  
Cruising along the Eastern Caribbean  
including St Thomas.**

**January 3, 2026 to January 11, 2026**

***PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!  
100% of Commission made will go back to the PNW.***

### **ITINERARY**

***Port of Departure, Fort Lauderdale***

**Sunday: at Sea**

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**Monday: Amber Cove, Dominican Republic**

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**Tuesday: San Juan, Puerto Rico**

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**Wednesday: St Maarten**

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**Thursday: St Thomas, Virgin Islands**

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**Friday: At Sea**

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**Saturday: At Sea**

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**Sunday: Disembark at Fort Lauderdale**

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Double Occupancy Interior starting at \$989.00 per person, Ocean View starting at \$1,429.00 per person and Balcony starting at \$1,529.00 per person.**

*Secure your spot for \$250 with full payment due by October 5, 2025 (USD) all other fees included.*

**Single Occupancy Interior starting at \$1,788.00, Ocean View \$2,668.00 and Balcony starting at \$2,868.00.**

*Secure your spot for \$250 with full payment due by October 5, 2025 (USD) all other fees included.*

**To add Plus Package, add \$60.00 per person/per day.**

Plus Package includes for the 1st and 2nd booked guest: Wi-Fi; Drink Package; Crew Appreciation, 2 premium desserts per day; Unlimited room service and two fitness classes.

**Please contact Cindy Crowther at Blue Skys Travel  
(541) 419-9890 or 20blueskys@gmail.com**

# CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

## Valentine's Day Luncheon by Ferndale Kiwanis

Ferndale Kiwanis Club was established in January of 1972 and just a few years later began a very special service project: serving local senior citizens a turkey dinner complete with all the fixin's, including stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, a roll, gravy, tea, coffee and pie.

Over the years our senior dinner evolved into a Valentine's Day luncheon and the local Senior Center is transformed with pink, red and white decorations and guests are treated to one of our members, Roger Quiggle, and his trio playing soothing jazz standards.

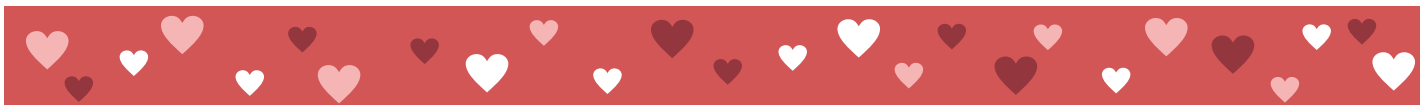
This service project is truly a labor of love and long-time members Mel Hansen and Pete Harksell have been at the helm for decades. They shared a story about how one year the members in charge of cooking the turkey estimated two hours to cook, but had neglected to thaw the birds. So, our guests were served everything BUT turkey and then waited patiently for the turkey to be cooked fully about three hours later than planned. Every year we learn and refine and we think we have it down to a science now.



This cherished event is not only one that our club and the seniors look forward to, but also our up and coming leaders. The 4th and 5th grade students from Eagleridge Elementary- eagerly raise their hands to help. For most of these students, it is their first volunteering experience and, while some may start out feeling a little shy, they always rise up and embrace the experience. From opening doors and greeting our guests, taking coats, accompanying people to their seats, serving meals, bussing tables and then taking the pie cart around and squirting a healthy shot of whipping cream on a luscious dessert, faces young and old beam with delight.

Our student volunteers may also enjoy a plate of their own and we encourage them to join a table with some seniors and engage in conversation. We receive nothing but positive feedback from the guests on how charming and polite and hard-working these kids are. They represent their families, their schools and their generation extremely well.

Every teacher and parent reports back that the children felt it was a highlight of their year and that they plan on continuing down a path serving others. One parent whose eldest daughter helped for two years and now has the younger sibling helping, shared that big sister wanted to disguise herself as an old man and sneak in to join in on the fun again this year. Look what happens when you give our young people the opportunity to have their own "Kiwanis Moment".





# CLUB SERVICE SHOWCASE

## Olympic Kiwanis of Port Angeles Creates Go Bags for Kids

Olympic Kiwanis members recently set up an assembly line to fill “Go Bags” for children who are being relocated in emergency placements to foster homes. This is the latest community project taken on by the club. Twenty bags were delivered to the Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families, where staff acknowledged the importance of helping youngsters during extremely traumatic times in their lives.

“No longer will these youth suffer the indignity of gathering their possessions into large trash bags to haul around when being moved from place to place. These Go Bags are designed to last and stay with the child for use whenever needed,” says Olympic Kiwanis President Chuck Standley.

The sturdy and well-made duffel bags were donated by Day 1 Bags, a non-profit corporation out of Texas. Olympic Kiwanis Club members filled each one with a stuffed toy, puzzle book, little games, coloring books, crayons and personal care items like shampoo, toothbrushes and paste, juice boxes or water, granola bars and a handmade blanket. The beautiful blankets are expected to become comforting and warm treasures for the kids. They were crafted by members of Project Linus, a nonprofit, whose local volunteers make blankets for children in need here on the Olympic Peninsula.

Items were donated for the bags from various community members to include Project Linus, Angel Mantchev, DDS, Crowley Dentistry, Port Angeles Food Bank, Locke Family, Irene Wyman, Cathy Janssen, and club members David & Carla Sue, Rena & Tom Clark, Scott Simms, Fran Howell, Don & Geri Zanon, and Chuck & Martha Standley. A big community effort will assist foster children in an emergency, letting them know that their community cares.

-David & Carla Sue, Port Angeles, Olympic Club Members



# District Convention



## 2025

**August 22–24, 2025, Grand Ronde, Oregon**

**Spirit Mountain Casino, Grand Ronde Casino**  
*(between Salem and Lincoln City Oregon)*

**Registration \$135.00 and includes all meals on Saturday.**

### **ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:**

**\$129.00 Thursday, \$169.00 Friday & Saturday per night plus tax**  
*Rooming deadline is July 20, 2025 - Call (800) 760-7977*

The convention team has hired a DJ for Saturday's Governor Ball.  
He will be playing music through the decades.  
*In addition, you may come dressed based on your favorite decade.*

<https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/district-convention-2025/>





### FOOD & BEVERAGE

- 1 SIPS Coffee Bar
- 2 Happy Dragon Chinese Restaurant
- 3 Amore Restaurant
- 4 Jalapeño's Fresh-Mex Grill
- 5 Mountain View Sports Bar
- 6 10 Barrel Hop Yard
- 7 Stadium Bar
- 8 North Bar

### GAMING

- 9 Tournament Room
- 10 Baccarat & Table Games
- 11 Cashier Cage
- 12 Table Games
- 13 Electronic Table Games
- 14 Keno
- 15 Sportsbook

### AMENITIES

- 16 Lodge
- 17 Gift Shop
- 18 VIP Services
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- 20 Promotion Area
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### MEETINGS & EVENTS

- 22 Event Center
- 23 Kalapuya A & B
- 24 Molalla A & B
- 25 Box Office
- 26 Umpqua A & B
- 27 Chasta A & B
- 28 Group Sales Office
- 29 Rogue River Room
- 30 Martha Jane Room



# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAIR



We have another opportunity parking cars at the **Fairgrounds in Grants Pass Oregon**  
**July 30th to August 3rd, 2025.**

We are looking for volunteers who want to come and help. Every year we have done this it has been a blast, it's hot but we do provide some breaks and shade. All proceeds go to the District budget to provide continued education, in addition, still a work in progress but this year donations to the KI Children's fund, PNW Foundation and the Canadian Foundation.

If you want to participate, please email: Cindy Crowther at [cindycrowtherconventions@gmail.com](mailto:cindycrowtherconventions@gmail.com)

# SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

## PNW KEY CLUB UPDATE



Although the 100th anniversary has passed, we'd like to know how your club celebrated your Key Club. Party? Social media stories & photos? Gifts to the Key Club members? What else?...

Send in your story & photos by June 1st. ([https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/share\\_your\\_key\\_club\\_photos](https://kiwanis.formstack.com/forms/share_your_key_club_photos))

March is a milestone month for the Kiwanis family as we celebrate Key Club International's 100th anniversary. What started with 11 members in Sacramento, California, U.S., on March 23, 1925, is now a global movement with more than 225,000 members in 47 countries. Key Club is growing leaders; providing meaningful service to schools, communities and the world; and helping teens feel safe and connected.

We have a heartfelt birthday wish: for the Kiwanis family and friends to be part of this historic event. There are so many ways you and your club can participate: <https://www.keyclub.org/centennial/>

- Share your Key Club story from being a member, an advisor or part of a sponsoring Kiwanis club.
- Make a gift to the Centennial Fund that directly supports Key Club operations or become a member of the 1925 Club with a gift of US\$1,925.
- Help your sponsored Key Club throw a birthday party. We have resources to help you celebrate!
- Attend the Kiwanis SLP Showcase of Service Luncheon at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S. We'll be celebrating Key Club's monumental achievements
- Purchase special centennial gear plus commemorative graduation items from the Kiwanis Family Store.



# SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

## *PNW AKTION CLUB UPDATE*

Kiwanis is for Everyone! I'm hoping to have at least one session at our District Convention this August for Aktion clubs. My idea is to have a panel of members of Aktion clubs talk about how their involvement has made a difference in their lives and also, a panel of Kiwanis advisors to talk about how their club was started and the impact it has made in their community. There is a lot of information available online at [aktionclub.org](http://aktionclub.org)

I'm here to help. Please reach out to me at [1splendid.day@comcast.net](mailto:1splendid.day@comcast.net) Or call me at: (206) 718-0693

-rita Schwarting, District Administrator

## *PNW CKI UPDATE*

The 2025 Tea Party themed CKI DCON took place February 7th through the 9th in Hood River, Oregon in conjunction with the Kiwanis Mid-Winter conference. With CKI District Governor Autumn Yi at the helm, student leaders from across the Pacific Northwest focused on the 3 tenants of Circle K International, Service, Leadership and Fellowship for a jam-packed weekend.

The DCON service project was a favorite amongst the students when they came together to make more than 50 Trauma Dolls to take back to their universities to distribute to hospitalized children in their communities. Some of the dolls are also going to children around the world in support of the SIGN Fracture Care Kiwanis District project.



The students also had a fantastic time eating meals with the Kiwanians! Saturday evening the PNW Kiwanis Foundation awarded \$13,500 in scholarships to six amazing students. Autumn Yi, Ryley Jackson, Nathan Chien, Diego Gonzales, Elicia Chang and Delaney Hurlimann. Workshops on public speaking, time management, media training, creating Canva presentations, email writing skills and elevator speeches enhanced the already amazing skill set of the students.

The Awards Banquet celebrated the outstanding work of the clubs and members throughout the PNW CKI family. More than 20 awards were presented to well deserving recipients. Graduating Seniors were given a Senior Medal and a chance to share their CKI experience with the group.

With a fond farewell to the hard working 2024-2025 Board from Kiwanis Past Governor Nicholas Hafez, Kiwanis Governor Vicki Frucci installed the newly elected 2025-2026 PNW CKI Board. Governor Ryley Jackson and District Secretary Mysu Pham from Pacific University, District Treasurer Christina Chae and District Editor Vicky Chau from Oregon State University, Peace Arch LTG Youl Sim from newly chartered Simon Fraser University, Emerald Division LTG Kyra Dennie from University of Washington, Cascade LTG Brook? Lynn Haa and District Events Chair Sydney Rounds from Pacific University.

And to top it all off, the students were thrilled to be able to take home the teacups they picked as part of a fun and productive convention!

-Lisa McCoy, District Administrator

# FORGE THE FUTURE

Pittsburgh 2025 ~ June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

Are you looking forward to The International Convention in Pittsburgh? Registration is live online at [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org). Register prior to May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the best rate. Book your hotel and Get Ready to Go!

Our Past Governor and Trustee Jackie Sue is a candidate for the VP position.

“Fonz” from the Happy Days TV show (Henry Winkler) is going to be there for the Keynote session .

You are going to meet new Friends! You are going to have a lot of Fun! You are going to learn a lot more about Kiwanis!!



## Join Us Friday evening, June 27 for a Fun Night at the Pirates Game!

Get ready for an exciting night out at the ballpark! Join over 500 fellow Kiwanians for a fun-filled evening as the **Pittsburgh Pirates take on the New York Mets** a **6:40 PM**.



**Tickets are \$60** - purchase them on our PNW website [pnwkiwanis.org](http://pnwkiwanis.org) & include:



**All-you-can-eat** Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salads, Nachos, Popcorn, Peanuts, Soft Drinks & Ice Cream Sandwiches



**Great seats** in Sections 201-205



**Access to Pirates Cove / Skull Bar**

PNW District will be sitting together. Purchase and wear your Jackie Sue For VP Shirt to help Jackie Sue really **stand out and HIT A HOME RUN!!!**

[Click here to order: https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/campaign-shirts/](https://k22.site.kiwanis.org/campaign-shirts/)



**GO TEAM!**

# FORGE *the* FUTURE

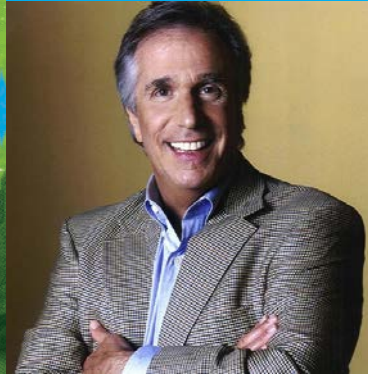
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## BREAKING NEWS

Henry Winkler  
will be a  
keynote speaker!



SKARAMBLE solution...don't peak. Puzzle is on the back cover.

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