

Kiwanis Club of Greater Federal Way

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one child and one community at a time**

Bulletin for August 2009 ~ Don Barrows, editor.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 13-16 – PNW Convention in Medford, OR
August 22 – Lion's Classic Car Show at Commons
October 01 – Club Annual Installation Banquet

What a summer! Looking back through my newsletter notes I am embarrassed to see you haven't received a club newsletter since APRIL! However there have been so many club activities this summer I simply must get an August Newsletter out to recognize all the good things you have done. Yes, July especially found us active with the golf tournament (that took months to plan), the Special Olympics Baseball Tournament, and our community's Relay for Life coming back to back. So sit down, this is your summer recap. db

2010 Officers and Board Members will be inducted into office at our annual Installation Banquet held at the Red Lobster Restaurant here in Federal Way at 6:00 PM, Thursday, October first. If at all possible, please attend. Donavon Potter-President, Jim Abernathy-President-Elect, TBA Vice President, Don Barrows – Secretary, and Beverly Triplett – Treasurer.

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Meeting Times

Tuesdays at 7:30 AM

Meeting Place

Denny's Family Restaurant
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MEMBER NEWS. Bill Martin has had a heck of a summer with his many health issues. I think as this newsletter goes to print, Bill is still in the hospital. It's not until someone isn't around that you truly appreciate all they do. And there are a lot of things Bill does that we depend on; like getting food ordered for our many concession events and yes, our club mail from the post office. Bill isn't here, the mail isn't here! Bill's efforts for our golf tournament are nothing but amazing. One of the highlights to any charity golf event is the "Goody Bags". For years Bill has made contacts with enumerable businesses to put together bags like no other golfing event can do. The real purpose of the tournament is to raise money so that our club can carry on its many service projects. This year Bill brought in over \$800 by acquiring ten different tournament sponsors. And then there were some ten other contacts he made for raffle and "Goody Bag" gifts. Oh my God, Bill, get well soon.... WE NEED YOU!



FEDERAL WAY COMMUNITY GARDEN We can be proud that our club was one of the very first to financially support our new community garden. May 2nd was the official dedication and grand opening of the garden. The weather was perfect, the garden looked beautiful and over 120 people attended including a number of our club members. There was a short program that culminated with an official ribbon cutting and refreshments. Our new garden logo was unveiled and the designer (Ben Hogan, student at T.J.) was presented with a \$100 check from Woodstone Credit Union. Everyone who has had a part in creating the garden can feel proud of what you have



done to get the garden as completed as it is in such a short time. Everything you see at the garden has been done in the last 7 months and there was some pretty difficult weather this past winter.

CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Our friend **Mike Knorr** once more organized a beautiful club tournament at **Whispering Firs, McChord Air Force**. **This** is our single most successful fund raiser making it possible for us to help others in our community who are in need.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASEBALL TOURNAMENT If you want to see what Kiwanis is all about, you need only attend this annual event. Each year we enjoy serving over 400 Special Olympians, the coaches, and family at the annual Special Olympics Baseball Tournament held at Auburn's beautiful Game Farm Park. These folks always tug at your heart strings. If you couldn't be there this year, look forward to it again next July.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The Federal Way Relay for Life Cancer walk, to help find a cure for cancer raised over \$60,000.00 this year. While short of the goal, it still goes along way toward helping find that cure that we walked for again this year. More than 600 people formed over 40 teams to walk through the night. Our own "Greater Federal Way Kiwanis cooked our World Famous (at least in Federal Way) onion burgers to help feed those hungry walkers. We turned in over \$400.00 this year. Thanks to all members who cooked, walked, donated to help make our Relay another success this year. -Dick Mayer



LIONS CLUB CLASSIC AUTO SHOW. If you love to see some neat 'wheels', you'll want to be at this event. The Commons parking lot will surely have your favorite there. As well it's one of the few times we get to share our classy GREATER FEDERAL WAY ONION BURGERS. You will want to be sure August 22nd is on your calendar and be involved.



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KIWANIS EDUCATION. Each year your club officers attend CLE Training sessions held either in our area or at convention.. CLE stands for Club Leadership Education. The session always gives your club leaders good reminders and yes, some new ideas. It's important because it gives us tools to better lead our clubs, to insure a smooth succession of leadership, and to understand better what "Kiwanis" is. The Kiwanis Statement is a good quick answer when someone asks you "What is Kiwanis?". *"Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time"*. It's a simple, but effective tool to memorize and use the next time you are asked, "Just what is Kiwanis?".

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS June and July are two very busy months for our Kiwanis Club. June 20th was our "Lawn and Garden Furniture sale"; June 25/28th was the International Kiwanis Convention in Nashville, Tenn.; July 4th was our Independence Day celebrated all around the Nation; July 10th was our Annual Golf Tournament; July 18th was our Special Olympics event at Auburn's Game Farm Park; and July 25th was our "Relay for Life" event at Saghalie Middle School. In addition, we Inducted a new member and supported the noon Kiwanis Club's 54th annual Salmon Bake at Steel Lake Park on July 24th. Quite a list of important events and all very important to our community in one way or another. Each one was more successful than it had been in previous years and our members participated in bigger numbers as well.

Wednesday of this week the PNW Kiwanis Convention starts in Medford, Oregon. Our Club will have 6 people attending. Some Clubs won't have anyone from their Club in attendance. We also have two more people we will be Inducting into our Club in the near future. We have a slate of good candidates for our Club Officers for next year and have built a good foundation for our Club to go forward with in the next few years. Financially we have stayed healthy, even though we could do more if we had more money. We are doing fine with our resources and have been careful to match our outreach with our income. All in all Kiwanis is alive and well in Federal Way. My most sincere thanks to all of our members for their support and participation throughout this last year. You guys and gals are the GREATEST!!!!

Wayne Triplett, President
Kiwanis Club of Greater FW

A very proud and humble President (THANK YOU)!!!