

Kiwanis Club of Greater Federal Way

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Club Newsletter for the month of March

2008 Club Officers and Board: **President** ~ Donovan Knight, **President Elect** ~ Wayne Triplett, **Past President** ~ Wayne Moritz, **Treasurer** ~ Beverly Triplett, **Secretary** ~ Don Barrows
Board Members: David Grohs, Ruth Grohs, Donavon Potter, Cindy Raboin, Ernie Sterba

Meeting Place: Our club is currently meeting at Denny's Restaurant located at 2625 S. 320th Street in Federal Way on Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM. Meetings are exciting and visitors are always welcome!

Weekly Meeting: I've gotten away from my weekly newsletters, but this week's meeting has motivated me into sitting down and preparing another club newsletter.. Now here's an idea. If someone could take the information compiled weekly and make a "colorful" monthly newsletter wouldn't that be nice? I don't have the time to do it. Do you? In the absence of President Donovan, President Elect Wayne did a superb job April 1st in running an orderly meeting. We've been having outstanding weekly speakers all year. Thanks Beverly!

Exciting Weekly Programs. Today's speakers from the Tacoma Astronomical Society were such. So let me see... the planets are "**My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nice Pizza**". Didn't attend today? Your loss. Next week, April 8th, a representative will speak from the **TACOMA RANIERS!** Learn about this fine franchise. Possible tickets? Freebee's? Better be there!!!

Senior Luncheon. Held on Saturday, March 22nd, the Spaghetti Feed was again a big success with a great number of club members and Jefferson Key Clubbers helping chief cook Joe Martinez. Thanks, Joe. Another wonderful club event successfully completed! **It's Great to Be a Kiwanian!**

Zone Conference. This last weekend the annual Zone Conference took place at Renton's Voch Tech School. Since we had three members present, we were allowed two interclubs for attending. Our Choices were Foothills and Auburn Valley Kiwanis Clubs. One of the guest speakers (talking on Kiwanis Leadership Camp), who has attended many zone conferences around the Northwest this year stated ours was the best by far. There was so much information given that it will take me awhile to digest/report it all (Beverly and Wayne HELP!!!), but I did come back with one tidbit. We Kiwanians may be in to pins and patches too much, but this pin caught my attention. **The Ruby K Pin is given to that member that brings in five new members to his club during his/her life time as a Kiwanis member.** You probably recall this award, but I didn't. I know this secretary hasn't been keeping track of how many new members each of us has sponsored over the years, but there must be some "Rubies" out there. When time allows I'll make yet another new list of club members with their sponsors for historical (and ruby) purposes. Why not take a moment and send me a list of the members you have sponsored? Want to learn more about what Kiwanis is & does? Attend next year's Zone Conference. It is time well spent.

Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. Our Division took on the National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, held at Renton HS March 28-31st, and pulled off a brilliant project for a worthy cause. For our part, our club sponsored "**The St. Louis Rollin' Rams**". Beverly and Wayne Triplett spearheaded this service project with extraordinary success, but club members got involved in another wonderful event Chair Beverly sends a BIG THANKS to Carole and Ruth for preparing baggies of goodies for our team's players and coaches; David and Ruth for delivering the gifts to the team; Carole, Jim, and Wayne T. for serving the refreshments and being there to cheer on our team. **Beverly says, "A lot of the coaches and players had "thanks you's" for all the volunteers while they were going through the food lines. They were very appreciative for what everyone was doing to make their stay in Seattle as comfortable as possible. Actually it was the volunteers that should be thankful to them for showing us how to be humble. It was a real pleasure to watch these teenagers play so hard in spite of their physical challenges. All teenagers should have to sit and watch a couple of these games. I think there would be a lot less "poor me" attitudes among most of them."** Makes me wish I had been there. How about you? Because Beverly and Wayne's son works for "Food Services of America", our club was able to donate 900 pieces of fruit to the tournament participants! So, another BIG THANK YOU to Wade Triplett and Food Services of America!

Outdoor Furniture Sale. Wayne Moritz is spearheading this fund raising event. Last year we held three sales at the Federal Way Wal-Mart parking lot with huge success. It's only one day out of your life. One day! This Saturday from about 9am to 2pm. Please make an effort to spread the word. We hope to have something in this week's "Mirror", but we didn't get flyers out. Probably best publicity has to be "word of mouth". I sent you a pdf "Furniture Flyer 2008", which we can use all year long to publicize this great fund raiser. Seems an easy task to send it to everyone in your email address book! Do what you can do. Jefferson is on spring break so it may be difficult getting key clubbers there. Come any length of time you might be free.

BUG Assembly. This past Friday we had our very first BUG assembly at Sunnycrest Elementary School. Cindy, Don, and Donavan gave out BUG certificates and pins to all these kids and it was a huge success. Cindy, our club chair, was introduced and explained to a large audience of parents what Kiwanis does and why we are excited about having the BUG program. Cindy shared that as she was heading for her car in the parking lot, one of the boys came up to her and asked how he could get a BUG pin. Want to feel good about being a Kiwanian? Attend the next BUG assembly. Thanks Cindy, for bringing this project to fruition.

Governor's Project. Governor's projects have always been great motivators. Two years ago Governor Steve Emhoff motivated us to get involved in the Northwest Camp for children who were burn victims; a project that pulled at our heartstrings so that we decided to keep it as an on-going project. Last year Governor Lori Bryant's theme was "Children Priority One, Seniors Too (or was it Two?)". Again it was a project that fit our club to a "t", since we have long supported the seniors of our community. We simply decided to do a little more and now offer a Senior Spaghetti Feed" quarterly at our community senior center. This year we have been given another wonderful challenge to improve our Kiwanis Family Relations. Many options were presented, all of which would have been good. We opted to start at least two new BUG (Bringing Up Grades) programs in our elementary schools and are we ever excited about our choice. Thanks Governor Rich Jensen for giving us another friendly nudge to grow in service...

Kiwanis International Convention. This year's convention is being held in Orlando, Florida June 26-29th. Four members of our club, David Grohs, Ruth Grohs, Wayne Triplett, and Beverly Triplett will be attending. This convention is a special one because our friend and past PNW Governor, Sylvester, is running for International Vice President.

Coming Events.

Outdoor Furniture Sale – Wal-Mart Parking lot in Federal Way on April 5th, June 21st, September 6th.

PNW Key Club Convention – Doubletree Hotel at Seattle Airport – April 11-13

Federal Way Relay for Life – Saghale Middle School Field – May 17/18

Kiwanis International Convention – Orlando, Florida – June 26-29

Kiwanis PNW Convention – Tri-Cities – August 14-17th.

Secretary's Corner. This is probably way too much information for you to handle, but a lot has been happening. I feel like I should apologize, only because it has so much "stuff" in it. Do you have the time to read it all? I would like this newsletter to be more the needs and thoughts of the club than Don. If you just copy down the "Coming Events" it will have been worth the time and effort. Please feel free to send me articles for next month (week?). I must say "It is an honor and privilege to be a Kiwanian."