

Kiwanis Club of Greater Federal Way



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MEETING PLACE. Currently our club is meeting at Denny's Restaurant which is located at 2625 S. 320th Street in Federal Way.

MEMBERS PRESENT.: Out of 24 paid members, 18 were present today! You are quite remarkable! I think Bev's hard work in getting us interesting speakers every meeting is a plus. Exciting speakers make for exciting club meetings!

DON'S RAMBLINGS. In last week's newsletter, I included information about Governor Lori Bryant's "Major Emphasis program", which has to do with service to our senior citizens.. I should tell you also that her theme for this year is "Service with a Smile" and if possible. I'll download Lori's logo which looks very smart. Now you are getting some education about Kiwanis. How about that? So, looking at her project title: **YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE AND SENIORS TOO**, I see that I stand to be corrected for I've been calling it "Young Children Priority One and Seniors Two". Ah, the printed word; isn't it great. I've seen other club's bulletins who did the same. Just proves you can't beat the written word. More on her "Seniors Too"; she wants us to have at least two speakers this year emphasizing senior citizens. We have already met this criteria having Norm, the new Senior Center Manager as a speaker as well as Frances from the South King County Long Term Ombudsman Program. We who have elderly relatives know just how important these folks are.

WEBSITE HAS NEW WEBMASTER. Cindy Raboin has taken on the duties of webmaster for our site. Take a moment and visit www.greaterfederalwaykiwanis.org. Thanks for all your help, Cindy.

KEY CLUB CORNER. Twelve members plus Mr. & Mrs. Stewart attended the Pacific Northwest Key Club Convention this past weekend. We look forward to hearing more about their convention experiences. We had ten members help us at our Furniture Sale. What a remarkable club they are.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH INCENTIVES. At the Zone Conference the Kiwanis International Club Developmental Manager told of this year's incentive to improve membership. When we send in the bill for our next billing term and our membership has increased 25%, Kiwanis International will send the dues for each of the new members that are counted in the 25% increase back to the club. For example, if we sent in dues this last year for 10 members and this year we send in dues for 13 people, KI will return the dues for those 3 new people back to the club. If you increase 60%, all those people's dues go back to the club. Now that sounds like a great fund raiser doesn't it.

CELEBRATING EARTH DAY 2007 This Saturday, our club will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning that portion of South 21st Street from 1st South to 312th South., meeting in the Metropolitan Market at 9:00 AM. At the same time, our city celebrates Earth Day Today, more than 200 million Americans participate in Earth Day activities each year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Federal Way citizens will have a chance to be counted among those April 21. In celebration of Earth Day, residents of all ages are invited to partake in a pair of events around the city. "Operation-Cover-up" is an effort to repaint surfaces that have been tagged with graffiti and volunteers will also coordinate a cleanup effort at Brooklake Blueberry Farm. Volunteers of all ages may participate in the activities, but those under the age of 16 will have to be accompanied by a guardian, Kimberly Paterno, Volunteer and Neighborhood Program Coordinator, said.

"Operation Cover-up" aims at eliminating graffiti, an ongoing problem in Federal Way. Citizens are already prepared to volunteer for other environment-friendly projects, so it seemed logical to paint over the graffiti at the same time, Paterno said. "We wanted to make 'Operation Cover-up' a program that people were aware of," she said. Volunteers will concentrate on locations that are frequently marked. Three specific areas, which Paterno was unable to list, will be the main focus. Gray and brown earth tone paint will be used to cover the graffiti. Paint was donated by the King County Hazardous Waste Program and Puget Sound Energy. Some electrical boxes and fire hydrants may also be repainted. A total of 212 gallons of paint have been collected for this project, Paterno said. Three teams, each repainting one of three designated graffiti areas, will do the work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. One city official is assigned to each team and will drive the group to and from the specified locations.

The graffiti project follows recent laws passed by the Federal Way City Council on March 20. Painting graffiti is now classified as a public nuisance and is punishable with five days in jail for second-time offenders. Purchasing or having possession of spray paint with intentions of creating graffiti is also illegal now. This is the first effort the city has made to cover graffiti since the laws passed. To date, approximately 40 people have volunteered for "Operation Cover-up," according to Paterno. Volunteers at the Brooklake Blueberry Farm, part of the West Hylebos Wetlands Park at 630 S. 356th St., will prune trees, pick up litter and clear unwanted plant growth, Don Robinett of the Federal Way Surface Water Management Department said. The Hylebos Creek will also be cleared of debris and litter that could possibly cause water damage, flooding and erosion of the stream bank. The parks were targeted because they need to be kept beautified and so weeds don't overgrow what

has been planted there,” Paterno said. The city requests that volunteers bring their own garden tools and dress accordingly in long pants and shirts. A raincoat and a bottle of water may prove useful. Restoration will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until noon. Volunteers are encouraged to stay for a minimum of one hour. Restoration and clean up of the blueberry farm has been an Earth Day event for the past three years, Paterno said. In 2005 the Brooklake Habitat Restoration Project was completed. This entailed the removal of invasive Himalayan blackberries. Native trees and shrubs were also planted as part of the restoration.

This was probably way more information than you needed or wanted, but you got it just the same. -db

CALENDAR OF COMING KIWANIS EVENTS

April 21st	Kiwanis Highway Cleanup 9am at Metropolitan Market parking lot.
April 21st	Graffiti Community Cleanup
June 23	Kiwanis Senior Party II
July 4-8	Kiwanis Int. Conv., San Antonio
July 13th	Annual Charity Golf Tournament
July 14-15	Relay for life at Federal Way Stadium
July 21	Special Olympics Baseball Tournament
July 28	Outdoor Sale—Patio Furniture
Aug. 23-26	PNW Convention, Tacoma
Aug. 24-26	Federal Way Festival Days

April Anniversaries and Birthdays

12	Donavan Knight (B)
12	Bill Martin (B)
18	David Grohs (B)
21	Gene Caudle (B)
23	Gene & Donna Caudle (A)
26	Mike Knorr (B)

Hope to see you all next week! -Don