

# Kiwanis Club of Greater Federal Way

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**Club Newsletter** for the week of December 11, 2007

**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. Visitors are always welcome!

**Weekly Meeting:** Today we had 19 members in attendance. With five new members and one member transferring to Kent Meridian, we now have 29 members in our club. Our program today was Mary Sawyer from *Foundation for International Understanding*. Thanks Beverly for coordinating all these wonderful speakers. Many important topics came up during the meeting and will be covered below.

**Food and Toy Drive.** This year for the very first time all the food and toy drive activities (gift wrapping, food separation and delivery) will be coming out of station #26 in Des Moines. Here are the dates of Activities:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Kiwanis and Key Club gift wrapping at station 26 3-6 pm ending with PIZZA!
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, calling from fire headquarters in Federal Way 31617 - 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South 5:30 - 7:30pm. Especially needed bilingual people to man phones.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Delivery of food and gifts from station 26 9am until finished.

**Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup> Weekly Meeting.** A number of concerns came up during last weeks meeting that will be covered on Tuesday as well as some reminders. This will be our final meeting until January 8<sup>th</sup> so Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

- Remember to bring your extra **2008 calendars** for gifts to seniors in nursing homes.
- There is a **shortage of food** this year so bring a plastic grocery bag of food to today's meeting. Ideas: canned vegetables, pumpkin, fruit, soups, as well as Top Ramen, etc.
- Lt. Governor Pam Smith has urged that we assist in the **Disaster Relief Fund** for the Chehalis area. We will discuss the amount the club will send. Families are urged to write checks as well to Greater Federal Way Kiwanis (we are a 501c3 club) and we will forward to the Lt. Governor in Chehalis, Washington.
- Our **Governor's Project for 2008** is to improve our Kiwanis Family by adding new clubs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Here are areas we might build on in 2008:  
**BUG Program (Bringing Up Grades)** is being spearheaded by Cindy Raboin and it looks like Sunnycrest Elementary School may very well be a starter for this.

**Builders Club at Totem Middle School** may start again because of the efforts of our Jefferson Key Clubbers and our fine faculty Advisor, Tim Stewart. Some 17 Key Clubbers have already shown an interest in supporting this project.

**Truman High School Key Club** may be resurrected this year as well. It sounds like the present principal is in favor of this. Exciting things ARE happening!

**The 501c3 Saga is finally coming to an end!** This morning, Tuesday 12/11/2007, I asked my son Brad at Microsoft to check to see if our club is now recognized as 501c3. The answer came back no we are NOT a 501c3, so Don called and talked to an IRS representative about our problem. This kind lady looked into the system (Don is on hold for fifteen minutes) and found that yes, there was a problem caused when Kiwanis International received 501c4 status dumping us into that classification as well. However, she could see our 1992 letter of application and could see they were in error. She is writing a letter verifying to all that we are, in fact, a 501c3 entity and will mail that to our official mailing address. We should receive this letter within 10 to 15 days. This letter can be used in place of electronic verification (their systems are uploaded quarterly), which may not show our correct status for months. I feel better about IRS after talking to Ms. Lumpkin. She was not only gracious, but most helpful. I thought for sure the system could not fix our problem. Foolish me.