



Gorgeous Visions

Growth Opportunities This New Year! By Byron Wills

Greetings! Welcome to the 2nd Edition of our Club's Newsletter! Exciting things have been happening and we'd like to share them with you. Our Board took some very significant actions recently. Among these actions were:

Approved a new fundraiser that will enable our Club to do even more in terms of both the services we can offer and the amount of financial support we provide. The Board authorized the Club to work with Nancy's Floral, a well established and respected business located in Gresham, to deliver flowers for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's

Day and Mothers Day. We are very excited about this new source of revenue!

Authorized the development of a web site. We are now "on line." Our address is: www.crgkiwanis.org. We'll be sharing more information about our web site in future editions of this newsletter. Check us out on the web!

In pursuit of enhancing our membership and sphere of influence, plans are moving forward to reach out to others through a new brochure and a "Help Wanted" flyer campaign. These new PR vehicles, along with our web site, will help us get our name and

what we do out there and open new doors for increased membership and service. Yes, exciting times! If you are not a Kiwanian, or not presently active in a club, we would invite you to check us out by attending one of our meetings or contacting one of us for more information.

Ask yourself this question: "If not me, who? If not now, when?" We do believe that we not only can, but that we are making a difference! Join Us!



Successful Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast

Our first ever Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast was held on Saturday, November 10 at the Corbett High School multipurpose room. Many voiced their gratitude for our club's effort and requested we do it again next year.

Patriotic music was provided by *Trilogy*, a group comprised of local residents Sonny Boyd, Carnetta Boyd and Phyllis Thiemann. Many thanks to them for their gift to our vets and community members.

A very special THANKS goes out to Erica Pace, CHS Food Services Manager. Erica provided her services free of charge!

Club member Pat Haffner and her crew deserve our gratitude for a job well done. (See Pg 3 for pics.)

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- *Every Tuesday at Noon*
- *Winks Restaurant...3240 S Troutdale Rd, Troutdale*
- *Board Meeting—First Tuesdays*
- *Fabulous Fifths!—Every Fifth Tuesday*

**Division Council Every 3rd Monday—
New Hope Community Church 7 pm**

Sponsored Youth Focus



Troop 272 continues to stay busy and involved in the Corbett community! Word is out that they are selling Christmas trees, cut to order with pre-orders highly encouraged.

Available for order are Nobel Firs and Douglas Firs up to 10 feet in size with pick up at the annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 1, at the Corbett High School multipurpose building. An example of price is a Nobel Fir, 5 to 6 feet tall for \$30. Order forms are available at the Corbett County Market and Big Bear Market. The scouts will have a selection to choose from, too, if you forget to order. Mark your calendar for that date.

The Scouts will also participate in the day's activities on December 1 as they collaborate with the Corbett Fun Festival's Annual Breakfast with Santa, as they serve and bus tables. That evening they will also help with collecting blankets, coats and food for the Gresham Salvation Army.

Our Key Club stays active at the high school and is planning a road clean up



Key Club Motto: CARING, OUR WAY OF LIFE

and pursuing a Builder's Club at the middle school. President Chelsea Blakely continues to do a great job of leading the group. Her goals for the year include getting students to the Key Club convention at SeaTac in April. We are fortunate to have such a talented young lady moving the club forward.

At the division level, Sylvia Maly, Area Administrator, continues to work with Key Club student leaders through a group calling itself Key Club Power Team. The focus of the group is to identify missing links between Kiwanis and Key Clubs and forging stronger relationships. The next meeting is Friday, Nov. 23, at 4:30 pm, Gateway Izzy's.

Tribute to a Fine Man...A Living Memorial (by Sylvia Maly)

It's hard to believe that I've been a Kiwanis member for eight years! While it was a fluke that I became a member, there is one person in my Kiwanis life I give credit to for keeping me in the club: Bill Hardin!

Bill is a fine example of a servant leader. It was very clear to me from the very beginning that Bill loved his community and the world around him. At every op-

portunity, he brought various needs to our attention with ideas of how we can best serve the person or group in need. We didn't always step up to the plate, but he brought it to us anyway.

I found myself involved with Mt. Hood Habitat for Humanity (along with others

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Wheels!"*

he has recruited) and still am to a limited degree. His never-ending passion for serving the needs of others continues to amaze me. It keeps me reminded that I have a lot of time left to give and serve. He turned

85 this year! What was he doing today? Delivering Meals on Wheels!

Fundraisers and Extras

We just finished up our Poinsettia sale and made a nice little profit, somewhere around \$800. It is the highlight of this writer's year (sorry, the 4th is fun, but hard work!).

While the Veteran's Breakfast was more of a tribute, we did manage to make some money and we are looking forward to expanding it next year.

Let's not forget the holiday season com-

ing our way. Our annual Christmas party comes to mind with much anticipation! This year's date is Sunday, December 16 with Social Hour beginning at 4 pm and dinner served at 5 pm.

We are continuing our tradition of a gift exchange by encouraging attendees to bring a gender-neutral gift valued at \$10 or less. (Watch for after-holiday sales throughout the year for fantastic bar-

gains!) The cost is \$25 per person with your choice of Beef Wellington or Halibut with Macadamia Sauce. Yum! Yum! We will round out the evening with holiday tunes. (Big Sigh!)

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Club Goals Adopted for 2007-2008

Our current Club President, Byron Wills, at his Inauguration back in September, issued the following as a challenge. On Tuesday, November 6th, his challenge was adopted as Club goals by unanimous action of our Club Board of Directors. (It should be noted that several of these goals have already been accomplished and that exciting progress is being made on the rest of them!) Our Club goals are as follows:

- To meet the requirements for Distinguished Club.
- To have at least 4 members achieve Distinguished Member status.
- To develop and implement one new club service project for kids.
- To improve communications through the development of a newsletter and a web site.
- To strengthen existing programs – Key Club, Scouts, Books for Kids, etc.
- To provide additional opportunities for sharing and recognition of accomplishments.
- To develop additional opportunities for fun/service/fund raising i.e. 5th Tuesday, flower delivery.
- To have a successful Veteran Appreciation Breakfast.
- To have a net increase of at least 4 new members and to provide them with appropriate training and involvement.
- To be a club that we're proud of and that others want to join!

If we are successful in achieving these goals, and we are committed to doing this, we will have made a significant improvement in the size, strength, vitality and impact of our club. We will have also have been able to do even more to help our community and to have an important and positive, impact on the lives of a larger number of children.

These are exciting times. Our Club is on the move and wonderful things are happening. Come join the action and the fun!!

Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast In Pictures



Thank a Vet

Byron S. Wills

Saturday, November 10, 2007

Well – here we are again,
Our special time of the year.
Veteran’s Day has special meaning to us
But not to many others, we fear.

We served out of love of country.
Not in search of fame or gain.
We were wounded, killed and abused.
Many of us still bear the pain.

You hear about us often.
We’re talked about in the news.
What we do and what we give
Is often treated with abuse.

Many of us were drafted
Others volunteered
How we got in doesn’t really matter.
What does matter, is that we persevered!

So, why did we do it?
What was our purpose?
What did we hope to accomplish
Through our sacrifice and our service?

And, who are we
Those who others refer to as “Vets”?
We’re your friends, acquaintances and neighbors.
About as “average” as you can get.

Many of us returned to live “normal” lives
Having done what we could to make our country strong.
Others have struggled with homelessness and abuse,
Have had a hard time feeling that they belong.

Enjoy your privilege and freedom?
Then give pause - take time to reflect.
All this, and more, has been brought for you.
Show your gratitude and thank a Vet!



By's Byline: Paying The Price

As a veteran myself, I often think about what it took for my comrades to make the decision to pay the price of defending our country's freedoms. I think about the lyrics from the Lee Greenwood song, **Proud To Be An American** where it says, "And I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me, and I gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today,..." This speaks volumes for me and I can't say it any better.

While there are political sides to war, the soldiers who fight don't look at those sides when they go to battle. Their hearts are about defending a way of life. My heart is about allowing people to have their views, but understanding at the same time that

people have died to give us that very freedom. On pages three and four of this issue you will see pictures of those who volunteered to put together our Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast. What you won't



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

see is their political views. There is a caring, compassionate group of people in Kiwanis that looks beyond personal views that serves humanity, no matter what side of the political table you may find yourself.

Not only am I proud to be an American, I'm proud to be a Kiwanian. I serve alongside men and women who may never choose to align themselves with a military calling, but what they will do is step up to the plate of service to mankind. Whether it's ringing bells for Salvation Army, cleaning up dirty roads, or serving American veterans a warm breakfast, they are my compatriots. Together we serve the same country, paying the price every day with our time and effort!

Board Notes

- The scouts will administer their own lease with the Corbett High School District.
- Dues are now being collected.
- Fifth Tuesday went well and we earned \$136 for the admin fund. Many gifts left over for another occasion. Some to be used at the Nov. 27 Roundtable.
- Website approved with Byron underwriting part of the cost. Monthly cost at \$7 per month.
- Satellite Club in Corbett idea moving forward. Sylvia will get date, time and location set and get back to all.
- Report from Sylvia that Rockwood Kiwanis Club is pursuing building a Key Club at Reynolds High School and would like us to co-sponsor. They will pay the fees. No action taken.
- Club goals approved.
- Nancy's Floral delivery as fundraiser approved.
- We are hosting Nov. Div. council.

Calendar of Events

Nov 20—Lonnie Roberts, Multnomah County Commissioner

Nov 27—Roundtable, Poinsettia order delivery. GREAT INTERCLUB OPP!

Dec 1—**Breakfast with Santa**, Corbett HS MPB, Scout Troop 272 Christmas Tree Sales

Dec 4 — **Board Meeting**

Dec 11 — **Meeting at The Chapel,**

David Brown on the Christmas Season

Dec 16 — **Annual Christmas Party,** Menucha Conference & Retreat Center, Corbett, 4 pm Social Hour, 5 pm Dinner

Dec 17 — **Division Council,** New Hope Community Church, 6:30 pm (New time)

Dec 18 — **Margaret Zinke,** Board President, Gresham Senior Center

Dec 25 — **Christmas! No Meeting.**

Please note that we will not be meeting at Wink's Restaurant on December 11. Please call Sylvia Maly, 503-695-2538 if you plan to interclub with us. We will be meeting at The Chapel, Troutdale Market Place, around the corner.



Thanksgiving Day
November 22, 2007
Count Your Blessings!



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Kiwanis members are guided by these key principles:

- To give importance to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life
- To encourage living by the Golden Rule.
- To promote higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To encourage and be servant leaders.
- To build Kiwanis clubs that build lasting friendships and serve and strengthen local communities.
- To promote justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

2007-2008 Officers

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Bill Grandey
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Division Directory

She graces the world wide web on her very own website: Laura Parsons, our 2007-08 Lt. Governor!
We are so fortunate to have such a compassionate human being leading us at the helm this year.
Go to www.kiwanisdiv66.org for up-to-date news.



Clubs

Clackamas Sunrisers Kiwanis

Meeting Wednesday @ 7:00AM
Elmer's Restaurant
16087 SE 82nd Dr.
Clackamas, OR 97015
President:

Email: clackamas@kiwanisdiv66.org

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/clackasunrisers/>

Kiwanis of Columbia River Gorge

Meeting Tuesday @ 12:00PM
Winks Sports Pub & Pizza
3240 S. Troutdale Rd.
Troutdale, OR 97060
President: Byron Wills

Email: crgk@kiwanisdiv66.org

Sandy Kiwanis

Meeting THURSDAY @ 6:30pm
Old Monastery
39641 Scenic St.
Sandy, OR 97055

Pres:

Email: sandy@kiwanisdiv66.org

Gresham Earlyrisers Kiwanis

Meeting Friday @ 6:50AM
Gresham Golf Course
2157 NE Division St.
Gresham, OR 97030

Pres:

Email: greshamearly@kiwanisdiv66.org

Oregon City Kiwanis

Meeting Friday @ 7:00 AM
Berry Park Retirement Community
13669 Gaffney Ln.
Oregon City, OR 97045

Pres:

Email: oregoncity@kiwanisdiv66.org

Website: <http://www.oregoncitykiwanis.org>

Historic Downtown Gresham Kiwanis

Meeting Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Central Cafe
124 NE 3rd St.
Gresham, OR 97030

Pres:

Email: hdgk@kiwanisdiv66.org

Website: <http://www.historicgreshamclub.org>

Sandy HOPE Kiwanis (Spanish speaking)

Meeting Wednesday @ 7:00PM
40747 SE Highway 26
Sandy, OR 97055

Contact: Olga Gerberg

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Kiwanis of Damascus-Boring

Meeting first and third Wednesday @ 6:45AM

Damascus Community Church
14251 SE Rust Way
Damascus, OR 97089

Pres: Rod Dahl

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Website: <http://www.kiwanisofdamsacusboring.org>

Gladstone Kiwanis

Meeting Tuesday @ 7:00AM
Hale's Breakfast & Lunch
17502 SE McLoughlin Blvd.
Portland, OR 97267

Pres:

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