



## KIWANIS CLUB OF RAINIER VALLEY, SEATTLE NEWSLETTER

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Meetings: Friday Morning, 7:30 – 8:30 AM, at **Ch. Seattle Council Headquarters**, 3120 Rainier Ave. South, \$5.00

Friday, Aug. 25, 2006

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

**Officers:** President: Joseph Connor (c) 206-387-1918; First Vice President: Shirley Cooper; President Elect/Second Vice President: Fordie Ross; Secretary /Treasurer Michael Morrison 206-902-2339; Immediate Past President: Nancy Bratton, (w) 206-722-2200

**Next Meeting: Board Meeting, Sept. 2– 7:30 AM –Ch. Seattle Council Headquarters – 3120 Rainier Ave. S.,** Come learn decide the next fund raisers. Everyone should be able to attend except our president.

**New Officer Installation:** The Division wide installation night will be at Ch. Seattle Council Headquarters on **Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 6:30 PM** on. We need to pay \$15 per person in advanced. Bring the money to the Board Meeting.

**African Club: International Trustee Sylvester nNal writes:**  
**AFRICAN/PNW KIWANIS PARTNERSHIP**  
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*I am so proud of the efforts of our partnering District clubs and our clubs in Africa. Thanks for sharing your wonderful correspondence with me. As our Kiwanis organization moves to our goal of one million members by 2015, I believe we must reach out to those people who want to serve, as I have found our friends in Africa to be.*

*It is my hope that Kiwanians in Africa feel that they are part of this global organization and that we are here to help and support them in making a difference. We must truly become a family united in service and expand our service potential.*

*Here, I will recap some of the correspondence and activities:*

### **North Thurston Kiwanis USA-Owerri Kiwanis Nigeria**

*The North Thurston Club is in the process of raising \$500.00 to purchase a washing machine for the Motherless Baby's Home run by the Kiwanis Club of Owerri, Nigeria. The local newspaper published an article on August 24, 2006 about the club's partnership and their request for funds. If anyone wants a copy of the article, please E-mail me and I will send it. Dr. Ngozi Achebe, formerly of Nigeria and now residing in Olympia, Washington, is also quoted in the article. The article was very good public relation coverage for the partnership.*

**Kiwanis club seeks donations for partner club in Nigeria**

By Diane Huber

Lacey Today     The Olympian, Olympia, WA. August 24, 2006

*The North Thurston Kiwanis Club is raising funds for a washer and dryer for its new partner club, the Kiwanis Club of Owerri, Nigeria. The Owerri club is working with an orphanage for babies and children, many with AIDS, said Allen Wood, a past governor and member of that club. The orphanage also serves as a shelter for women in need.*

*"We just feel very good about working with them through our international office. The long-term goal is just to respond to their needs as identified to us," he said. The international partnership program began after Sylvester Neal of Auburn attended a Kiwanis International board meeting last year and learned many African clubs were struggling and dying off.*

*Kiwanis staff helped him identify clubs that could benefit from a partnership with a Pacific Northwest club, and he spread the word and found many clubs eager to form links.*

The goal of the partnership program is to foster friendships, raise international understanding and offer training and moral support. Neal also urges local clubs to send newsletters and photographs, and, if they can, money.

"We wanted to help them make a better difference in their communities," he said.

The North Thurston club was able to form a partnership with the help of Wood's friend, Ngozi Achebe, a Nigerian physician at Capital Medical Center in Olympia. She met with Owerri club members at Wood's request during a November visit to her home country.

"People with not a lot of resources and not a lot of money ... were making a very positive contribution to their community," she said of her impressions of the club. She saw many of the club's projects, including the orphanage. Children who ranged from a few weeks old to age 10 were living there, she said.

"It's a very poor orphanage. The staff there were doing an excellent job," she said.

From there, the North Thurston club really embraced the program, Neal said.

"They're just doing a tremendous job," he said. "They are one club that's making a difference to some folks really in need thousands of miles away."

#### **How to help**

Tax-deductible donations should be mailed to P.O. Box 5607 Lacey, WA, 98509. Checks should be made to The North Thurston Kiwanis Foundation.

For information, call Allan Wood at 360-491-1414.

We have an opportunity to help with the club in Owerri. We need to add this item to the agenda for Friday's Board meeting.

## **Fund Raising:**

**We must find a chair for the event(s). We need to set date(s). We will do this at our Board Meeting in August. 3 items survived for further discussion: 1) Pizza Sells; 2) Dance @ Esquire; 3) BBQ.**

**Division Council** : Dan Shames last division council is Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6:30 PM, at Ch. Seattle Council. New and current Presidents and Secretaries should attend. Dinner is cooked by Otis.

**September Programs:** Sept. 1 Board Meeting, Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29 Board MEETING

**Food for Meeting:** Sept. 1 Karl & Denis, Sept. 8, Sept. 15, Sept. 22, Sept. 29



**Food Bank:** Next collection: Sept. 2, 9 AM – Noon. **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.**

**Kiwanis Education:** The first International Convention held outside the United States and Canada was held in Vienna, Austria, in 1983, marking the 20th anniversary of the organization of the Vienna club, the first in Europe. The second International Convention outside North America was held in Nice, France, in 1993. The 2001 Convention was in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

## **Ground Rules for Meetings:**

The following rules are approved and will be developed by the officers. *Time limits on all parts of the agenda. Happy & friendly. No side conversations. Start and End on time. Communicate on attendance. Respect each other e.g. Political, religious, cultural, diversity, race. Educate & learn. Make everyone feel special & important. Mentor new members. Name Tags and Pins to be worn.*



### **[Mark Your Calendar \(complete calendar online click here\):](#)**

**July 3-7 2007** San Antonio, TX Kiwanis International Convention

**August 23-26 2007,** PNW District Convention Tacoma

June 26 – July 2 2008 Orlando KI Convention

Aug. 14-17, 2008 PNW District Convention TriCities

June 25-28, 2009 Nashville KI Convention

June 24- 27, 2010 Las Vegas KI Conventions