



KIWANIS CLUB OF RAINIER VALLEY, SEATTLE NEWSLETTER

Organized April 2, 2004

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

Friday, July 14, 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, August 4– 7:30 AM –ROBERT THAXTON **Ch. Seattle Council Headquarters – 3120 Rainier Ave. S., Come learn about one of our newest member's life story as told by himself!**

Fund Raising: Supplemental Board Meeting, July 14, 2006, to discuss and refine fundraising options.

In attendance: Joe Connor, Fordie Ross, Henry Nelson, Robert Thaxton, Melodie Rogers, Wendy Leathers, Shirley Cooper, and Michael Morrison.

From last week's meeting, 3 items survived for further discussion: 1) Pizza Sells; 2) Dance @ Esquire; 3) BBQ.

Pizza Sells had the most appeal for being less work intensive than the other two.

Fordie thought that if we choose an organization (one that has consistently won recognition for its outstanding product) like JONES BBQ and honor them locally at a site convenient and busy (the local Post Office) then we might be able to share (a %) of the day's receipts.

Michael brought up a concern that we seem to be spending a lot of time developing a means to raise money and very little time actually "serving the children of the world". The question concerned why we need money when we could volunteer (as we do with the Food Bank)? Looking at local organizations (schools, eg.) where we, as a club, could go in with our time and energy and fulfill our mission statement seemed more productive than hammering out details of a still to be decided fundraiser. Melodie stated that during the school year she could use volunteers every day from 5 to 6pm to help students with their homework.

The meeting ended without settlement.

Editorial Note: A Kiwanis Club cannot support Learning for Life, Boy Scouting, Key Club, Circle K or any other organization without some funds. Our Club the Rainier Valley Kiwanis Club has been asked to support a Circle K at Seattle U, a Key Club at Franklin and at Rainier Beach, we have an African Club we could partner with, we can give funds to the food bank. BUT we need money to do these things. We have and will continue to provide volunteer opportunities – but members have to commit to be at these events. We have had a very hard time getting members to volunteer one Saturday each month for between 2 – 4 hours for the Food Bank. Because we did not get member participation we asked the Circle K and the Key Club for help. Now it is time for us to step up and raise some funds to support the Circle K and the K Club and have additional funds to support our other interests. We have not done any fund raising except for the cherries and most of the members did not even buy one box. Learning for Life, Scouting, First Base, the Food Bank and any other organization you can think of needs funds. When we have a sign-up and an event remember you want to volunteer to help and all of our Club could be at an event.

Page Ahead: We have several boxes to place in businesses around the valley to collect books during June. If you have additional ideas bring them to the meeting so that we can make this a successful Young Children Priority One project and help change the world one child at a time.

August Programs: July 7 Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole, Aug 11, - Aug 18 -, Aug 25 Board MEETING

Food for Meeting: Aug 4 Robert Thaxton, Aug. 11, Aug 18, Aug. 25 Board MEETING



Food Bank: Next collection: August 5, 9 AM – Noon. **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.**

Kiwanis Education: . . Club bylaws provide that the club's board of directors shall determine the policies and activities of the club, elect and discipline members, approve the budget and all bills, and have general management of the club. But the club board cannot bind future boards to a continuing policy or project. Committing the club to a project lasting more than one administrative year requires a two-thirds vote of the members at a designated club meeting.

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.*

SOS – Save Old Spectacles: Help us help the Lions Club serve the community by saving your old eye glasses and recycling them. Bring them to the meeting or President Nancy's Floral Shop.

Printer Cartridges Mean \$: Bring in your used printer cartridges and turn them into money for the club. We can get money for a used cartridge they must an electronic circuit board on them to count. Laser cartridges are worth more. Color laser cartridges and plain tanks like for most Epson's don't count. We get between \$1-5 per unit. Collection containers and flyers available from President Nancy.



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

June 28 – July 2 Kiwanis International Convention Montreal

August 17- 20 PNW District Convention Lincoln City, OR on the Coast