



KIWANIS CLUB OF RAINIER VALLEY, SEATTLE NEWSLETTER

Organized April 2, 2004

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

Friday, March 10, 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: Black History - Henry Nelson March 17– 7:30 AM – **Boy Scout Headquarters – 3120 Rainier Ave. S, Bring a guest and learn about this literacy program.**

PageAhead-Sam Whiting: The executive director of Page Ahead, a locally grown literacy agency asked for our help. With a three prong attack on child literacy, Page Ahead distributes over 50,000 books to children in Washington from birth to 12 years of age. We can help with their first method of book distribution. To give children new books free to keep. The children pick the books at school or preschool. A second part of the program has volunteers reading in school once a week with the child in groups or as tutors. Some of the group readings



have an activity and singing associated together in 30 minutes. A note goes home with the child telling what happened in class and encouraging a trip to the library for more books or a search on the internet. Frequently the children's books are also used to help teach the parents to read and English. As the parent reads the book to the child they too learn. We have several boxes to place in businesses around the valley to collect books during April and May. Ukwenga Oleru will ask METRO/King County if they will participate with us in a book drive. Michael Morrison will arrange for a meeting with scouting officials to see if each troop and pack in the council will collect books once a year to donate. If you have additional ideas bring them to the meeting or the board meeting so that we can adopt this Young children Priority One project and help change the world one child at a time.



GOLF: Get your [golfer](#) and [sponsor](#) forms off our website! Members will be at the event on Friday, June 2, 2006. Members will recruit golfers (\$80) and teams (\$320). Members will ask for sponsorship of holes. We want 144 golfers and up to 18 hole sponsors - \$150. These funds will help support all of our community service activities. Henry Nelson is getting a car dealer to sponsor the hole in one!

Learning for life Breakfast: Michael Morrison has announced plans for the annual fund raising breakfast for Learning for Life Thursday, March 30, Spirit of Washington Event Center, 233 Burnett Ave. South, Renton, 7-8:20 AM. Members are

encouraged to participate by attending the breakfast or making a contribution. We have added a [flyer to the website](#) so that you can download it for others or get more information.

March Programs : 3/17 Henry Nelson Black History Part 3, 3/24 a Message from President Steve Siemens, 3/31 Board Meeting

Food Bank: **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.**

Club Elections: Nominations are being accepted for officers for the Kiwanis Year 06 -07. So far we have for President Fordie Ross, Immediate Past President Joseph Connor. The new officers get trained June 10 in Issaquah. They take office October 1, 2006 and serve until September 30, 2007. We need to find Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President #1 to be president 07-08, Vice President #2, and Board members.

Kiwanis Education: Kiwanis membership surpassed 10,000 in 1919 and reached 100,000 in 1928. Membership fell below the 100,000 mark during the economic depression years of 1931-1939, but again surpassed 100,000 in 1940. In 1952, membership passed the 200,000 mark and reached 300,000 in 1979. Our new goal is ONE MILLION!

Food for Meetings: 3/17 3/24 Karl Sutter

Interclub: We have been invited to join the White Center Club May 10 at the Cambodian Cultural Museum. This museum helps to memorialize the killing fields of Cambodia in the '80's.

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 have 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 \(complete calendar online click here\):](#)

March 28 Daffodil Interclub, Tacoma Elks Club, 11:30 AM

May 10 Interclub to Cambodian Museum White Center

[June 2 First Annual Golf Tournament, Lake Wilderness, Maple Valley](#)

June 10, Club Leadership Training

June 28 – July 2 Kiwanis International Convention Montreal

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