



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 17, 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: Kiwanis International, Message from the KI President & PR cd March 24– 7:30 AM – **Boy Scout Headquarters – 3120 Rainier Ave. S, Bring a guest and learn about our changing Kiwanis.**

Black History - Henry Nelson Our member from Beacon Hill covered over 132 of history from his mother’s father’s purchase of a 280 acre farm in Louisiana to his employment. Education and hard work was the secret to this family’s success. Henry and Michael Morrison think that black history should be not one month, not one week but every day. Henry’s uncle on his mother’s side was Sam Smith who won election to the state House of Representatives in 1958 after losing in ’56. Sam always answered his own telephone. He was one of four brother who all attended and graduated from college. After 10 years at the state house he ran and won a seat



on the Seattle City council where he served as the only black for 24 years. Finally in 1967, his dream of an equal housing bill passed the legislature. Correcting such wrongs as a bank requiring a young black male to have a vasectomy prior to getting a loan for a house! Henry was born in Louisiana and the family moved to Yakima. His father taught him that success depends 40% on education/knowledge and 60% on tenacity/ stick to itness! Henry became a Dean at South Seattle Community College. Henry Nelson was the first black manager in the northwest for GM after turning them down once. He worked for Boeing also. Henry collects automobiles and enjoys happy people succeed. I’m sorry I can’t tell you al that he related but you need to visit with him and his family to learn his and his family’s rich past.



PageAhead: We have several boxes to place in businesses around the valley to collect books during April and May. 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.



Special Guest: Our Lt. Governor Designate Charter Harrison made his first official visit. He has been hard at work visiting all the clubs in Division 26.

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 : 3/24 a Message from President Steve Siemens, 3/31 Board Meeting

Food Bank: **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.** It's official as of March 13 Fordie Ross is just a member of the food bank board, resigned as president. Melodie Rogers attended the meeting and reported on the lack of funds from the fund raising Dessert Event on 2/25. Boeing has delayed a decision on a new Van for the bank. The board agreed to continue to serve coffee on Saturday morning. Fordie is going to see if the Food bank is participating in the Feinstein Challenge Pledge of matching dollars. Remember to save the first Saturday of each month to collect food at the Hilltop Red Apple.

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 officer 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: 3/24 Karl Sutter

Interclub: DAFFOLDIL Festival Interclub, 11:30 AM Tuesday, March 28, Tacoma, Elks. RSVP at this week's meeting, and car pool. 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 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