



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, May 19, 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, May 26– 7:30 AM – Ch. Seattle Council Headquarters – 3120 Rainier Ave. S.

Ukwenga Oleru : Continuing with the general rule that some of our best programs come from our own members Ukwenga told us about his education, life in the US, return to Nigeria, Kiwanis in Nigeria, and his return to the US. Ukwenga came to the US to earn his Civil Engineering degree at the U Massachusetts and then he earned his MBA at Bryant University. He returned to Nigeria to work at the University of Technology some 200 miles from his home as Chief Surveyor. His American values started to interfere with his job because contractors expected bribes and offered bribes. In 1985, a professor asked Ukwenga to join the start of a Kiwanis Club that was like Rotary. Three Kiwanians from the US helped to charter the new club. This new club quickly got to work with



projects. One of the first projects was to adopt an orphanage. They planted crops and harvested them for the orphanage. Many of the children are in the orphanage because the mother died in child birth. Frequently mothers have 5, 6, 7, or 8 children. Bleeding during child birth often results in death including Ukwenga's own sister. He has made a pledge of equivalent to \$10,000 to the nursery school. At a meeting in Olympia Washington Ukwenga heard that Kiwanis is partnering with a Women's Club is building a wing to a hospital. Ukwenga is pleased to be a member of our club and will only give 100% to an organization he joins. We are very lucky that our President asked Ukwenga to join our club.



Shiners Donate: Prince Hall Shiners, #64, have donated \$1,000 of tickets to the Mercer Middle School Child Variety Show, June 29, from 4 to 7 PM. Each ticket will admit 6! If you know someone from the Central or Rainier area that needs or could use tickets contact Robert Thaxton.

Happy dollar\$: Robert Thaxton was happy there was no rain. Karl Sutter was happy for good Samaritans. Melodie Rogers was glad to hear her school wasn't on the chopping block yet. Wendy Leathers was recovering from root canal and was glad it was Friday. Michael Morrison was glad to be alive and with us this morning. Ukwenga Oleru was happy not to have any defects with the construction of his house so far during inspections. Fordie Ross was happy to be asking World Vision for \$91,000 for the youth ministry at the county jail.

Page Ahead: We have several boxes to place in businesses around the valley to collect books during May. 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.

May Programs : 26 Board Meeting

June Programs: June 2 – Robert Thaxton, June 9 Food Bank, June 16, June 23, June 30 Board Meeting

Food for Meeting: May 26 – Joseph, June 2 – Joseph, June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30



Food Bank: June 3, 9 AM – Noon. **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.** Food Bank speaker June 9th. The QFC is scheduled for June 3rd and will be manned by Melodie Rogers, Karl Sutter, Denis Sapiro. The Red Apple on Hill Top will be manned by Joseph Connor, Ukwenga Oleru, and Robert Thaxton.

Kiwanis Education: The Third Object of Kiwanis International is "To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards."

Wendy reminds us of the interclub in Federal Way at the Old Country Buffet where the speaker will be Phil Smart Sr. on May 24th. Also, she will be competing again at the State level for Special Olympics at the Federal Way Aquatics Center.

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