



KIWANIS CLUB OF RAINIER VALLEY, SEATTLE NEWSLETTER

Organized April 2, 2004

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

Friday, Feb. 9, 2007

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: Fordie Ross; President Elect/Second Vice President: Ukwenga Oleru; Secretary: Robert Thaxton; Treasurer Michael Morrison 206-902-2339; Immediate Past President: Nancy Bratton.

Next Meeting: Feb. 16 – 7:30 AM – Black History Topics Meeting-Chief Seattle Council Headquarters** – 3120 Rainier Ave. S.,** Members of the Rainier valley Kiwanis Club are urged to come and tell a part of black history they have learned. You just have 3-5 minutes so don't research too long.

Billy Hancock & Amara Family recruitment Specialist Billy Hancock was introduced by President Joseph. This parenting and adoption service company is United Way supported and started in Medina in 1921. Billy's son tells everyone that his father has the most important job in the world because he finds families for children. Billy is willing to tell everyone about the need and the importance of adoption especially for children of color. 70% of the clients of Amara are black. This high percentage is partially because of institutional racism.



When Amara moved to Seattle in 1926 they worked with unwed mothers. This program is now TAPP – Teen Age Pregnancy & Parenting. There are always 11,000 children in foster homes in Washington State. This should be a temporary position but for children of color it frequently is permanent. At 18 these children are turned out on the street and become homeless, unemployed and ready to find their way into the correctional system. Every Kiwanian can help by getting Billy speaking engagements at churches and other Kiwanis or brand X service clubs. He is always looking for potential families, 206-260-1715, billy@amaraparenting.org, <http://www.amaraparenting.org> .



NW Burn Foundation Dinner: Kiwanians are invited to attend the NW Burn Foundation fund raiser in West Seattle at Salty's March 3, \$50. RSVP to NW Burn Foundation or Robert Thaxton. We have approve his representing the club!

Tutor Mentor: You need to help. Pick a school in the Rainier Valley and volunteer to tutor or mentor for 1 hour each week. Michael Morrison can help you at Muir Elementary. Ukwenga will help at ORCA and First Base.

Dues: Dues were approved at \$120 for regular members. Honorary Kiwanians from other clubs are asked to pay \$35. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. International has sent the roster for payment and Robert Thaxton will be reviewing.

Zone Conference: Members should plan on attending the zone conference on March 31 in Renton. We will host all of our new members to this training session. We will be electing our next two Lt. Governors at this Saturday conference. Pay your \$35 now or \$40 at the door. Get the money to Michael as soon as you can.

Kiwanis International Birthday: You are asked to pay \$8 for each of three foundations, \$5 to Kiwanis International, \$2 to the District Foundation and \$1 to the Canadian Foundation. This annual gift helps all of our sponsored youth programs.

February Programs: Black History Month, 16 All members bring a subject of some great significance to Black History and Black History figures, 23 Board Meeting

March Programs: Bill Baylor, Community Rehab/Adopt a Convict, 9 Water First



Food for Meeting:

Food Bank: Next collection: **Mar. 2**, 9 AM – Noon. **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.** (Denis & Karl will be in Canada.)

Kiwanis Education: An inter-club meeting is one which is jointly planned and held by two or more Kiwanis clubs, or by a Kiwanis club and any Circle K club, Key Club, or Builders Club, and duly announced as such in advance through club notices. No less than a visiting group of two (for small clubs) four (for normal clubs), composed of Kiwanians or a minimum of two Kiwanians plus members of a Circle K club, Key Club, and/or Builders Club sponsored by the visiting Kiwanis club, must be in attendance. To qualify for inter-club credit, the meeting must be an official meeting of the host club. Conventions, division council meetings, and similar events do not normally qualify, but they have meetings associated with them that do count. Look at programs for sponsoring club information.

Kiwanis Service Day: All Kiwanis Clubs around the World are to try and have one project on April 7, 2007. This will be one long day of service for every community in the Kiwanis World. Community Service Chair Ukwenga Oleru will find us a project!



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

Mar 2-4 Winter Board PNW District, Richmond, BC, Canada

Mar. 31 Zone Conference

April 7, 2007 Kiwanis Service Day

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

August 23-26 2007, PNW District Convention Tacoma

Aug. 14-17, 2008 PNW District Convention TriCities

June 25-28, 2009 Nashville KI Convention

June 26 – July 2 2008 Orlando KI Convention

June 24- 27, 2010 Las Vegas KI Conventions