



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. 16, 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. 23 – 7:30 AM – Board Meeting-Chief Seattle Council Headquarters** – 3120 Rainier Ave. S., Major decisions to be made by the membership.**

Black History Reports: Karl Sutter reported on George Washington the founder of Centralia that became Centralia. George was the adopted son of the Cochranes of Ohio that moved to the Oregon Territories. George moved north out of Oregon so that he could own land. He loaned money and fed people in Centralia after the stock market crash of 1893. President Joseph reported on Emanuel Lopes the first black in Seattle in 1852. Lopes Island is named after Emanuel. He worked his way north from San Francisco and established a barber shop. He played a drum. A friend of his played the fife. Together they were “Salt & Pepper” the drum and fife players that led most parades in Seattle. He used the drum to call people to his restaurant. He fed them no matter whether they could pay or not. Joseph read this history from a letter he found at the Museum of History and Industry. Michael Morrison related the facts of Dr. Daniel Hale. Dr. hale was the first to perform an open heart surgery that was recorded and the patient lived in Chicago in 1893. He was one of four black doctors in Chicago. After selling shoes and working as a barber he attend medical school. He saved the life of Mr. Cornish after he was stabbed in the chest. Fordie Ross related how he and his wife have to pray to love whites even in Seattle. They have neighbors who will not even say hello. Fordie had to leave his home town every day to attend high school because there was no school for blacks. The city had two high schools and a college for whites nothing for blacks. Fordie is very sad that we have a black history month instead of learning year round. Ukwenga Oleru related how when he arrived in the US he was cautioned not to associate with American Blacks because they would be trouble. He is very glad his wife and he did not take the advice. While in Nigeria he worked with many Americans working for Mobile Gas. This early contact encouraged Ukwenga to travel to the US. He did not learn about our biases until living in MA. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to share black history facts and agreeing that these topics should be covered year round.



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: Every member should pick a school to work with. Wendy Leathers is going to work with young women and crafts in Auburn. We will try to arrange an interclub meeting with the Auburn Valley Club to see if any of their members would like to help with the mentoring. 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 and Melody will help at ORCA and First Base. Karl and Joseph will be working with Orca.

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: 23 Board Meeting

March Programs: Bill Baylor ,Community Rehab/Adopt a Convict, 9 Water First Kirk Anderson & Jen Norling



Food for Meeting: 28 Karl Sutter & Denis Sapiro

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

Kiwanis Education: Kiwanians cannot claim Kiwanis dues as a personal tax deduction. However, Kiwanis dues may qualify as a deductible business expense when a business pays the costs of Kiwanis membership for an employee. Such a business deduction must also meet the "ordinary and necessary" test and other requirements for deductible business expenses. Kiwanians should consult a qualified tax adviser on all tax questions.

Kiwanis Service Day: All Kiwanis Clubs around the World are to try an 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

