



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, Mar. 2, 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: Mar. 9 – 7:30 AM –Kirk Anderson & Jen Norling **First Water Meeting- Chief Seattle Council Headquarters – 3120 Rainier Ave. S.,** Learn about this need for water around.



Center for Empowerment: Paul Hirz informed us about the Center for Empowerment. Retired from NC Machinery and world traveler, Paul now enjoys consulting to businesses in the Rainier Valley through the Center for Empowerment. They offer monthly luncheons for networking.



Members pay \$25 per quarter to participate. Other specialized courses are taught during the year. One of the most successful courses is Business Planning, a five (5) week session on marketing and finance usually taught at the SAFECO Building 23rd & Jackson. In May each year they offer a business tax seminar. Contacting businesses to sources of funds is also a goal of the Center. When not consulting for the Center Paul works for SCORE, too. After that he still finds time to go to consult and work in St. Petersburg Russia. Paul Hirz keeps a close eye on funding sources like Washington Cash, Northwestern Railroad, the Community Development Fund for small businesses. Find out more at www.centerforempowerment.org , or paul@hirz.nett or 206-722-7310. Thank you to International Trustee Sylvester Neil for recommending a great program.

Tutor Mentor: Melody Rogers had applications for background checks to work in Seattle Public Schools as a volunteer. Members need to contact the school where they are going to mentor and comply with the regulations. 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 in the late afternoons, 5 PM, there are 90 children that can use help here.

Food Bank: Red Apple does not want our attendance for the next six months. Karl Sutter will contact QFC and arrange for us to be there the first Saturday each month starting in April. There will be no

collection in March. Dan Shames will help contact Franklin High Key Club about regularly helping at QFC. Michael Wilson thank us for our previous help and continued support as the food bank tries to find additional funding.

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.

March Programs: 9 First Water Kirk Anderson & Jen Norling, 16 Billy Baylor Adopt a Con, 23 Board Meeting, 30 Round Table



Food for Meeting: 9-Wendy,16-Karl ,23- Joseph,30

Food Bank: Next collection: **Apr. 7**, 9 AM – Noon. **FOOD DONATIONS to the BOARD MEETING.**

Kiwanis Education: Kiwanis dues cannot be claimed as a personal tax deduction. As nonprofit corporations, Kiwanis clubs do not pay taxes on income. But Kiwanis clubs do not qualify as deductible charities for members or donors who provide the club's income. This is why some clubs, districts, and Kiwanis International have established charitable foundations to receive tax-deductible donations for service purposes.

APRIL & Kiwanis One Day, One Way, One K: We have an opportunity to partner with all the Key Clubs, Circle K Club's, and Division 26 Kiwanis Clubs on a new PNW service project. We can assemble Care Giver Gets to be distributed by World Vision. These kits provide the need supplies for care givers in Africa to care for an AIDS victim during weekly visits. We would assemble the kits as part of a precursor for the District Convention in Tacoma where over 10,000 kits will be assembled by Key Clubbers and Kiwanians. The Division needs to take action this week if we are going to assemble these kits on Saturday afternoon. We can use World Visions offices in New Holly for the assembly point. This kickoff would be a great plus for the division! These kits cost \$25 and are underwritten by McKessen.

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. 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

