



# Lynnwood Kiwanis

## Trolley Tales



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### January 20 Meeting News

Our Second VP is gaining valuable experience for the year after next as she led another meeting in the absence of Mr. "Big Kahuna of Kehei" Baker. We had no guests. **Sunshine:** Barry Keating reported on the status of our longtime member, Bob Olsen. After knee surgery and then complications from infection from the surgery, Bob was on the mend when severe stomach pain led him to the doctor and ultimately the removal of his gall bladder. Bob is now home and recovering and anxious to be back out and about and meeting with his Kiwanis buddies. Jay reported his friend Mary will have testing and then open heart surgery. **Interclubs:** Larry reported that unfortunately, due to a couple of different personal emergencies, only two showed up at Edmonds Seniors so no interclub credit. Billie and I did enjoy our visit and the program was most interesting. We will try Edmonds Seniors again and get more recruits to help cover the risk of no shows. **Auction:** Billie reported that letters were sent to local businesses and along with it a mention of Lynnwood Kiwanis and our meeting time. Next committee meeting will be February 15 at 7 PM at Bill Temple's. **Lucky Buck:** Barry felt pretty lucky and proud of his 25th anniversary of ordination to the clergy. He sent the buck on to Meg. **Program:** Janice Ellis, Snohomish County Prosecutor, gave a lengthy and informative, statistically detailed, presentation of the activities of her office.

### Division Council Meeting

Lt. Governor Marybeth O'Leary and her home club of Snohomish hosted the bi-monthly meeting of the six clubs of Division 22 in the Pacific Northwest District. On hand representing Lynnwood were Billie Swengel, Ron Swengel, Keith Klaus, Bill Vincent and Larry Merwin. The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to ride along with Ron and Billie in their brand new (1 day old) Ford Mustang. After the trip to Snohomish everything else just did not matter. We were given updates on disaster relief efforts for the tsunami victims and asked to do what we can and report it to International. Marybeth distributed literature regarding the upcoming "Growth Conference" being held in lieu of the usual Zone Conference. Our division is to attend the March 19 event in Abbotsford, BC. Since we are in the midst of an effort to gain new members it would be great if a few from our club could make the trip and learn the methods for success. Also on the agenda is the Division Caucus where yours truly, having previously been elected as Lt. Gov. elect, will now be elected Lt. Governor. I will be in Arizona and unable to attend so I hope we have someone there to speak on my behalf (or not). One other topic of discussion at Division Council was the Division web site and the opportunities for training and the importance of keeping it up to date. It is a great resource for us all.

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### Kiwanis Quarterly Social Event

If you want a guarantee of a great evening just make sure Billie Swengel is the hostess and prepares the food. I guess Ron gets a little credit too, but I've never been to a meeting or a party at the Swengel's where the treats were not outstanding. So, other than the important stuff (food), I need to report that the turnout was about the same as the first event and smaller than envisioned by our board of directors when the idea for quarterly social events was approved. In attendance, along with the Swengels, were Jeff Slater, Dave Dubois, Meg Ortiz, Nancy and Laura Rasmussen and Larry and Ginger Merwin. I'm sure the other 17 Kiwanians and their spouses etc. had other things already planned but I hope you mark your calendars when the date for the next event is set. With the Beatles and Credence Clearwater Revival playing in the background, we gathered at three tables of three and commenced an exciting evening of Bunko. I must confess that I am not a big fan of playing games and it took a phone call of threats and encouragement from a good friend to guarantee my participation. I prefer to just eat drink and be merry but it turned out Bunko, at least with this great group of nine good friends, was a real hoot. The big winner for the night was, a rather shocked, Nancy since she had never played and did not even get any Bunkos during the evening. Slow and steady wins the race. Big Dave was at the other end of the scoring but I am sure I was close. Now if you don't have a clue what the heck a Bunko is then see what you missed! I have a feeling this will catch on and we will have an official Lynnwood Kiwanis Bunko Club before long. THANKS RON AND BILLIE! Sorry no pictures this time. No working camera was on site.

### January 27 Meeting

A tanned and relaxed John Baker was back in charge today. He got right down to work running through the agenda items. There were no guests. **Auction Project:** Among the announcements not previously recorded was the decision to chop some wood at Ralph Baggerly's on Saturday, February 5 at 10 AM. There is a buyer waiting and the proceeds go to the auction income. Billie reported on the above mentioned social event and said she enjoyed all the singing that was going on. I think she was surprised old timers like Dave Dubois and I actually knew the words to some Credence songs. **Tsunami Relief Project:** Meg announced that we will assist our meeting location hosts, World Concern, on February 22 at 6 PM. They have been inundated with clothing and, thankfully, with volunteers for their tsunami relief efforts but would appreciate our assistance as well. This project, along with the \$1550 in financial donations previously made, will make for a pretty good effort by our club. **Birthday News:** He arrived just as the prayer concluded and not being a real morning person was kind of quiet, but Barry Keating was celebrating his birthday on this very day. We sang a lovely \$2 version for him. **Happy Bucks:** The biggest display of happiness was from Ron Swengel who was excited about his brand new Ford Mustang with the cool retro look. Larry paid a buck to say how fun the ride to Snohomish was in the new Mustang. John gave us a tax tip to dealing with the sales tax deduction. Meg may have been tied with Ron as far as excitement. Her news is she will become a (very young) grandma. Her son Jason is to become a papa. Billie was happy about her daughter's volleyball team getting second place in a big tournament. Jeff tried his best to tell a Norwegian joke. **Lucky Buck:** Meg said it was indeed lucky and sent it on to Dave Dubois who she claims did not shake his hand. **Sunshine:** Barry updated us on Bob Olsen's recovery and Jay's friend Mary's ongoing tests and upcoming open heart surgery. **Program:** Former news anchor and county council member Bill Brubaker shared some amusing stories from his media days. He also gave us each a book sharing even more humor from behind the scenes of TV land.

### Upcoming Events & Meeting Programs

- 1/29/2005 Sno-King Crab Feed, Service Project/ Social event Ron has tickets \$35
- 2/03/2005 Neil Stafford - Operations manager - Kennelly Keys
- 2/05/2005 Woodchoppers Ball at Baggerly's - Help chop a cord of wood for auction \$
- 2/08/2005 Save Old Spectacles Project College Place Optical, 6:00 PM
- 2/10/2005 Luanne Kruger - Theater Director - King's Players
- 2/15/2005 Auction Committee Meeting at Bill Temple's 7 PM
- 2/17/2005 Gregory Magyar - Theater Director - Driftwood Players
- 2/22/2005 Clothes sorting at World Concern, 6:00 PM
- 2/24/2005 Jerry Dawson - Frontier Bank - Reverse Mortgages
- 3/19/2005 Zone (Growth) Conference, Division 22 and 6 others, Abbotsford, BC

### Looking Ahead

- 4/19.2005 Division Council Meeting hosted by Lynnwood, World Concern, 7:00 PM
- 5/21/2005 Lynnwood Kiwanis Foundation Auction
- 7/02-06/2005 Kiwanis International Convention, Honolulu, HI
- 7/23/2005 Lynnwood Kiwanis Foundation Golf Tournament and Picnic