



Lynnwood Kiwanis

Trolley Tales



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What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Kiwanis International's defining statement, adopted 2004

March 17 Meeting

This reporter was in Arizona and missed what Barry Keating considers the holiest of holy days, St. Patrick's Day. Well I did not really miss it I just missed spending it with Lynnwood Kiwanis. The president wishes me to report that in my absence, and his return, the club had the highest attendance of the year for this meeting. In the interest of integrity of editorial content, I did a bit of checking and found this was not entirely true. Highlights of the day included a lengthy prayer for the Irish by Barry and a lovely Irish theme basket, put together by Nancy Rasmussen, that was raffled off for an Admin fund raiser. Of course it was Barry who won the bidding. The Lucky Buck ended up in the hands of Charlie Murray. That concludes my report. I have tried to recruit a backup reporter for events I miss but not much luck so far.

Egg Hunt Project

On Thursday evening, March 24 Lynnwood Kiwanis was represented by 7 faithful members at the City of Lynnwood Egg Stuffing event. There were hundreds of young volunteers that packed the main room at the Rec Center and our group of old timers had to find space in the adjoining room. With so many volunteers it only took a little over an hour and the thousands of eggs were stuffed. On hand for Kiwanis were Ralph and Donna Baggerly, John Baker, Dave Dubois, Larry Merwin, Meg Ortiz, Nancy Rasmussen and Jeff Slater. I would like to say the actual egg hunt on Saturday was as well attended but with pouring rain I am not sure if any Kiwanians showed up??

Upcoming Events & Meeting Programs

4/4/2005 **Auction Committee Meeting**—7 PM Swengel's

4/9/2005 **Service Project** 9:00 am at Maplewood Pre-School playground tear down. Tools needed: ratchet wrench w/ std & metric sockets (deep sockets if avail) cordless drill w philips bits, hammers, hacksaw, chain saw.

4/12/2005 **Board Meeting** - 6:45 AM at Petosa's

4/16/2005 **Auction Project / Club Social** - 9:00 AM at Swengel's building outdoor furniture for the auction then Club Social in the PM with time TBA

4/19/2005 **Division 22 Council Meeting** 7:00 PM at World Concern, hosted by the Lynnwood Kiwanis

5/21/2005 **Lynnwood Kiwanis Foundation Annual Charity Dinner/Auction**

5/22/2005 **Relay 4 Life, American Cancer Society Walk** - Serving breakfast, start time tba

6/11/2005 **House Painting Project** from the 2004 Auction

7/02-06/2005 **Kiwanis International Convention**, Honolulu, HI

7/23/2005 **Lynnwood Kiwanis Foundation Golf Tournament**, Nile CC

8/12-14/2005 **Pacific Northwest District Kiwanis Convention**, Vernon, BC



Lynnwood Kiwanis Trolley Tales News and Announcements

March 24 Meeting

I am sure of the attendance this time. It was 14 and we had no guests. Among the announcements was the fact that Keith Klaus and Jeff Slater did make the trip to Abbotsford, BC to represent us at the **Zone "Growth" Conference**. A full report will be presented in the future but it was mentioned that our Division 22 was poorly represented so no Lt. Governor election could be held at a Division Caucus. This will now take place at the **Division Council** meeting set for April 19. **Auction news** included the standard report that auction items are badly needed. I hope we all start to take that announcement seriously and come through with some items (me included). The next meeting is set for March 29 at Bill Temple's. Secretary Meg reported 29 people were at last week's meeting when I was gone. I had done my homework and knew this not to be true but Baker put her up to it. On a more serious note we did accomplish an **interclub** to Lynnwood High Key Club on March 16 with Meg, John, Billie Keith and Ralph attending. Great job but how about a few different names for these interclubs once in a while? An **Anniversary** was celebrated by Bill and Carole Temple (33 years on 3/25). I would like Carole to read that he paid 25 cents for a cheap song but the truth is he actually found \$2 for a good version. Our annual service project for the Lynnwood community, **egg stuffing** will be held this evening and then the **egg hunt project** is 8 AM Saturday. **Easter gift baskets** for the folks at Kiwanis house were prepared by Meg and Nancy utilizing funds from our budget and a donation from Kiwanis House Foundation for the various holiday giving we do during the year. The **Lucky Buck** was held by the quiet one, Charlie Murray. Charlie reported good results from cancer testing and then sent the buck to Bill Temple. You would think Bill Vincent was the lucky buck holder because his number was drawn for the raffle and he proceeded to defy all odds and picked the ace of spades from the full deck of 52 to be the very first winner of our new, harder to win, raffle. With Ron and Billie off to Hawaii, no one was sure how much Bill had won so he will wait until next week to collect. Our **Program** for the day was Karen Miller, director of the Washington State Housing Finance Commission. The commission helps families buy their own homes by providing funds for residents with low income. The below market interest rates and down payment assistance help folks who might otherwise not be able to own their own home.

March 31 Meeting

Great News! We had not one but two interclubs pay us a visit today. Division 21 Lt. Governor, Gloria Smith and Al Danteco of Mukilteo were on hand as well as Eric England, Gary Countryman, John Madden and Richard Latham of Everett Evergreen. Even better news was the fact that Jay Rust had a special guest and third time visitor, Cindy Barber. Cindy is Jay's daughter and if rumor is true, she took an application and will be considered for membership at our next Board meeting. The president called upon Jeff Slater to report on his trip to the **Zone "Growth" Conference** he attended in Abbotsford, BC. After finding his way, Jeff said the presentation by Lori Bryant covered some tips for holding a special club meeting with a great program and assigning tasks to each member to help complete the event with attendance by potential members. By following the many ideas presented a club can get a great start on membership growth. Jeff passed around the info and I was pleased to see he had taken a great deal of notes. I hope he can share more with the membership committee to help rejuvenate our membership campaign. Billie Swengel, tanned and rested after a week in Hawaii, reported on the **Auction Committee Meeting** held on March 29. A list of potential invitees was passed for editing. Invitations are available to send or give to your potential guests. We also checked out the current list of auction items and learned of a donation of five nights stay at Oasis Resort in Palm Springs. The committee (That is All of Us!) next meets on April 4 at the Swengels. **Everett Evergreen** reported they will hold their annual **Golf Tournament** on August 25 and would love to see us support it since they send foursomes to our tournament. They also had some tickets to their next **Travel Show**. Bill Vincent reminded us of our own Golf Tournament set for July 23. Speaking of Bill, he received his winnings from last week's **raffle**. The amazing amount was \$156 and he graciously returned \$20 to our Admin fund. Billie read a nice thank you letter for our club's support of a student who will attend the HOBY camp. We will hear from her after her camp experience. Billie and Ron also reported that the **April 16 Club Social** is now modified to include a daytime project of making some outdoor furniture for the auction and then an evening social event with details and time to be determined. Set aside that date for a full day of fun and carpentry. Bill Temple had the **Lucky Buck** and pointed out those who failed to shake his hand. He sent the buck on to Dave Dubois. Remember this tradition is merely a way to ensure that we greet one another before our meeting and extend the hand of friendship. Don't get caught for not shaking the holder's hand. Bill Vincent still has some luck going as he won the raffle again but this time no ace of spades was forthcoming so the pot grows. Buz presented our program for the day. Sue Patterson is with Boeing and is involved with their Community education and relations. She highlighted the many things Boeing does for the community. After hearing her presentation I could not help but think their efforts are much like a Kiwanis Club's only much, much bigger.