

Stan-Cam Happenings

Stanwood-Camano Kiwanis Club
Pacific Northwest District
Division 21



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Our Defining Statement: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Stanwood-Camano Kiwanis

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Photos may be submitted.

Comings and Goings

Stanwood Co-op Preschool would like to sincerely thank all of the Kiwanis members who came to help them move. They got it all done in one morning thanks to our help, leaving more time to begin setting things up in the new location. They are having an open house at their new facility on Dec. 9 from 1-3pm. Everyone is welcome to go take a look.

Our coin drive for the **March of Dimes** was very successful. We turned in \$146.48 in support of this great organization, helping babies! We'll be supporting the March of Dimes again this spring by participating in the WalkAmerica at the end of April.

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Club Meetings

Contact Tom Peiffer or a person listed below with any program ideas.

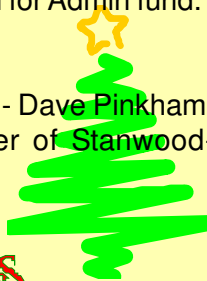
December Programs

- 7 Holiday Auction for Admin fund.
- 14 Darby Cook
- 21 Linda Boland
- 28 Kevin Burham - Dave Pinkham,
Editor/Publisher of Stanwood-
Camano News.

January Programs

- 4 Jeni Bottin
- 11 Frank Butler
- 18 Ray Cresap
- 25 Dan Follette

Joyful
Traditions



Happy New Year!

[Ed Note: When you know what your program will be, email or call me - see lower left corner - and I'll add it in after your name, so our members will know.]

Calendar of Events

December

- 7 Gifts for Youth are due - see p. 5.
- 7 Holiday Party - potluck, Kate & Stuart's, 6pm.
- 11-16 Food Bank Gift Giving Shop for needy families - see p. 5.
- 16 Hanukkah.
- 25 Christmas.
- 26 Club Board Mtg, 7am

January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 4 Division Mtg - 7pm, Marysville Methodist Church.
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Day.
- 30 Club Board Mtg, 7am

Future Dates

- Mar 17 Zone Conference, Abbotsford, BC.
- Apr 7 Kiwanis One Day (K-family service day)
- Apr 28 March of Dimes WalkAmerica
- Jun 1-2 Relay for Life
- Jul 5-8 Kiwanis Intl Convention, San Antonio, TX
- Jul 14-16 Art By the Bay - fish & fry sales
- Aug 23-26 PNW District Convention, Tacoma, WA

From the President . . .

What a snow storm! From Sunday at noon to Wednesday 8:00pm, no electricity or phone! Monday evening the 27th after hauling wood in all day we were tired and cold. So with a nice fire going we sat down on our love seat (about 7pm) with 4 quilts, Morgan and 1 cat snuggled between us, 1 cat behind Tom's shoulder and the other cat on the arm of the chair. It was dark in the house and I was watching the flames and looked over my shoulder and everyone was asleep! So I kept watching the flames and started counting my blessings:

I am blessed with a nice home and a big fire place to keep us warm.

I am blessed with a husband and animals who love me.

I am blessed with a wonderful mother who over the years has made and given me the many quilts.

I am blessed to be a Kiwanian, to belong to Division 21, and to be a member of the Stanwood-Camano Kiwanis Club.

It was our anniversary, no special dinner out, but a very special, priceless gift of love, warmth and togetherness from my little family! My prayer and wish for the holidays and for the upcoming year is that every man, woman, child and animal feel this comfort of love, warmth and togetherness!

There was a message from immediate past President Steve Siemens in the June issue of Kiwanis Magazine. This is a good time of the year to reprint this message to share with our family and friends:

Most of us will never receive one of the "big prizes" awarded to a few: Pulitzers, the Nobel, an Oscar, a Tony, or an Emmy. But we're all eligible for many of life's small pleasures: feeling a pat on the back, catching a four-pound bass, watching a sunset, reading an encouraging note, enjoying a crackling fire, savoring a great meal, experiencing a Kiwanis-family moment. These are all moments of greatness.

Greatness is not in the World Series; it is in spring training. Greatness is not in the recital hall; it is in the hours of practice where no one is watching and no one is applauding. Greatness is not at the banquet table; it is in a hot kitchen hours before the meal. Greatness only happens when someone has paid the price beforehand. There are so many people in Kiwanis who paid that price so you and I can experience moments of greatness.

The big prize comes to us when we read to a child, when we work together in a joint service project, and when we teach leadership. We always feel like a winner when we mentor someone, model determination, or offer a helping hand. We soon realize that Kiwanis reminds us it is the little things that really counts. The "little things" produce greatness in our lives. Those moments happen when we do what needs to be done for others-even when we don't have time, when we could be doing something for ourselves, or when it costs us something.

Bless you all for caring about our children and our communities!

Merry Christmas,
Prez Char

Did you know . . . ?

. . . that the first object of Kiwanis International is "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life." What a good thing to remember as we enter the holiday season.

Need to do a Makeup Meeting?

You can go to any other Kiwanis Club's meeting (see Div. 21 clubs below or go to the Kiwanis International website - www.kiwanis.org - to find a Kiwanis Club anywhere in the world), attend a Key Club, Builders Club, or another sponsored youth club's meeting, participate in a club project (two maximum each month can count for make-ups), attend a Division, District or International meeting or event, attend a Club Board meeting, or attend a Club Committee meeting.

**Let the Secretary know if you attend any of these meetings or events.

Other Division 21 Clubs:

Arlington -- Meets 1st & 3rd Wed.

7pm, Boys & Girls Club; Pres:

Gilman McKinnie, 360-435-5153.

Darrington -- Meets 2nd & 3rd Mon.

7pm, Senior Center; Pres: Ken Bell,

360-436-9818

Everett-Evergreen -- Meets Fri. 7am,

Evergreen Bowling Alley; Pres: Craig

Forbes, 425-252-3173.

Everett Golden K -- Meets Thurs.

10am, Everett Senior Center; Pres:

Ben Hansen, 425-252-6258.

Lake Stevens -- Meets 1st Wed 7pm,

other Weds. 6:30am, Buzz Inn; Pres:

Laura Brady-Scott, 425-335-1997.

Marysville -- Meets Tues. 7am, Village

Restaurant; Pres: Walt McKinney,

360-659-7437.

Mukilteo -- Meets Tues. 7:30am,

Harbour Pointe Golf Club; Pres: Ron

Johnson, 206-227-8923.

Silver Lake, Everett -- Meets 1st Wed

7pm, other Weds. 7am, MC Grill &

Lounge in Mill Creek; Pres: Earline

Bowen, 206-361-5977.

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Have you invited
someone to
Kiwanis, lately?

Club Committees

~ chairperson(s) in bold ~

Club Meetings: **Tom Peiffer**

Interclubs: **Jack Peary**

Scholarships: Dan Follette,
Mick Hanson, Kate Wigner

Membership: **Char Peiffer**,
Gary Beard, Bob Jacobs

Young Children: Kate Wigner,
Jerri Richards, Nancy High,
Erika Sigmon

Sponsored Youth: Linda
Boland, Kate Wigner, Carolyn
Tobiason

Key Club Advisors:

K-Kids Advisors:

Risk Management: **Jack
Stedman**

Public Relations: Bob Mitchell,
Lynn Wilkerson, Erika Sigmon
(newsletter)

Community Service: **Glenda
Mitchell**, Peggy Burr, Lynn
Wilkerson

Every Day Hero Nominations:
everyone!

Fund Raising: Howard Quigley,
Pamela Barton

Camano Climb: **Tim Kramer**

Spiritual Values: **Ron Frey**

Sunshine: **Laura Peterson**

**If you don't see your name -
pick one to be on! We need
everyone to help keep our
club running smoothly.**

Happiness is a perfume you cannot
pour on others without getting a
few drops on yourself.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

5 Linda Boland

16 Anv: Mick & Joan Hanson

16 Jennifer Cook

16 Carolyn Tobiason

23 Chris Mietus

30 Palmer Sather

30 Lyle Peterson

Sponsored Youth News



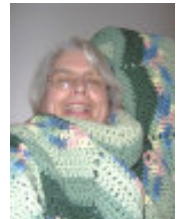
Elger Bay K-Kids meet December 7th and 14th in the mornings at 8:30 or so.— Kathleen Nelles is their fearless leader. This is a great program for elementary age kids, encouraging service to their school and community and introducing them to leadership skills.

Our Key Club is still in limbo without a faculty advisor or support from the school. We have a lead on someone to take on the faculty advisor position. Let's hope for the best; we don't want to lose our great Key Club!

From the Fund Raising Committee . . .

The drawing for the green and multi-colored afghan will be on the first Thursday in December, the 7th. It will be the last chance to get tickets for the drawing, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. So far, the ticket sales have brought in about \$175. Proceeds will benefit the admin fund.

~Pamela, fundraising chairman.



'One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.'

~ Albert Schweitzer ~

Committee Reports

All members should plan to participate in at least one committee each year. If you don't see your name in the committee list in the left column of this page, choose one and let President Char know. This is your club, your help is needed to keep things running. We can do great things when we all work together! Time to choose a committee for this year!!

The **Club Meeting** committee wants to remind everyone to check page 1 for their name beside a meeting date. This is the meeting where you are in charge of the program. If you need suggestions contact someone from that committee. Whenever a 5th meeting occurs during the month (next one is in October), instead of a speaker we will hold a white elephant auction to raise funds for our administrative account. Plan to bring a white elephant item and bid on your favorite items that others have brought.

Membership: Do you know someone who would make a good member of our club? Invite them! See page 5 for their report.

The **Community Service** committee has several projects coming up. See their report on page 5.

The **Fund Raising** committee is doing an afghan raffle as a fundraiser for Admin be sure to get your raffle tickets! See their report on page 3.

The **Interclub** committee will be shooting for two a month again this year. Check the board during the regular meetings and sign up to attend. This is a great way to meet other Kiwanians & keep up on perfect attendance!

Board Meeting Highlights

(for official copy of minutes, ask Secretary Linda)

Called to order at 12:10pm by President Char.

Attendance: Pamela, Linda B, Ron, Glenda, Bob M, Jack P, Tom, Char, Howard, and Palmer. Also in attendance were club members: Ray C, Dan F, John H, Bob J, Nancy, and Betty.

Due to weather the weekly meeting and November board meeting were combined. For many it was the first day they were able to leave their homes and have a lunch in town. Jack & Betty reported that they used a special powder soap to wash each other's hair with snow water as they were without water, electricity and phone service.

Glenda reported a total of 129 lbs of food and \$111.88 in cash was collected for the Food Bank.

Glenda also reported that we collected \$146.48 for the March of Dimes.

Char reminded us about the Christmas Dinner Party to be held at Kate and Stuart's home on December 7th.

There was also discussion of having a lunch meeting once a month as we all enjoyed the camaraderie at this later hour of the day.

Pamela reported that the Holiday Auction would be held at the December 7th morning meeting.

Glenda will also take all of the gifts for teenagers that we collect for the Food Bank on December 7th.

Meeting was casually adjourned.

Respectfully submitted—Linda Boland, secretary

Comings and Goings

(continued from page 1)

If you haven't chosen a **committee**, pick one! Figure out how you will use your talents to help keep our club active in our community. Our club can do great things when everyone pitches in to help.

See page 5 membership committee report. President Char is challenging everyone to bring in one new member this year - who will you ask?!?

Our **Food Drive** was a hit with the local Husky/Cougar fans. We brought in 129lbs and \$111.88 despite sharing the spot with the fire department guys (who took in much more than we did, but it all went to the same place). Who won? Well, it was pretty much a tie, Husky's had a little more cash, but Cougars had a little more food. Big thank yous to those who stood in the cold, handing out flyers and accepting donations with thanks and smiles! More about December service projects on page 5.

Be on the look-out for Every Day Heros in Stanwood/Camano! Each month with the help of the local Police or Fire Departments, our club will choose an **Every Day Hero** to give a special framed award certificate and medal to. The person (or persons) will be someone from the community who did something that makes them a hero in some measure, great or small. If you know of someone in our community who deserves nomination for this award, contact the EDH nominating committee.

See news about all **committees** on page 3.

Highlights of the November **Board Meeting** are on page 4.

Committee assignments are listed on page 3 - if you aren't on the list yet, pick a committee and get involved!

More Great Recipes from Char's Kitchen...

Cranberry Jello Salad:

1 can crushed pineapple 2 pkgs (4oz serving) cranberry flavor gelatin
1 can (16oz) whole cranberry sauce 1 medium apple, chopped
2 stalks celery chopped 1 cup walnuts chopped

Add enough water to pineapple juice to make 3 cups. Pour into large sauce pan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat; add gelatin; stir at least 2 minutes until gelatin is completely dissolved. Add cranberry sauce; stir.

Refrigerate for 1 ½ hours or until slightly thickened. Stir in remaining ingredients. Pour into a medium serving bowl. Refrigerate 4 hours.

Makes 14 servings (½ cup each)

Easy Pineapple Upside Down Cake:

1 can (20 oz) sliced pineapple in juice ½ cup butter or margarine
2/3 cup packed brown sugar 10 maraschino cherries
1 pkg yellow or pineapple cake mix

Drain pineapple (reserve ¾ cup juice). Stir together melted butter and brown sugar in a 12 inch baking dish. Arrange pineapple slices in sugar mixture. Place a cherry in center of each pineapple.

Prepare cake mix to package directions, replacing some of the water with pineapple juice. Pour batter over pineapple. Bake 350* for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool 5 minutes. Loosen edges and invert onto serving platter.

Makes 10 servings

More Great Recipes from Char's Kitchen...

Turkey Pot Pie

Cooking Spray

- 1 ½ cup all purpose flour
- 2 Tbsp parsley flakes
- 1 Tbsp sugar ½ tsp salt
- 2 envelopes rapid rise yeast
- 1 cup very warm milk (120*-130*F)
- 1 egg 2 Tbsp corn oil

Filling:

- 2 pkgs turkey gravy mix
- 2 cups cold water
- 1 ½ Tbsp Minced onion
- 1 ½ cups frozen mixed vegetables
(thawed)

2 cups cooked diced turkey

MIX batter ingredients together in a pre-sprayed 8x8 baking dish. In a medium sized saucepan stir together gravy mix and water. Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add onion, vegetables and turkey.

TOP the batter with the turkey mixture. BAKE by placing in a COLD oven; set temperature to 350* bake for 30 minutes, until baked through.

Gift Collection for 13-17 year olds
(see Community Service in Action
in right column)

Here is a list of suggestions:

- **Flannel PJ Bottoms (various sizes/ colors for boys and girls)**
- **Electronics (games, portable CD players, RC's, etc)**
- **School Supplies (calculator, protractor, colored pencils, notebooks, etc)**
- **Gift Certificates for music stores, video stores, Gargoyles Billiards, paintball, movie tickets, Best Buy, Dairy Queen, pizza places, etc.**
- **Hat, scarf, gloves sets (for girls and boys)**
- **Backpacks, messenger bags, purses, wallets**
- **Basketballs, soccer balls, foot-balls**

GREETINGS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The latest news from Kiwanis International is about a possible dues rebate for this year. Every club that increases their membership from September 30 to September 30 by 25% or more, will get a rebate of all the new members' dues from International minus the cost of the Magazine. This means each club making the 25% would receive a \$42 rebate per new member to put back into their admin fund!

Our club's 25% translates into 13 new members for the year. We already have 3 . . . 10 more and we have it!

We can do this, all you have to do is ask!!!! This rebate is on new members only, so the more new members we get, the more rebate we get. Now that's quite an incentive to keep everyone asking potential members to join us! This would give us over \$500 plussssssssss to start our next year's administrative fund.

JUST ASK!!!! ~ Membership Chair, Char

Community Service in Action

Here is your opportunity to share holiday cheer with those less fortunate. The Food Bank will have a "Christmas House" set up in the old location of the Hearing Center near the post office in Stanwood. There, parents will be able to choose a gift for each of their children from out of the toys and gifts donated for distribution to needy families. (Parents get very excited that they get to "shop" for each of their kids to get them something to wrap up for the holidays!)

You are invited to help with the gift distribution! It will be December 11-16 and you can choose from any of three shifts each day: 10am-12noon, 12noon-2pm, or 2pm-4pm. Call Glenda (360-629-1770) or sign up during the meeting for how ever many shifts you would like to help with. Several members have already signed up to help. It's lots of fun to help parents find the perfect gift for their child!

Secondly, we are collecting gifts for ages 13-17 (which are the most overlooked by donors) for the Food Bank's Christmas House. All donations need to be turned in by December 7 at the meeting or at the Christmas party that night (or contact Glenda to drop off). See list of suggestions on bottom left of this page.

Do NOT wrap the gifts (they will just remove the wrapping paper for the gift shop), parents will be choosing gifts and wrapping their own presents for their kids. Have fun shopping! ☺

We are also collecting unused note cards, greetings cards, Christmas cards, and other Holiday cards to take to the Josephine Sunset Home for their residents to use. Many of us receive free cards in the mail when solicited by some organizations, but do you use those cards? Some of us have left over Christmas cards from years past that we won't use, since we wouldn't want to send the same card each year. Some of us have note cards that we never seem to use. But, the residents at Josephine would gladly use them to send to their family and friends. Please bring your extra cards to any meeting or drop them off at Glenda's. We'll deliver them, along with some stamps, to Josephine.