

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

Meets every Thursday, 7am at
Viking Restaurant in Stanwood.
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be phoned or emailed to Erika
Sigmon by 5pm of the last
Tuesday of each month.
Photos may be submitted.

Comings and Goings

We have two **Young Children Priority One** projects this month!
Stanwood Co-op Preschool is moving to their new facility in the downtown
area and could use our help with packing and moving all their supplies
and equipment from the old facility to the new one. Nov. 10 and 11 are
moving days with two shifts each day, 9am-12noon and 1pm-4pm. If you
can help sign up at a meeting or contact Erika for more information.

The second YCPO project is a coin drive for the **March of Dimes** - see
page 5 for more details.

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Club Meetings

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

November Programs

- 2 Lynn Wilkerson
- 9 Tom Peiffer
- 16 Lefty Wootten
- 22 (Wed) Round Table
- 30 Holiday Gift Auction
(see p. 5, a holiday
twist to white elephant gifts)



December Programs

- 7 Steve Boskovich
- 14 Darby Cook
- 21 Linda Boland
- 28 Kevin Burham

*Joyful
Traditions*



[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

November

- 7 Election Day.
- 10-11 Help Stanwood Coop
Preschool Move to new facility.
- 10 Conference of Stanwood Service
Groups, 3-5pm.
- 11 Veterans Day.
- 17 Special Division 21 Dinner to
honor Past Lt. Governors.
- 18 Food Drive-save the date! TBA.
- 18 Marysville Kiwanis Club's 50th.
- 23 Thanksgiving.
- 28 Club Board Mtg, 7am

December

- 14 Holiday Party - potluck, Kate &
Stuart's, TBA.

- 16 Hanukkah.
- 25 Christmas.
- 26 Club Board Mtg, 7am

Future Dates

- Jan 4 Division Mtg.
- Mar 17 Zone Conference,
Abbotsford, BC.
- Apr 7 Kiwanis One Day (K-family
service day)
- Apr 28 March of Dimes WalkAmerica
- 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 . . .

One month and one board meeting already under my belt and I still want to keep going.

We have the holidays upon us and a lot of special events coming up. We have the Past Lt. Governors dinner on the 17th of Nov. and Marysville's 50th Anniversary on the 18th. I would like to see a big group from our club attend each of the events!

We all have different ideals of membership, fundraising, community service, so if you have something in mind on anything you might like to see happen please let us know. [Ed: Better yet - join that committee!!]

Different ideas will only make us a stronger club!

We live in a world with so many troubles, that is why I am so proud to be a part of the Kiwanis family that cares and wants to help!

We have a special privilege here in this wonderful country we live in, and that is voting. So please take advantage of this and VOTE!

I am President Char Peiffer and I approve this message.

Thank-you for all you do!!! *Prez Char*

More Great Recipes from Char's Kitchen...

Carmel Apple Cheesecake Pie

1 graham cracker crust	½ teaspoon vanilla
1 can (21 oz) apple pie filling -(divided)	3 eggs
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened	
½ cup carmel ice cream topping	½ cup sugar
1/3 cup pecans, toasted	1 teaspoon lemon juice

Place crust on baking sheet. Spread half of the filling in crust. In a large mixing bowl beat cream cheese, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla on medium speed until fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing until just combined after each addition. Gently spread over filling in crust. Bake on baking sheet at 350*, 30-35 minutes or until center is almost set. Drizzle with ice cream topping. Garnish with pecans. Store in refrigerator.

More recipes on page 6 . . .

Did you know . . . ?

. . . that in a typical year, Kiwanis clubs invest more than 6.2 million hours and US\$100 million in communities around the world. Through these efforts, the Kiwanis organization truly leaves a lasting impression on future generations.

A Quote

There must be something you can do
To ease the burden of the day,
For someone who has lost his faith
In self, and cannot find his way.

One little deed, one thought, one act,
Will bring reward to you when aid
Is given to someone who strays
Along life's path, alone, afraid.

You might have been that one who lost
His faith, and failed to understand,
And needed friends to urge you on.
Think well, then offer him your hand.
-Everett Wentworth Hill-

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.

2006-2007 Div. 21 Lt. Governor

Ken Bell -- phone: (360) 436-9818
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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.**

Sponsored Youth News



K-Kids have a new advisor at the school - Kathleen Nelles. Welcome to the K-family! 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!

Community Service in Action

Projects coming up include a food drive, collecting cards for seniors, and collecting items for needy folk at Christmas time.

Save November 18 to help with a food drive for our local food bank. We'll be taking our place at one of the local grocery stores asking for donations. AND . . . we are going to make it a fun competition – Huskies (UW) vs. Cougars (WSU) in honor of the Apple Cup game that will be played that day! One barrel will be decorated purple and gold and the other will be crimson and gray – we'll encourage donors to pick their favorite team and fill that bin! This will be a fun event, so don't miss out. More details to come in the next few weeks.

We are 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

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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 some new ideas for projects coming up. See their report on page 3.

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 6.

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!

Don't forget - Dues are Due!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

8 Jack Peary

9 Anv: Erika & David Sigmon

11 Anv: Nancy & Jeff High

19 Bob Mitchell

19 Ann: Char & Tom Peiffer

Board Meeting Highlights

(for official copy of minutes, ask Secretary Char)

October 31, 2006

Attendance: Palmer, Glenda, Bob M, Pamela, Kevin B, Darby, Char, Tom P, Linda B, Kate, Jack P, Howard.

Meeting called to order by Pres. Char and an inspirational quote was read by each one present.

Howard moved that minutes be accepted. MSP.

Darby reviewed financial Balance Sheet for 2005-06 year. He also presented Balance sheet for first month of 2006-07 term. Noted that printed format of finances is greatly appreciated and clear.

Old Business: included remarks about the budget and more visibility in the community.

New Business: Nov 10th Conference of Stanwood Service Groups, 3 -5pm, we will attend meeting.

Nov 17th is Div 21 Dinner honoring Lt. Governors. If enough people sign up we will carpool or perhaps rent Senior Van for the evening.

Marysville Kiwanis 50 Year celebration is Nov 18th, 2 -6pm. Many will attend.

Thanksgiving Round table will be at the Viking on Wed, Nov 22nd, 7am.

Kate and Stuart have graciously offered their home for the Christmas Party - date set for Dec 7th.

Consensus to not participate in the Chili-Chowder extravaganza.

Discussion concerning amount we give to Lt. Governor Ken for his district travels. Howard moved that we give \$200. MSP.

Kathleen Nelles, a staff member at Elger Bay Elementary is willing to lead the K-Kids group at that school. JoAnn Olson will be contacted about volunteering as Faculty advisor at Stanwood

High School. Perhaps Key Club there will continue.

Membership incentives were discussed, and more ideas will be forthcoming.

We have been asked to help move the Stanwood Co-op Preschool, Nov 10th and 11th. They are moving to the newly renovated house next to the Food Bank.

Young Children Priority One: The Camano Island PreSchool that meets at the Island Lutheran Church has requested our help in building a Toddler Playground area. We seem quite favorable to the idea, but need more information from them.

Erika has information about a March of Dimes Coin Drive. Collections are in the month of November.

Community Service: Our Food Drive for the Season may include some competition barrels between people who support University of Washington and Washington State University. We also will collect cards for the Senior Center. This year we will work with the Food Bank helping special families. Bob J. requests plastic bags and egg cartons for the Food Bank.

Pamela announced that "5th Thursday" this month would be holiday gifts or crafts. All proceeds go to Admin Fund.

A candidate for September Everyday Hero Award was Theresa Metzgers son who offered the contents of his piggy bank to help replace the lights stolen for the Stanwood Smokestack.

We will have a quick Board meeting on Thursday, November 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03am

Respectively submitted by
Linda B, Secretary

Comings and Goings

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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.

We have another **new member!** Welcome Dan! See page 5 membership committee report for more details on our newest member. President Char is challenging everyone to bring in one new member this year - who will you ask?!?

Fish & Fries sales at the High School Football games went very well. We even sold out early during a couple of the games! BIG thanks to everyone who helped!!

More **community service** projects are on the way, too. Save Nov. 18 for a **Food Drive** at one of the local grocery stores - see page 3 for details of upcoming service projects.

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 October **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!

A Holiday Twist to Our Fifth Thursday Auction

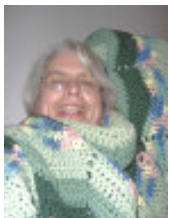
by Pamela, Fundraising Chair

For a year, now, we've had a "white elephant" auction whenever there has been a fifth Thursday in the month. It only happens every 3rd month or so but is a nice and almost painless way to bring in some money for the Administrative fund. This November 30th is the fifth Thursday of the month and again we will have a silent auction. Rather than "white elephants", I'd like to suggest something else.

Let's make it a **holiday gift auction**, instead. Please plan to bring in an item that would make a NICE gift for someone. If some of our talented members can hand craft items, that would be especially welcome. If you don't feel "talented" then, here's an idea that might work: compile some related items into a themed "gift basket".... although something like that doesn't have to be *in* a basket, if you DO want to nest them like that, baskets are VERY reasonable at the Thrift Store. A unique ornament or decoration might be just right, also.

This special Holiday Gift Auction will be a terrific time and way to start your shopping for friends and family for the holidays and help Kiwanis at the same time.

A few members have yet to pay their dues for this year. Please remit payment (\$100) as soon as possible. Our club has already sent in all the paperwork expecting your payment to arrive shortly. Thanks!



Don't forget the quilt raffle for our Administrative fund! Get your tickets now!



March of Dimes

Decades ago, millions of dimes from concerned Americans helped the March of Dimes defeat polio. Today, the March of Dimes need all the change you can spare to fight an even bigger challenge – premature birth, the #1 killer of newborns. November is Prematurity Awareness Month, so we'll be putting out the collection jar during the first two meetings of November.



In addition, during the week of November 19-25, all coins donated to the March of Dimes through CoinStar machines will be credited to Kiwanis! So encourage your friends and family to collect their coins and take them to their local CoinStar machine (many local grocery stores have them, including Haggen's and QFC in Stanwood – big green coin machines). Let's see if we can collect some of the estimated \$10.5 billion in loose change that is sitting idle in American households! Search your coat and pants pockets, empty your coin jar, look under the couch cushions and check your car!

Prematurity is the #1 killer of newborns. Many babies who do survive are disabled for life. Premature birth threatens the lives and health of more than half a million babies every year. It's a national health crisis that must be stopped. For more information on what the March of Dimes is doing to stop this crisis, visit www.marchofdimes.com. How many babies will you save?

GREETINGS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We start our year with two new members! Gary is no longer the new kid on the block. Our newest member is, Dan Johnston. He is the Principal of Lincoln Hill High School. His wife's name is Katrina and he has two small children. His sponsor is Linda L. Good job LINDA!! I know Dan will be a great asset to us!

My challenge this year is for each of us to bring in at least 1 new member. Howard and Linda L. are already ahead of the rest of us, what are we going to do? All you have to do is ask!!!!

The 'Easy as 1-2-3- You Hold the Key' contest is back again this year. It's easy - recruit new members and earn entry into a random prize drawing. Recruit 1 new member and receive a bronze key lapel pin and one entry in the drawing. Recruit 2 new members and receive a silver lapel pin and an additional entry in the drawing. Recruit 3 new members receive a gold lapel pin and a third entry into the drawing. (Drawing during the 2007 International Convention).

I will enter your name as you bring in members. 1st prize (2) winners get a trip to the 2008 Intl Convention. 2nd place (1) winner will spend a day at the home of 2006-07 KI President Nelson Tucker. 3rd place (1) winner gets to spend a day at the International office. 4th place (1) winner gets Kiwanis Life Membership. 5th place (50) winners get \$100 gift cards to the Kiwanis Family Store. 6th place (100) winners get \$25 gift cards to the Kiwanis Family Store.

Let's make this a membership growth year!! Membership Chair -Char-

From the Fund Raising Committee . . .

Howard is rightfully famous for supervising the Fish & Chips at the fair and at home games. Thank you to all the many members who willingly helped with this worthy endeavor. He reported that they actually ran out of food about half time at the last football game, which is GOOD.... they could pack up a bit earlier, but the best news is that there are no "leftovers" to stuff back in the freezer! Thank You, HOWARD for a successful project!

Our annual events, the Camano Climb and Fish & Chips, have been the mainstays of our fundraising year after year. These events are done each year, with minor changes to improve efficiency or increase profits for our project account. I am pleased to note that almost every member puts in time to make these events successful. Although not "our" fundraiser, the Kiwanis team has done excellent for the Relay For Life, as well.

I've heard some frustration that we need more ways to bring in project money, and we have tried several with mixed results. Our fireworks booth in June/July was successful, but we had hoped to net a lot more... should we investigate how we can improve on that? We filled coffee cups and gave out cookies at the highway rest stop. We are awaiting an offer from the DOT to have that coffee kiosk again, and if our weekend is a "good" one, it might be quite lucrative... It is a lot of hours, but EASY to do.

What I would like NOW is some suggestions as to other fundraisers. We could sell a product, such as peanuts or candy or a commemorative ornament. We've had raffles, and sold chances for that. I've heard some say that they don't like the confrontational effort that selling requires, and especially they don't like standing out in front of the grocery stores to hawk tickets or hit up their friends. (It does sound negative that way!) We've had silent auctions and pancake breakfasts open to the public... I think the last pancake breakfast was over 6 years ago!

Do we need a gala event, perhaps dinner with an auction? It is the kind of thing that takes months of planning by a group of members, but that day or weekend, it would need the earnest efforts of EVERY member. It could be a success in itself, but like the fish & chips and the bicycle ride, it could be an annual event with improvements and a bigger net year after year.

If we wish to expand our giving to do more for the younger children (that's already been emphasized as a need) then we need to have a lot of input regarding how to get the money for this. Please email me with your suggestions and your offers to help... hmc1@whidbey.net or call me at 360-629-0590.

~ Pamela Barton, fundraising chairman, but needing a committee

Community Service in Action

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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.

We are discussing Christmas gifts with the food bank – what their needs are and will be. It looks like we will be concentrating on collecting gifts for older children, the kids who usually get overlooked when people donate toys for younger kids. There will be more about this as Dec. approaches.

~ Glenda, Community Service Chair

More Great Recipes from Char's Kitchen...

Easy Holiday Treats

Peanut Clusters

- 1 (12oz) pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 (12 oz) pkg. butterscotch chips
- 1 (16 oz) jar dry roasted peanuts

In a double boiler, melt chocolate & butterscotch chips until smooth.

Add jar of peanuts. Mix well until all peanuts are coated. Drop by teaspoon onto wax paper. Let sit until firm. Remove from wax paper.

Store in airtight container in a cool place. Makes about 50 clusters depending on the size you make.

Peanut Butter Bon Bons

- 2 cups powered sugar
- 2 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups chocolate chips
- ½ cup melted margarine
- 1 Tablespoon melted paraffin
- 1 cup coconut

Combine sugar, peanut butter, margarine, coconut and cereal. Chill. Shape into balls (64 balls). Melt chips and paraffin. Dip balls into melted mixture. Place on wax paper to cool. Store in cool place.

Peanut Butter Cups

- 1/3 lb. graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 lb. powdered sugar
- ½ lb. butter or margarine
- 2 cups chocolate chips

Combine crumbs, peanut butter and sugar. Work together until smooth. Press mixture into 9x9 buttered pan (or larger pan if you want thinner bars). Melt chocolate chips in double boiler. Spread over cracker mixture. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into squares.

Happy Holidays & Enjoy!!!

~Char