



EDMONDS FOOD BANK DRIVE:

Food Bank Drive Chair, Seamus Dooley, reported that our December collections at the PCC Market were \$423.71 in cash and 466 pounds of food. Kiwanians braving the elements in December were;

Shirley Elliot, John Rutter, Al Rutledge, Sue Tomlinson, Homer Cardle, Mary Lou Kantor, Harold Houston, Dexter Miller, Elwin Wright Buck Weaver, Paul Jacobson and our inspirational leader, Seamus Dooley.

**The winter drive grand totals:
\$1,589.76 in cash donations
and 1,371 pounds of food.**

These results could not have been accomplished without the personal commitment of our members in carrying out our mission.

TOY SHOP CHRISTMAS DRIVE:

This was a new effort for our club...providing Christmas gifts and donations for young people in our community. The “TOY SHOP” is coordinated by the YWCA and Pathways for Women.

Drive Chair, Sue Tomlinson, reported that **our club donated over \$300 in gifts and \$105 in cash, for the purchase additional gifts.**

Thanks for your generosity during this season of giving.

Gifts:

Boys jacket, Madam Alexander doll, make up bag and skin care products, trucks, puzzles and wrapping materials.

Stocking stuffers:

Gloves, stuffed toy, bed room slippers, Play Dough and small cars.

Thanks for making this a Merry Christmas.

**LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE
CHRISTMAS DRIVE:**

Drive Chair, Clayne Leitner, reported another good effort to help with the Christmas supply drive for the Little Red School House. This annual drive means a lot to this organization providing services to young children in Snohomish County.

Donations:

18 rolls of T. P., 1000 napkins, 13 rolls of paper towels, 1 box Kleenex, 24 wash clothes, 4 bottles of glue
4 boxes of crayons, 1 package of pencils, 12 cartons of play dough, 1 package of marking pens, 1 package of paint brushes, 20 black markers, 1 box and 3 packages of “gold fish” crackers, 80 piece artist set, 50 washable markers, 4 jigsaw puzzles, and 4 books.

Your gifts enable “Little Red” to free up monies for more critical services.

Weekly Kiwanis Meeting:

**South County Senior Center
220 Railroad Ave. Edmonds
Tuesday at 10 a.m.**

JANUARY PROGRAMS:

Jan. 6th: William Jacquette - Director of the Public Defenders Association of Snohomish County.

Jan. 13th: The Honorable Richard Thorpe - Retiring Jan. 9 from a distinguished and long career on the Snohomish County Superior Court Bench

Jan. 20th: Mark Smith, Clothes For Kids. We have supported for years. Now learn how our money is doing good work.

Jan. 27th: Bob Greg, 5th Ave. Development, The Rest of the Story, the future of the Edmonds Senior Center and other interesting tidbits.

Feb. Team Captain: Buck Weaver

(425-774-3568)

Suhara, Rutledge, Martin, Taylor

Calendar of Events :

**Jan. 8th: Division Council Meeting
Lynnwood Fire Station, 7 PM**

**Jan. 20th: Board Meeting
SCSC Library, 8:30 AM**

Greeters:

6th: Frank Suhara

13th: Duane Penning

20th: John Rutter

27th: Ben Snowdon



Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Jan. 2nd: Mary Lou and Bill Kantor



MEMBERS RELOCATE

December was the month for “the move”...the move we all knew was coming but didn’t want to happen. It was the move of Henry and Evelyn Odell to their new retirement home on Lake Union.



We were blessed to have them in our club while they lived in Edmonds. They were always there with a smile and a warm handshake. Their generosity and many contributions to the club activities and projects are remembered and appreciated.

“Thanks” is all we can say to this wonderful couple. Hopefully they will find another club where they can connect and make a difference. *Our loss will be their gain!!!*

CRAB FEED PROJECT:

As you know, our club will be putting on the Kiwanis crab feed that has been going on for sometime. In fact, this will be the 40th annual event. This is an important fundraiser for Kiwanis.

This event happens because of the work put into it by club members and others aligned with our mission. To ensure that we are successful, we are getting help and direction from various Sno-King members including Duane Penning.

John Rutter has been pulling together various items that need to be dealt with now. BUT, there is still lots to do, and **we will need member involvement, especially the 6th and 7th of February.** It will be essential that every able bodied member and every able bodied spouse or partner, and able bodied adult children that are not paying customers be recruited to help on this massive undertaking.

This project holds the promise of letting Edmonds Kiwanis double or triple the good that we can do for the children of the world. We won't have to help them only one child at a time any more!

NOTE: As project jobs come up, please let John know what areas you can volunteer for. We need your help....*Team work is the key!!!*

NOTE: Buy your gift tickets early for the in demand event.

SAD NEWS

Just recently we were told that Dorothea Forrest, a stalwart of our club, passed away. This is shocking and sad as Dorothea had just recently moved back to Alaska to be closer to her family.

Dorothea died suddenly from a fatal stroke on Dec. 17th in Anchorage. She had relocated to Anchorage, about a month ago, residing with her youngest son, while awaiting assisted care placement . She is survived by six children, 5 sons and 1 daughter (Dorothea was preceded by another daughter). There are several grand children and great grandchildren. At the death of her one daughter, she took the responsibility of caring for her four grandchildren. Also, with the early loss of her mother, in the mid 60's her father was in her care for approximately 20 years. Born 1928 in Juneau, AK., Dorothea graduated Juneau High in 1946. She moved to Anchorage shortly after the 1964 earthquake. She worked to support her family at a number of jobs; Territorial Fish & Wildlife, Telephone Communications, Hope Cottage (for challenged children) , to name a few. She also involved herself in Girl Scouts, and later P.E.O.

When she moved to Edmonds in 2001, she continued with P.E.O. and also joined C.R.I. and the Edmonds Kiwanis, taking an active role in each organization.

Dorothea will be missed by her family and all those who benefited from her love, kindness, and service.

STUDY TEAMS:

Meeting Times: (Is there a better time to meet to get more members?)

Sue Tomlinson(Chair), John Rutter, Elwin Wright

Dues Review: (Is there some \$ relief for joining Kiwanis?)

Jim Buchanan(Chair), Shirley Elliot, Matty Martin

Jackets: (How shall we “update” club jackets with our new name?)

Mary Lou Kantor(Chair), Clayne Leitner, Eleanor Taylor

Name Change: (What else needs to be done?)

Frank Suhura(Chair), membership forming.

Input or question? Contact Team Chair.

“Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.”

Abraham Lincoln



Elwin Wright: The Life and Times of a Transient Sourdough!!!

Things began falling into place, for my arrival in the world, when my maternal granddad arrived in Alaska and the Yukon from Scotland in 1896. With a couple of other “lads”, he had worked his way across the continent, first the Cariboo, then the Cassiar, and finally, the Klondike. After fortunately securing “pay dirt” claims near Dawson, he returned to Scotland in 1900 to wed his sweetheart, only to return to Alaska to help develop the famed Treadwell mine near Juneau. When word of another rich strike at Cleary Creek, near Fairbanks came, the young couple struck out again to the fields in that area. Here my Mom was born. The Cleary Creek adventure was short lived and not as bountiful as expected. So they returned to Treadwell to a managerial position in the enterprise there. Things were booming and promising until the catastrophic cave-in in 1917 doomed the operation. Mom and her family then moved across the channel where Grampa became a shift boss in the mine there.

Meanwhile another adventure was unfolding. My dad, an Iowa farm boy, just completed serving in the Navy, was seeking a college education, first in Iowa, (Simpson College) then Montana (at Dillon) and finally, to Seattle and the University of Washington. Word filtered in that teaching opportunity was to be had in Alaska. With a pal, they bought passage (as far as their money would stretch) to Juneau. Somehow in the close knit town of Juneau he and my mom caught each other’s eye, met, wed, had their first child (my brother) and landed a position as principal in the village of Haines, up the Lynn Canal from Juneau and very near a then active Army Post, Ft. William Seward. It was here, in Haines, that I entered the picture in 1928.

My memory is a bit fuzzy on the details, but Mom said a medical officer from “The Post”, a Capt. Price, came over on horseback in the snow (Nov.) to handle the delivery business. And as is said, “the rest is History”! Those were territorial years and Alaskan communities we just forming. The Great Depression was in play but Alaska’s economy was fairing better than elsewhere in America as fishing, logging, mining, were all going strong. Yes, we were frugal but not feeling the effects others were. In 1931 Dad took a position in Ketchikan, a much larger town, to again administer a new school called White Cliff. It was here in Ketchikan that I spent my wonderful childhood; a fabulous place to be a kid. The entire area was our play ground, the town, the wilderness. We experienced first hand the extremes of society; economically, morally, racially and culturally. I have fond memories of “best pals” with kids whose parents tried hard to handle English because they only recently arrived from Norway, or the Philippines, or Japan, or were native American.

My dad taught “Naturalization Classes” in addition to his school job. The December of 1941 was an interesting time. War had come. I was an eighth grader. I was busy with school, Boy Scouts, 2 paper routes (a daily and a weekly) and playing trumpet in the Junior Band. We began seeing service people everywhere as a huge Air Base was being built nearby on

It was the summer of ‘42 when my Grandmother in Juneau suffered a stroke (Grampa passed away earlier). My parents decided to move to Juneau to care for Gramma. It was tough to leave friends but we soon were adapting to the different pace of Juneau, the capitol city! We move into my grandparent’s house and my brother and I began another exciting chapter as high school students. High School was great.....about 300 kids, wonderful dedicated teachers (they knew your parents!)



Juneau Biology Class, 1945

We had subjects like typing, shorthand, “shop”, latin, literature, home economics. ...and clubs; rifle club, ski club, photo club, and of course the one and only featured sport was basketball! It was king! Music played a big role too. I was having a grand time playing trumpet all 4 years.



Juneau High Band, 1946

Having Band Concerts downtown, with rousing Sousa marches for Bond Drives, was great fun! Also, everyone in high school was working at a job of some sort....as all the able bodied young men had left for military service. I took a job in a grocery store....after school, and Saturdays.

On graduation, not really intending to follow my dad, I felt the need for more study and perhaps I would discover a field of genuine interest. Through a former teacher, I was attracted to Eastern WA. College, at Cheney. It was small, close knit, and, at the time, the least expensive. A small scholarship, a job washing dishes plus returning home to the grocery job in the summer helped finance school. I was able to earn my degree by 1950



Living in Eastern Washington was quite a contrast to S.E. Alaska and I thoroughly enjoyed my undergrad years. It was here that I fell for the girl who was to become my wife. She also just happened to be from Juneau! Bonnie and I married in Juneau in August of '50. I took a teaching job with the Territorial system at Kasaan, a village on Prince of Wales Island in S.E. Alaska.; a one room affair with living quarters upstairs.

This was a true learning experience; with Bonnies' help we attempted to instill some learning with about 20 youngsters. It was lots of work but we felt we made an impact. Because there was little to distract, and good support ,and lots of other chores like keeping the generator operating and the building heated plus being radio operator and movie operator, time whizzed by!



Wright Family 1964; Gary, Gwelda, Bonnie and Elwin

A child was on the way so after this eventful year we decided to return to “civilization”, namely Juneau, where Gwelda , our daughter and first child was born. This was also the time things were getting serious in Korea. Being now married with one child I felt the Alaska National Guard was a good service option for me. I could return to the grocery business, stay at home and provide for my family. . Soon it became clear that there was little advancement opportunity clerking groceries so it was decided that I would return to teaching.

In 1952 took a job in Toppenish ,WA as I had some acquaintance with that area from my days at Eastern. The salary was very meager so I also worked a grocery job on Saturdays. That summer I got a job delivering ice; a great summer job! At this time two developments brought another shift in our plans. Polio was occurring in the area and we were deeply concerned for our daughter. Also, I had an attractive offer, from my former grocer boss, to return to Juneau and manage his new “Supermarket.” We decided to head back north. The Food Center job was very time demanding but rewarding. We bought a small place in Douglas, across the channel from Juneau, immersed ourselves in community life and thought we were there to stay. In 1954 our second child , a son, Gary, was born. We were noticing that my employer (owner of the market) was taking an active political role in the community. Soon the store was up for sale and my future was in question. So, once again it was back to teaching. It was 1956.

We sold our place quickly and headed for Seattle where I enrolled at U of W to renew my certification. We had a small apartment in the Northgate area. I had an aunt and uncle living in Edmonds at the time. They suggested I apply there. I did and was offered a job which I eagerly grabbed. It was teaching fifth grade at the original Alderwood School.

Schools were popping up everywhere so the next year I was shifted to Lyndale Elementary. It was baby boomer time in full force! When word came that another school was to open near our back door (Westgate) I sought a transfer there. Our kids could walk from the back door to school! I taught fifth and sixth grade there for five years than became Instructional Services Teacher (Library, Audio Visual, Materials , Resources) until 1966. Meanwhile, I had been both working summers at Standard Oil at Pt. Wells (Richmond Beach) and then working toward my Masters and Administration Credentials at Eastern. So when an opening for Principal at Esperance came, I accepted. Esperance was a great experience. The building was all under one roof and easy to operate. I was blessed with a great staff. After eight years there I felt I needed a change so opted for a move to Maple Park, in Lynnwood. Two years later Maple Park was targeted for closure, so I went to Cedar Way in Mountlake Terrace. Cedar Way took a while to become a comfortable setting for me as I inherited some challenges. In time things stabilized and I was quite happy there .

I retired after 31 years in education in 1986. True retirement did not last long. Bonnie was still working at Stewarts Pharmacy at Westgate, Gwel and Gary were out of the nest and both were starting families of their own. I was driving Bonnie crazy so I began looking around and after a short search ,I hired on at Blue Cross (now Premera) in Mountlake Terrace.



Elwin the Clerk, 1989

I worked as a shipping and receiving clerk on their newly developing campus. It was a wonderful place to work, close to home, warm friendly folks, plenty of exercise, a good work schedule, modern equipment and training, plus vacations! After 12 years, I decided to leave and give more time to Bonnie. Bonnie was now no longer working. Her health was failing. She had been having some serious intestinal problems...A non cancerous tumor was removed but she had peritonitis. She had another surgery, but lost her battle in May of 2000 , two months shy of 50 years of marriage. In 2001 I undertook a “Sentimental Journey” back home to Alaska and reacquainted myself with Dorothea Forrest, a classmate from high school . We decided to join forces as we were both alone. We have spent some very pleasant years sharing our lives, especially with Kiwanis, until her health needs required much more . Edmonds and the Kiwanis experience has been rewarding and fun. I'm now looking forward to more of it!!



KEY CLUB NEWS:



A variety students from Edmonds-Woodway and Meadowdale Clubs helped at a few sessions of our winter food drive. We are most appreciative of their efforts. No other news as all are on Christmas break.



Sunset of December 2008

A new year is upon us. We are faced with numerous challenges on many fronts, as individuals, a nation, and Kiwanians; Definitely not a time for the faint of heart. But as in the past, our faith and fortitude will carrying us through.

Our club has taken on the several challenges and I am confident, that with continued focus and perseverance, we will be successful. The crab feed will be added work...but the rewards are great and will permit our club to elevate our work with the children of our community to another level. Making changes to grow our club will not be easy, and for some change may not be a good word. However, I believe we all recognize that it is imperative that we take steps to add to our membership or we will certainly shrivel, stagnate, and ultimately join the ranks of “past clubs”.

Let’s commit to adding new members to our club. It is a fun club. A club that likes to be well informed and educated. We enjoy helping in our community. It is a club, that if you want to make a difference...you can. This is a club that should be attractive to like minded individuals that are waiting to be asked.

So, with another year ahead of us...let us resolve to ask a least one person to attend a club meeting each quarter. Hey, this is doable. So, like the NIKE ad says, **“JUST DO IT!!!”**
Let’s share the joy of serving in 2009.

Paul, the guy behind the pulpit.

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- President: Paul Jacobson* (425)-771-8949
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- Sue Tomlinson* (425)-670-6746
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- John Rutter* (425)-778-6502
- Clayne Leitner* (206)-542-6351
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- Jim Buchanan* (425)-778-3033

PNW Division 22:

- Lt. Governor: Larry Merwin** (425)-478-0270

How to Make a Family Cookbook

(a fun project)

Mary Hunt
The Cheapskate Monthly

Create a design that includes recipes, biographies of family members and anecdotes about the recipes and the family.

- Contact family members for their favorite recipes.
- Assemble the cookbook on a computer, using a word-processing program or a special software package such as *Cookbook Wizard* or *The Living Cookbook*.
- Consider leaving room for a family tree, favorite stories and photos.
- Bind the cookbook either by punching holes in the pages and using ribbon to string them together, or by using plastic comb binding -- available at any quick-copy shop.

HAPPINESS

- Hold on to your dreams.
- Ask questions.
- Plan to succeed.
- Proceed with confidence.
- Invest in the right attitude.
- Never stop believing.
- Enjoy the detours.
- Save time for little things
- Share a smile every day.**



EDMONDS KIWANIS

“TIDAL TALES”

“Changing the world one child and community at a time.”

January 2009

These are the local businesses that help to support the Kiwanis' mission in Edmonds.
Remember to patronize our loyal supporters

ARISTA Wine Cellars

320 5th Ave South,
Edmonds
772-7008

“Great Finds with Vintage Service”
Wine Tasting every Sat. 1 - 4:30

Beck's Funeral Home

405 5th Ave South,
Edmonds 771-1234

“Restlawn Memorial Park”

**Edmonds Frame Design
& Atelier**

514 C Fifth Ave South,
Edmonds 771-6520

*“All your framing needs will be
attended to with care and
professionalism.”*

Las Brisas

“Mexican & American Style and Flavor”

120 West Dayton,
Edmonds 672-5050

WALNUT STREET COFFEE

410 Walnut St.,
Edmonds 774-5962

“Your neighborhood coffee shop”

ARNIE's Restaurant

300 Admiral Way,
Edmonds 771-5688

“Pacific Northwest Favorites”

Early Bird Specials
4-6 p.m.
Saturday-Friday

Dayton Dental

Dr. Brian Cave
555 Dayton St.,
Edmonds
672-7272

Edmonds Book Shop

111 5th Ave South ,
Edmonds
775-2789

**Reliable Floor
Covering**

542 Main St.,
Edmonds
778-1121

The UPS Store

23632 Highway 99,
Edmonds
775-2211
Store #1476

**The Bank of
Washington**

202 5th Ave South,
Edmonds 776-2265

“Quality Local Banking”

Downtown Edmonds

Chiropractic

Dr. Brent Symes
Edmonds, 115 4th Ave S.
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712-9277

**Edward Jones
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107 5th Ave North,
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670-1988

“Making Sense of Investing”

**Shepherd &
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112 3rd Ave South,
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776-1155

40th Annual Kiwanis Crab Feed Fund Raiser

February 7, 2009

6 - 11 P. M.



Social Hour: 6 - 7

Dinner: 7 P.M.

Music/Dancing: 8:30 - 11

Dungeness crab dinner WITH music and dancing for only \$35!!!

Eat crab, enjoy music, and dance the night away!!!

All proceeds go to the funding of projects
to help the children of our community and the world.

Location:

St. Pius Church
22301 58th Ave.
Mount Lake Terrace

Tickets are going fast!

Buy while you can....

Ticket Contacts:

John Rutter: 425-778-6502

Mary Lou Kantor: 425-712-8085



We may not be able to help every child, but we can help some children, Working together!!!

Interested in supporting the mission of your local Kiwanis Club???

Contact Buck Weaver for details on placing an ad in this newsletter.

(425-774-3568)