



EDMONDS KIWANIS

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September 2009

Berry Sales Final Report:

In spite of the bad economic situation, our berry sales were once again strong and profitable. While we did not match last year’s record...we did very well, thanks to the efforts of Clayne and our many loyal customers.

This year we cleared \$2,497 which will be used to fund projects to help the children in our community. For you numbers people, net from annual sales:

- 2005: \$2,436
- 2006: \$2,326
- 2007: \$2,095
- 2008: \$2,618
- 2009: \$2,497**

5 year total: \$11,972!!!

Many thanks to Elwin and Shirley for helping Clayne with the delivery process...and to those members that assisted with phone calls. Working together lightens the load.

Newest Member of Edmonds Kiwanis



Susan pinning George

This was one of the most interesting and fun ceremonies, in recent memory, welcoming George Murray into the Kiwanis Club of Edmonds. John Rutter presided over the event with his usual judicial demeanor, supported by his sidekick, Frank Suhara. Oh yes, Susan Henry had the honor of pinning George...with much enthusiasm.

Remember to sign George’s apron...and welcome him to our club. George has a wealth of life experiences as well as a desire to personally assist with our mission of helping the children of our community. Welcome George!!!

(PS: George has a great sense of humor...so be on your toes☺)

Weekly Kiwanis Meeting:

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

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS:

Sept. 1st: Mike Montgomery, Ret. Navy Captain (pilot)
First pilot to successfully ditch a P-3 plane in an emergency.

Sept. 8th: Joe McIalwain, Exec. Dir. of Center for the Arts.

Sept. 15th: Rock Roth, Retired Navy Capt. in charge of building the U.S. Navy base at Everett.

Sept. 22nd: Museum of Flight Excursion and Meeting (Susan Henry coordinating).

Sept. 29th: **Installation of new officers and board members.**

OCT. Captains: Cassutt / Tomlinson

(425-967-5345)(425-670-6746)

Morris, Frankovich, Dooley, Martin

Greeters:

1st: Elaine Hinze

8th: Harold Huston

15th: Richard Kosola

22nd: Clayne Leitner

29th: Dick Lunstrum

”WEAR A SMILE”

Celebrations:

2nd Ruth and Dexter Miller

3rd Dexter Miller

6th Jim Buchanan

23rd Bettina and Buck Weaver

26th Yuko Buchanan

26th Joyce Martin

30th Carole and Paul Jacobson



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“The Taste of Edmonds”

(Fun Times at the Yellow Gate)



Gate Helpers: Shirley, Amy Hickey, John, Al, Elwin

We did it!!! We survived “The 2009 Taste of Edmonds” and we did it in a manner that we should be very proud of. Everyone showed up on time and worked very hard to do the job expected.

The following comment from Carolyn LaFave (Events manager) says it all...“Things went really well this year for the Taste... The yellow gate had approximately 9,000 paying visitors come through the gate (remember we don’t count non-paying, vendors, VIP passes, etc. so the total number through the gate is higher). I was pleased and grateful with the way your crew handled their gate.”

Thanks to Shirley and Marylou for their coordination of this effort, getting the right people for each job was vital to a smooth operation. Thanks to the members, several working multiple shifts, to ensure we did the job right. A class operation!!!



Three Shift Volunteers Extraordinaire:

Janie and Colleen

A big thanks to our volunteers: Amy Hickey, Agnes McAndrews, George Murray, Ruth Miller, Janie Pleasant, Colleen Buotte and Wendy Priest (E-W/Key Club advisor)

Anacortes Inter-club: September, 10th

For those of you that have attended Kiwanis meetings out of county, you probably have heard stories about the Anacortes Kiwanis Clubs. Yes, clubs...there are 2, with total membership over 100. In addition they have significant fund raising activities and services for the community.



Anacortes morning club hot dog stand

How do they do it? What is different about Anacortes? Here are some 2000 stats...to ponder; a tale of 2 cities.

	<u>Anacortes</u>	<u>Edmonds</u>
Pop.	14,557	39,515
Per Cap Inc.	\$22,297	\$39,792
<18 yrs.	23.4%	20.6%
18-24 yrs.	5.5%	7.0%
25-44 yrs.	24.8%	27.4%
44-64 yrs.	25.5%	28.3%
>65 yrs.	20.8%	16.6%
Kiw. Clubs	2	1
Kiw. Members	100+	36



Anacortes noon club thrift shop

Of course numbers don’t tell the whole story...so we are planning a September, 10th (THURSDAY) interclub to the Noon Time Kiwanis Club of Anacortes to find out more.

The interclub will include a 4 hour trip to James Island on Rutter's boat after lunch with the Noon Club. **Sign up is limited to the 1st twelve members.** (Spouses and guests only if 12 members don't sign up). James Island is beautiful and park like with many woodsy walking trails. Dinner in Anacortes before heading home.

This should be an educational and fun inter club. See John for questions and signing up for this trek. **(Note: the cruise portion is subject to weather conditions.)**



How to Work with City Hall

Herb Tyson

Dutko Worldwide

Yes, you can fight city hall -- but there is a right way and a wrong way to go about it, says government strategist Herb Tyson. A former director of intergovernmental affairs at the US Department of State, Tyson now is vice president at Dutko Worldwide, a government relations firm based in Washington, DC (www.dutkoworldwide.com). Here are some pointers he gave me...

■ Do your homework...

■ Call to find out whom you should contact.

Then look for people you know who have ties or connections to the official involved. Talk with them about how best to approach the individual.

■ **Gather data.** If people are speeding past the stop sign in front of your home, count how many do so within a given period.

■ **Don't drop the ball.** If an official asks for further information or documentation, such as photos of a road hazard, provide it promptly.

■ **Don't just complain.** Offer recommendations or possible solutions. Usually, writing is better than calling -- it creates a paper trail -- but be concise. Both e-mail and regular mail are fine.

■ **Stay calm.** Anger won't get a pothole fixed or a tax bill corrected. Such statements as "I'm a taxpayer, and I vote" or "You work for me" only get people's backs up.

■ **Be especially polite to the gatekeepers** -- the people who control access to the decision makers. Requests from nasty or condescending citizens may get sent to the bottom of the pile -- or even the trash can. But these gatekeepers also can make amazing things happen.

■ **Don't do an end run.** Start with a lower-level employee unless a problem is severe.

■ **Give politicians wiggle room.** Don't insist that a traffic light be installed or an employee be fired... and don't make some other all-or-nothing demand. Local officials have many regulations to follow, as well as many constituencies to please.

■ **Get the backing of other people.** Tyson says that it is always better to communicate that a problem is shared by more than just one constituent.

Example: Talk with your neighbors before complaining about speeders in your neighborhood. Get them to show up at the hearing or write letters of support.

Also: If you write a letter, send copies to people or organizations supportive of your position.

■ **Follow up.** Give a specific date on which you will call if you haven't heard from the official -- and do it.

Bottom Line/Personal interviewed Herb Tyson, a former director of intergovernmental affairs at the US Department of State. He is vice president at Dutko Worldwide, a government relations firm based in Washington, DC (www.dutkoworldwide.com).

Secrets of Becoming a Late Bloomer

By Connie Goldman

We generally think of late bloomers as people who were not successful until late in their lives. In fact, most late bloomers had fulfilling careers before taking their lives in new directions. Groucho Marx, for instance, was a famous movie actor whose career had ground to a halt when, at age 60, he began hosting a new type of TV show. When Winston Churchill was around the same age, many thought that he was washed up as a politician. Soon afterward, he became prime minister of Great Britain. And even Grandma Moses -- who was nearly 80 when she began creating her now-famous paintings -- had been long known among her friends as an expert embroiderer.

Most late bloomers, of course, never make headlines, though they also move forward in new and fulfilling ways...

■ Natalie was age 67 when she joined the Peace Corps, learned Spanish and became a schoolteacher in Peru.

■ Martha was 71 when she used her experience in stamp collecting to start a successful mail-order business.

■ Robert, an attorney, was 65 when he began caring for his ailing wife and mother-in-law. After attending to those obligations, he started a new career as a teacher at a local college. Now 80, Robert is still teaching.

OVERCOMING HURDLES

As we grow older, most of us become so wrapped up in old routines that we don't consider striking out in new directions.

Trap: Many of us spend our later years moping around because we never fulfilled the biggest dreams of our youths, such as skippering a sailboat around the world or becoming a professional ballet dancer.

Better: Keep in touch with your dreams, but make them more realistic. Instead of ruminating about sailing around the world, for instance, think now about buying a small sailboat and taking less ambitious trips. Or, if you aspired to be a ballet dancer in your youth, now consider volunteering at the local ballet company. What's important is that the activity you choose is personally rewarding.



Secrets of Becoming a Late Bloomer, continued

STRATEGIES THAT WORK

Each late bloomer moves forward in his/her own way, and the first step is often difficult. *Strategies...*

■ **Keep a journal for a week or two.** Write down your daily activities as well as the goals that you would like to pursue. Keeping a journal of this type is an easy way to spot the activities that are now unnecessary, usually because they've been part of your routine for many years.

Example: Socializing regularly with friends whose company you no longer truly enjoy.

Written words are powerful. Once we see our goals written down, we're far more likely to take them seriously.

■ **Discuss your goals with others.** Many older people have struck out in new directions, and how they did it can be both instructive and inspiring. Some friends are likely to encourage you, but others may point out drawbacks that you hadn't thought about. By talking with a friend who went back to school late in life, you may discover that the process is easier than you imagined. Someone else, on the other hand, may point out that starting a consulting business may take far more time than you thought.

■ **Exploit your creativity.** History shows that becoming a late bloomer nearly always involves using creativity that may have been neglected for many years. There's creativity in everyone, whether it's in managing a company, coaching a sports team, inventing new recipes or even arranging flowers. If you have any doubts about your creativity, jot down in your journal what you most enjoy doing. What you'll see is a list of ways to be creative. Some late bloomers make use of their neglected creativity to start a new and profitable career. Many more use their creativity to help friends and/or family members. Regardless of which path you choose, using your creativity leads to more enjoyment in life and the building of self-confidence.

■ **Learn something new.** Take a course in a subject that's always interested you -- a foreign language, painting or computer programming, for instance. Classes at local colleges and adult education centers can also be great places to make new friends. Don't feel obliged, however, to finish a course you don't like. Going on trips and joining book clubs can also be enjoyable ways to increase your knowledge. Or you can ask friends to teach you something that you always wanted to learn.

Learning also has an advantage that's not always appreciated -- it makes you more open to new experiences.

■ **Laugh more often.** No one knows why humor helps us deal with problems, but it usually does. And when you strike out in new directions, problems will almost certainly occur. You might, for example, sign up for the wrong course at a local college. By laughing about the mistake, you won't let it discourage you from enrolling later in the right course. In fact, laughing at your mistakes is a well-known way to build self-confidence.

■ **Give it a try.** Early in life, changing directions can be risky. That's because we're on a career path and may also have family obligations. Later in life, the risk is usually lower. Take advantage of the opportunity. If you say, "I can't do that," you'll never really know if you could. In fact, nearly all late bloomers have one thing in common -- their willingness to take a chance. If you have any doubts, look at the originality of a Grandma Moses painting or read one of Churchill's defiant wartime speeches.

Bottom Line/Retirement interviewed Connie Goldman, a former host of *National Public Radio's All Things Considered* and the author of several books, including *Secrets of Becoming a Late Bloomer* (Fairview). She lives in Hudson, Wisconsin.



Withrop hideaway on the way to Sun Mountain
Can we do an interclub here???

Charitable Giving...

Where does your money go????

Do you ever wonder how much of your money, donated to a "worthy cause", actually makes it to the place you want it to go? Well, you might want to check out your favorite charities at [Charity Navigator - America's Largest Charity Evaluator | Home](#)

It is worth the check to ensure that your donations are actually be maximized and not going to administration and advertising. **Be generous and smart in helping others.**



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KEY CLUB NEWS:



Anacortes Key Club doing their thing at the recent Anacortes Art Festival. A great opportunity for the club to raise funds for their projects and provide a wonderful example of youth service to the thousands that attended this fest.

The Objectives of Key Club

The sixfold sixth objective of Key Club incorporates the Six Permanent Objects of Kiwanis International as adopted in 1924:

- To develop initiative and leadership.
- To provide experience in living and working together.
- To serve the school and community.
- To cooperate with the school principal.
- To prepare for useful citizenship.
- To accept and promote the following ideals:
 - To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
 - To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
 - To promote the adoption and application of higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship and social contacts.
 - To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
 - To provide a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render unselfish service, and to build better communities.
 - To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

Edmonds Kiwanis Officers:

President: Paul Jacobson (425)-771-8949
Pres. Elect: Mary Lou Kantor (425)-712-8085
V.Pres.: Homer Cardle (425)-776-9772
Secretary: Shirley Elliot (425)-778-0756
Treasurer: Billy Joe Roberts (425)-778-1843
Past Pres.: Harold Huston (425)-771-8201

Edmonds Kiwanis Board:

Seamus Dooley (425)-640-0640
Dexter Miller (425)-744-2346
Elwin Wright (425)-776-2892
John Rutter (425)-778-6502
Clayne Leitner (206)-542-6351
Jim Buchanan (425)-778-3033

PNW Division 22:

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

Calendar of Events :

- Sept. 10th: Anacortes Interclub and Cruise**
- Sept. 11,12, 13th: Mukilteo Salmon Bake
Mukilteo Light House Festival**
- Sept. 15th: Board Mtg., SCSC, 8:30 AM.
SCSC Library**
- Sept. 22nd: Kiwanis Meeting and Museum Tour.
Museum of Flight, Boeing Field**
- Sept. 29th: Installation, new Officers and Board
Regular Kiwanis Mtg, SCSC**

“Do more than belong: participate.
 Do more than care: help.
 Do more than believe: practice.
 Do more than be fair: be kind.
 Do more than forgive: forget.
 Do more than dream: work”.

William Arthur Ward

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION:

We will be holding a “special election” to fill the one year board term vacated by Elwin Wright. Elwin will be moving onto the “President Elect” position for the 2009-2010 term.



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These are the local businesses that help 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

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”

Richmond Beach Rehab.

An AVAMERE community

19235 15th Ave. NW
Shoreline

206-546-2666

*“To Enhance the life
of every person we serve.”*

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

Reliable Floor Covering

542 Main St.,
Edmonds
778-1121

The UPS Store

23632 Highway 99,
Edmonds
775-2211
Store #1476

Allstate Insurance

Mike McGinness

Main Street Insurance

214 Main Street

Edmonds

774-4488

“You're in good hands”

Edward Jones Investment

Alan E. Lawrence

107 5th Ave North,

Edmonds

670-1988

“Making Sense of Investing”

Shepherd & Shepherd Attorneys

112 3rd Ave South,

Edmonds

776-1155

The Bank of Washington

202 5th Ave South,

Edmonds 776-2265

“Quality Local Banking”

OUR SERVICE, OUR COMMITMENT, OUR PROJECTS

Young Children: “Priority One”

“Little Red School House”

Activity Supplies, Meadowdale Pre-School

“WithinReach” (aka, healthy moms, healthy babies)

“The Smile Train”

Youth Services

Edmonds-Woodway High School Key Club

Meadowdale High School Key Club

“Children’s Hospital”

Elementary School Mentoring

“Clothes for Kids”

Bicycle Safety Helmets

Student Dictionary Project

“Dale Turner” YMCA

Community Service

Edmonds Food Bank

South County Senior Center

Contact Buck Weaver for details on
placing an ad in this newsletter.
(425-774-3568)

