



EDMONDS SENIORS KIWANIS - "TIDAL TALES"

"Changing the world one child and one community at a time"

April, 2008

A Personal Note From The President:

President Harold wanted to pass along this note of appreciation for the many calls, cards, flowers, and prayers that have come in to support him and Loretta during this very difficult time. He and Loretta are so thankful for all that has been done to show love and concern. Loretta is improving and Harold is learning to hang in there.

Please remember them in the coming days as Loretta continues her recovering.

Paul

FOOD DRIVE:

Another successful food drive was held in March. Thanks to Al Rutledge and the many volunteers, our club raised almost \$1000 and collected about 40 baskets of food for the Edmonds Food Bank.

Standing out in the cold, wind and rain were Mike Medalia, Frank Suhara, Eleanor Taylor, John Rutter, Al Rutledge, Sue Tomlinson, Henry Odell, Shirley Elliot, Elwin Wright, John Nutting, Homer Cardle, Dexter Miller, Elaine Hinze and Dorothea Forrest.

Thanks for your time and effort to help with this important community project.

Helmets! Helmets!! Helmets!!!

It's time to move into action with our helmet program. Contact people have been established at Chase Lake and College Place Elementary this years helmet program.

The schools are in the process of evaluating for needy kids and estimated sizes and expect to be ready for us early in April. Unlike Cedar Valley where virtually every child needed our help, the selection process at this year's schools is much more delicate to avoid hurt feeling and embarrassment. Therefore, we will be leaving the helmets at the school for gradual and discrete distribution.

As soon as we get the numbers and the sizes we will be ready to order. Then, the Kiwanis labeling party, a fun time where many hands make light work. Thanks to Jim Buchanan for helping with storage.

John

Rutter

PS: With the reduction in helmet distribution for this year, the board voted to shift \$100 to support the "SMILE TRAIN".

Children's Hospital Book Project:

We have been given another opportunity to serve the children of our community. This time it is a book drive for Children's Hospital. Elwin and the book team (Bob Withey, Seamus Dooley) recently challenged each member to purchase one new children's book to give to the hospital this May. So, let's make this another smashing and successful project. Visit the Edmonds Book Store, one of our faithful sponsors, for your book for this project.

Thanks for your support.....☺

Weekly Kiwanis Meeting:

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

PROGRAMS:

Captain: Sue Tomlinson 425- 670-6746

Apr. 1st: **Mary Kay Sneeringer**
Edmonds Book Store

Apr. 8th: **Member Discussion Meeting**

Apr. 15th: **Gretchen Johnson, Dir. Of**
"Arts Now" program at Edmonds CC.

Apr. 22nd: **C.C. Leonard**
Community Alliance
for Self Help

Apr. 29th: **Sharon Stultz and Lisa Utterer**
Americorp

Inter-Clubs:

Contact: John Rutter 425-778-6502
To be announced at the meetings....

Key Club:

Contact: Elwin Wright 425-776-2892
The Meadowdale Key Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:15 a.m. in room C-104.

Other Meetings:

Board Meeting: Apr. 15th, 8:30 a.m. at the SCSC Library.

Greeters:

Apr. 1st: **Billy Joe Roberts**
Apr. 8th: **Ray Roe**
Apr. 15^h: **Henry Odell**
Apr. 22nd: **Al Rutledge**
Apr. 29th: **Evelyn Odell**

Next Month's Programs:

Captain: Elwin Wright 425- 776-2892
Jim Buchanan 425-778-3033
Elaine Hinze 425-778-8128
Richard Kosola 425-361-1603
John Nutting 425-775-4774
Evelyn Odell 425-778-5238

Birthdays /Anniversaries:

16th: Dorothea Forrest,
Peggy and Bob Withey (A)
17th: Frank Suhara
22nd: Sharon and Seamus Dooley (A)

Oops:

A little birdie named Evelyn "mentioned" that we forgot to list Henry Odell's March 5th birthday. Gosh, so sorry Henry...Hey, but we did sing Happy Birthday to you, late☺. Next year you get two birthday wishes.



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volunteers dedicated to changing the world
one child and one community at a time.**

**Young Children: "Priority One"
Projects**

- Little Red School House
- Activity Supplies, Meadowdale Pre-School
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
- Community Services Projects
- Youth Services Projects
- Key Club, Meadowdale High School
- Children's Hospital
- Elementary School Mentoring
- Clothes for Kids
- Bicycle Safety Helmets
- Student Dictionary Project
- Community Service Projects
- Edmonds Food Bank
- South County Senior Center

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- Mike Medalia (425)-774-5467*
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- Clayne Leitner (206)-542-6351*
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- Jim Buchanan (425)-778-3033*

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Lt. Governor: Wally Walsh

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www.snohomishkiwanis.org/



Fujio (Frank) Suhara

(The early years)

I was born in Seattle on April 17, 1929 to Japanese parents. My mother was a picture bride, and was 19 years younger than my father (that's another story). I was the youngest of four children, but did not know my oldest brother who died at age 13 when I was only a year old. My father passed away in 1939.

I was 12 years old in 1941. I attended Bailey Gatzert elementary school and two hours daily of Japanese language school. I also delivered a paper route daily, and was a bugler for the Boy Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps. On that Sunday when Japan attacked the Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, my friend and I went to the movies at the old Palomar Theater in downtown Seattle. We were just carefree young boys...enjoying life. Following the movie, we heard conversations in the street about the bombing in Hawaii by the Japanese. From that point on, our lives were greatly changed, as, indeed, were the lives of all people of Japanese ancestry living on the West Coast of the United States.

On February 29, 1942, President Roosevelt signed an Executive Order empowering the Secretary of War, or any military commander the Secretary might designate, to prescribe military areas to place any persons whose presence was deemed dangerous to the National defense. Of course, because of the war hysteria, that included ALL Japanese people.

On March 2, 1942, Lt. Gen. DeWitt, Commander of Western Defense Command, issued one of many proclamations (which were publicly posted as well as announced on the radio) to the effect that "Any persons of Japanese ancestry, including American citizens, are to be excluded from the Western areas of the U.S. (Washington, Oregon, California, and Southwest Arizona).

At that proclamation, our citizenship (*I was born in Seattle*) which was guaranteed under the Constitution, was taken away from us. We were violated of our rights as Americans under the Bill of Rights. But, we loyally accepted the Order as in the best interests of the Nation. Every one of us felt that sacrifices had to be made.

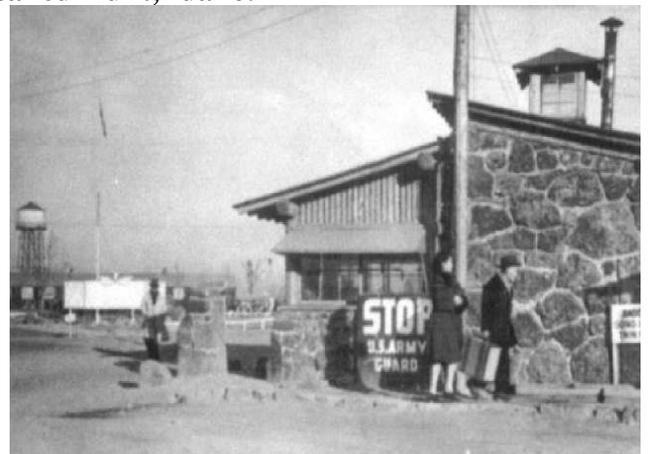
Evacuation started in April and a curfew was ordered, requiring all persons of Japanese ancestry to be in their place of residence between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. . We were forbidden to possess firearms, explosives, cameras, radio transmitters, or shortwave receiver sets. Travel was barred within 5 miles from home without a permit. 106,656 Japanese

people were evacuated from the West Coast of the United States. People had to leave homes, businesses, farms, possessions, friends, everything.

The War Relocation Authority (WRA) was created by President Roosevelt on March 18, 1942. On April 30th, 1942, we Japanese were herded together in an assembly area. We were only allowed to take clothing, essential personal items, and whatever we could carry. My mother, older sister, older brother and I traveled by bus to the Puyallup Assembly Center, a former parking lot for the Puyallup Fair. It was called "Camp Harmony". It was a dark, rainy day. We were assigned to temporary wooden barracks (areas A, B, C & D; we were in Area D). Each evening I played "Taps" on my bugle for Area D.

We were provided a canvas bag to fill with straw for our mattress, army blankets, and wooden cots. There was a community *open* bathroom; a barbed wire fence encircled the compound; there were armed guards (the 41st National Guard). There was a community dining hall, and a recreation building. Friends visited through the barbed wire fence - they were not allowed inside.

Approximately four months later, on August 16th, 1942, we were transported by rail in a passenger, coal-burning locomotive to Minidoka Relocation Center in the lower central part of Idaho (which is near Twin Falls, Rupert and Burley, Idaho). The Relocation Center was called Hunt, Idaho.



Entrance to the Minidoka Relocation Center

It was way out in the boondocks. It was approximately 3 miles long, with 44 blocks. Each block consisted of 12 barracks; each barrack had 6 families. Each barrack was partitioned according to the number of people in the family (each end of the barracks was for a family of 2; the next partition was for larger families up to 6 members, and the center portion for a family of 4.



Our cubicle had room enough only for 4 cots and a stove...no other furniture. There were 3 entrances to each barrack. There were approximately 20 persons per barrack.

There was a dining hall, a laundry and sanitary building and a recreation hall. Each living quarters had a small coal-burning stove for warmth during the winter. My chore was to get the coal for our stove from a centrally located coal storage area within our block. Winters were *freezing* cold, windy, muddy, wet....miserable! Summers were HOT, dry and windy. This whole area was nothing but sagebrush; there were rattlesnakes, scorpions, black widow spiders - country not fit for human habitation.....especially not city folk.

Every adult was assigned to work which was suitable for their abilities or profession. Doctors, nurses, and dentists went to the hospital, etc. Supervision was provided by the War Relocation Authority, but, we basically operated on our own.

Young children assisted with the family chores, played with each other, or whatever; but teenagers worked in the "Victory Gardens" and assisted in raising and picking a variety of vegetables (potatoes, sugar beets, tomatoes, etc.) There were farm animals such as chickens and pigs which were raised for consumption. Others, including myself, were assigned to go to another farm to pick potatoes and sugar beets. I went to a Japanese-owned farm in Shoshone, Idaho, about 5 miles from our camp. The farmer picked us up and returned us in his truck after the crop was picked. We stayed at the farm until the work was completed. The population of Minidoka Relocation Center was estimated at 10,000. The West Coast Japanese-American citizens and aliens (parents born in Japan) interned were 106,656 and relocated into 10 centers (some were Manzanar, Calif., Tule Lake, Calif., and Topaz, Arizona).

There were two elementary schools, one on the West side and one on the East side. There was also a Junior High School and a High School, called Hunt High School, which I later attended. The average enrollment of the education system was approximately 2,500 students (around 1/3rd of Minidoka's population).

There was little idle time for teenagers since working on the farm projects earned \$4.00/month (1/2 day, 5 days a week). On weekends, during the summer, we played baseball (pickup teams), swam in the Twin Falls north side canal, which was extremely dangerous for weak swimmers due to the treacherous undercurrents; one could easily be swept into a rocky waterfall. In fact,

two lives were lost, an 11 year old boy (a friend of mine) and a young man 21 years old both drowned in the canal.

During the winter, I was very fortunate to own a pair of ice skates (which I purchased in Twin Falls over the objection of my mother). But, skating was the thrill of my life. We skated on a frozen wastewater pond (which smelled, too). It was fairly close to Block #16 where we lived. It was recorded in my annual memories, the *Minidoka Interlude*, that on January 20, 1943, the temperature read 12 degrees below zero.

I was interned from 1942 to 1946. I was 16 years old when I returned to Seattle with my family.

(Quoting from our memory book) *"The Minidoka Interlude has come to an end. From the dark overhanging clouds, the sun - the Freedom's light, the symbol of hope and opportunity, and God's blessing - is coming out to shine on Minidoka and its people. The end of "Gloomy Days" marks the beginning of "Happy Days".*

Let us not look mournfully to our past. Let us look cheerfully to the future. Rather let us GO FORTH to meet the future with faith in America, confidence in her people and belief that right makes might and the truth will triumph."

NOTE: Some Japanese-Americans (mostly college educated) were imprisoned for refusing to go to relocation camps. Other men of age volunteered to enter the Armed Services and fought bravely. On January 29th, 1943 the Army admitted Nisei (those second-generation Japanese born in America) to enlist voluntarily into the Japanese-American Combat Unit. Three hundred volunteered from the Minidoka Relocation Center - more than any other relocation center. These young men became members of the most decorated unit in World War II (including 21 Medals of Honor) - the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.



PS: Frank has promised more insights into his adult life in a future edition of Tidal Tales. See Page 6 for just a bit more about Mr. Suhara.



KEY CLUB:

The Meadowdale Key Club netted about \$150 on the Valentine's day rose sale. Knowing that there was interest at the Senior Center Valentine Lunch for flowers...perhaps we could take pre orders for that event next year?? Maybe our kids could pick up a few more bucks..

On March 1st, Key Clubbers assisted at the Beverly Elementary School Carnival. Way to go! This is just another example of the Key Club helping out and building awareness of service.

Founder's Day Luncheon:

Thanks to Ray Roe and the setup committee for another splendid Founder's Day luncheon at the Hollywood Casino. Everyone had a wonderful time, the food was tasty, and the fellowship was grand.

We were honored to have past Lt. Governor Rod Vroman and his lovely wife in attendance. Rod shared his insights on our club and encouraged the spirit of Kiwanians in our efforts to help the children of our community.

After receiving a very special, no expenses spared aircraft, designed and built by Frank Suhara, past president Ben Snowdon handed out a variety of awards. Dick Lunstrum and Ray Roe for set up work, Dexter Miller for weekly invocations, John Rutter for his work on the calendar project and bike helmets, Elwin Wright for the dictionary project, Clayne Leitner for running the berry sales program, and Buck Weaver for raising advertising money for Tidal Tales.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of the "Captain Floyd Smith Award" to Millie Olson in honor of Ray Olson's work with Kiwanis.

Zone Conference:

The Zone conference was held at the Best Western in Mt. Vernon on March 15th. Our club was represented by Shirley, Sue, Elwin, Dorothea and Paul. There were almost 200 Kiwanians in attendance, including our Canadian colleagues.

Following the opening session and welcomes, we attended a variety of workshops including: Sponsored Organizations, Growth & Retention, Risk Management, Governor's Project, Community Service, Marketing and Public Relations, "B.U.G." More Kids, Creative Admin. And Fund Raising. Some good info came out.

It was fun to be with other Kiwanians and to hear about their issues and successes. It would be most beneficial to our club if each member attended a Zone Conference...and learned what resources are available and what is "possible" if we want to move to the next level.

Quiz for the Mentally Endowed

This is a quiz for people who know everything! These are not trick questions. They are straight questions with straight answers.

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1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.
 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?
 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?
 4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?
 5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?
 6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters ' dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.
 7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?
 8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.
 9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

(See next page for the answers....No Peeking!!!)

About Family and Home:

Our family is like the branches of a tree.
We may grow in different directions,
yet our roots remain as one.

Each of us will always be a part of the other.

Where friendships are formed.
And families are grown.
Where joy is shared.
And true love is known.
Where memories are made.
And seeds of life are sown.

This is the place that people call home.
"Author Unknown"



ANSWERS to QUIZ:



Do you recognize our distinguished past president? Even as a youth, he was an "in-charge" kind of guy....surrounded by his "staff".

Letter From Mr. Shaw:

Greetings Elwin,
I want to let you know I had a great time with you and the other Kiwanis members. You are a special group. The Kiwanis is a great organization, but your small group in Edmonds is truly special. It was a real honor to spend some time with the Edmonds Kiwanis, and I am grateful to you for inviting me to speak at the meeting. Also, thank you a ton for that delicious lunch. You are very generous. I look forward to the next time our paths cross.
Take Care,
Henry Shaw



Paul, Henry Shaw, and Elwin
Following Henry's lively
Presentation on the
"Close Up" trip program
To Washington, D.C.

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends .

Boxing

2. North American landmark constantly moving backward .

Niagara Falls

(The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)

3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons . .Asparagus and rhubarb.

4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside . . .

Strawberry

5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle?

It grew inside the bottle.

(The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.)

6 Three English words beginning with dw?

Dwarf,dwell and dwindle.

7. Fourteen punctuation marks in English grammar .

Period, comma, colon, semicolon, dash, hyphen, apostrophe, question mark, exclamation point, quotation marks, brackets, parenthesis, braces, and ellipses.

8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but...

Fresh lettuce.

9. Six or more things you can wear on your feet beginning with 'S' .

Shoes, socks, sandals, sneakers, slippers, skis, skates, snowshoes, stockings, stilts.

(Thanks to Dexter Miller for submitting this educational opportunity.)

Tail Twister for Tidal Tales

Do you have a story to share? How about some life experience insights, a poem, famous saying or even a photo of something unusual, educational, or just down right beautiful? If you do...forward to the Tidal Tales guy for inclusion in our monthly newsletter (as space allows). We need your help in keeping this an informative, educational and fun publication. THX....PJ