



Message from our President:

Greetings;

My term has only two meeting left. This is my "Swan Song" since it sounds better than being called a "Lame Duck".

I entered the office with limitations such as bad eyesight, an ailing wife, etc., Don Williams said to still go ahead. So I wish to thank all those who helped me fulfill my term. Even the head nurse told me to continue since I would just be in the way.

I wish you good luck and thanks to all the members of the club. It's now time to support / help Harold Huston.

President Ben Snordon

Installation Ceremony

Installation of new Officers and Board members for the coming year will take place at our regular October 2nd meeting.

We will be honored by the presence of incoming Lt. Governor Wally Walsh and our current Lt. Governor, Larry Merwin (if available).

Ray Olson

(June 15, 1925 - September 4, 2007)

With the passing of our friend and fellow Kiwanian we are reminded that it is not the dates of birth and death that are important. Rather it is the "dash" that tells the real story. Click on the below link, while online, and you will be able to read a beautiful and meaningful poem that says it best. <http://www.lindaslyrics.com/thedashpoem.html>

We are proud to have known Ray and admire his service as an Army Lieutenant in World War II. We appreciate his long service with the Edmonds Senior Kiwanis; as a member, club president and Lt. Governor. Ray's service with the South County Senior Center and the American Legion are also noteworthy. But most of all, we will remember his willingness to help with our projects, his quick smile and that attitude that said, "Hey, I'm making the most of my DASH, are you????".

Thanks Ray...

Dictionary Project

Hard to believe, but Elwin advises that our dictionary project is starting to "rev-up". Six schools have been contacted for 2007-08 Dictionary distribution to third graders: Woodway, Sherwood, Westgate, Edmonds, Chase Lake, and Seaview. The total count is 305 for this year.

The books have been ordered and delivery should be within 2 weeks. There is a slight increase in cost (25cents). We have ample Spanish/English editions on hand from last year.

October is our targeted month for distribution. Westgate was the first to respond...with a desired time and date of Friday, Oct. 19, 1 pm. The other schools will be contacted next week to establish their dates.

We will have "in house" work sessions at Kiwanis meetings to affix the student labels, as we have done in the past. Oh yes, Elwin found a good deal on pens, so we'll provide each students a pen as well as their own dictionary.

Weekly Kiwanis Meeting:

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

Programs:

- Captain: Harold Huston (425-744-2346)
- Oct. 2nd: Janice Ellis, Snohomish D.A.
- Topic: "Crime and ID Theft"
- Oct. 9th: Peggy Protz, "Felden Kraiss"
- Topic: "Better Movement for Better Life"
- Oct. 16th: Aaron Reardon, County Exec.
- Topic: "State of the Snohomish Economy"
- Oct. 23rd: Bob Terwillinger, Court Admin.
- Topic: "Superior and Juvenile Court"
- Oct. 30th: Pancake House Breakfast Mtg.

Inter-Clubs:

Contact: Elwin Wright (425-7762892)

TBD...

Key Club:

Contact: Elwin Wright (425-7762892)

The Meadowdale Key Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:15 a.m in room 104.

"Don't Shake the Baby" project is being pushed with the help of Ms. Cano, club adviser. Want to help? Contact Elwin....

Other Meetings:

Board Meeting: Oct. 16th, 9 a.m. SCSC Library.

Snohomish County Kiwanis

Events!!!

<http://www.snohomishkiwanis.org/>

Greeters:

- 2nd: Clayne Leitner
- 9th: Dottie Lund
- 16th: Richard Lunstrum
- 23rd: Michael Medalia
- 30th: Dexter Miller

Next Month's Programs:

Captain: Elwin Wright (776-2892)

- Jim Buchanan (425-778-3033)
- Elaine Hinze (425-778-8128)
- Richard Kosola (425-776-8578)
- John Nutting (425-775-4774)
- Dottie Lund (425-673-1144)

Birthdays /Anniversaries:

- 1st: John Beall
- 18th: Collette Beall
- 27th: Louise Frankovich
- 28th: Ruth Roberts

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To learn more:

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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

Edmonds Kiwanis Officers:

President: Harold Huston (425-771-8201)

President Elect: Paul Jacobson (425-771-8949)

V.Pres.: Mary Lou Kantor (425-712-8085)

Secretary: Shirley Elliot (425-778-0756)

Treasurer: Billy Joe Roberts (425-778-1843)

Past Pres.: Ben Snowdon (206-546-9208)

Edmonds Kiwanis Board:

Dorothy Lund (425-673-1144)

Dexter Miller (425-744-2346)

Mike Medalia (425-774-5467)

John Rutter (425-778-6502)

Clayne Leitner (206-542-6351)

Dick Lunstrum (425-771-4680)

Jim Buchanan (425-778-3033)



Smithfield to Edmonds: **The Life and Travels of Mary Lou**

Having thoroughly enjoyed reading the very interesting and useful lives that the Tidal Tales has reviewed in the last few months, I think it is only fair to warn you that this month will be a “sleeper.”

My life began on February 10, 1939 in a very small town in southeastern Ohio, Smithfield (40°16'15"N, 80°46'50"W). When I was very young my parents moved to a small house next door to my paternal grandparents. My grandfather was a fruit farmer and I grew up eating tree ripe peaches, pears, plums, cherries and apples. There were even some grapes and currants. I was spoiled for life when it comes to fresh fruit-it just isn't the same when it comes to the supermarket!

Elementary and high school were in another small nearby town of Dillonvale. I loved school and did very well-graduating at the top of my class (all of 42 seniors). Good old DHS is gone now, swallowed up in the usual larger consolidated systems that are the current trend.

College was the next step and I went off to Kent State University to earn a degree in Education-social studies with a major in history and a minor in psychology and extra hours in English. Having completed the required four years and with diploma in hand-the job market was the next hurdle.



Mary Lou Pressel...Teacher
Ready to teach and “leave no child behind”
(If they passed of course)

A teaching position in a small rural high school found me teaching American Government to high school seniors. At my advanced age of 22, they were about four years younger than I was and most of them were considerably taller! Discipline was surprisingly not much of a problem. Oh, the joys of small rural school in the early 60's!

After three years in the classroom, an old friend from the college years reappeared in my life and Bill Kantor and I were married in January on 1965. Bill had just completed flight training with the Navy and we set out for San Diego, Coronado to be exact, to begin our lives as a Navy family.



Our first child was born in San Diego Naval Hospital-the big pink building overlooking Balboa Park. When she was three months old Bill set sail on the carrier Kearsarge for his first deployment since our marriage. It was something of a challenge to find yourself three thousand miles from your family with a tiny baby suddenly your total responsibility. This is where we find the beginning of the “independent woman” syndrome which I am often accused of having!

The next set of orders sent us cross country to the training command centered in the Pensacola, Florida area. Our second daughter was born in Milton just outside Pensacola. No deployments for Bill so we were a two parent family with two lovely daughters. To say I was not fond of the Florida panhandle is a gross understatement! It has occurred to me that should I find myself in a southern climate in my afterlife, I will have earned three years off for time already spent!!!



Happy mother with daughters
Susan and Jane

The Navy being the Navy, we moved next to Whidbey Island. We settled into a lovely home in Coupeville and our older daughter started school there. We both loved the Northwest and decided we would make this the last duty station and make this our permanent home. We have never regretted the decision.



Coupeville waterfront.

Jobs were hard to find at that time, and we moved from Coupeville to Bothell. Both girls started school in Northshore School District and we knew we had a permanent home!

When our younger daughter started junior high school it suddenly occurred to me that we would soon be empty nester. I needed a new direction after being a stay at home mother for almost ten years. I knew I didn't want to go back to the classroom but I wasn't sure just what I did want. Having spent a considerable amount of time on household accounts, etc., I decided to take some accounting



classes. I enrolled at Lake Washington Vocational Technical School (as it was known then) and found I loved bookkeeping.

My first job was handling the accounting for an elderly and handicapped transportation program called Van-Go. We worked out of an office in the Northeast King County Multi-Service Center in Bothell- now part of Hopelink. Everyone did everything-even radio dispatch of the vans. We were really cutting edge when we went to computers-a TRS 80- now known fondly as a “trash 80”.



**Tandy Corp. TRS 80 sold at Radio Shack
\$599 for 1.77Mhz and 4KB RAM of computing power!!!**

After about five years of general experience I decided to look for a new position in corporate America-enough of nonprofit. After sending innumerable resumes to that great resume heaven in the sky, I finally got an interview at a major law firm in downtown Seattle. To my surprise they decided to hire me! I started in accounts payable and loved it-just like home paying the bills! Well not exactly-this was the 55th floor of the Columbia Center. What a view!

The department was large and busy so there was no time to cross train on desks so eventually I got tired of spending their money and decided to look around again. I ended up in a billing spot at another much smaller law firm in Seattle. No view and I didn't much care for the tasks. So.....when I heard my old job was open again I reapplied and surprisingly they rehired me!! Back to spending someone else's money. A new CFO decided it was time to put me in a different position and I moved to the other side of the spectrum-accounts receivable. Keep those checks coming. Now I had seen the gamut of functions and I decided it was time to go back to staying home. So three years ago, I retired to our new home-a condo in beautiful downtown Edmonds.

IS EVERYONE STILL AWAKE??? We are almost there!

Our daughters are grown and married now. They both live in the area and we see them often. We have a five year old granddaughter and a three year old grandson. What fun!!

When John Rutter asked me if I might be interested in joining Kiwanis I jumped at the chance! At first I thought I would need to find some additional activities to keep me busy but I find there are enough activities and projects to keep me out of trouble and I still have time for the grandchildren and of course the children and husband.

No real excitement here-just everyday life. I have enjoyed it and I know there is a lot more to come!

Thanks for listening!

(More info on Mary Lou and the guy named Bill? Join us for lunch at Arnie's.)



Serving our Club
And our Community

As this “Kiwanis year” ends, it is only appropriate to acknowledge those who have served our community, within Kiwanis and other organizations, during the last year.

(This listing is from our secretary’s records.)

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- Dick L.** (the Swede) sets up table and chairs prior to every meeting.
- Ray** makes and serves coffee every meeting.
- Clayne** faithfully sets up the sound the system and helps with all the video presentations.
- Ben** is there each meeting to set up the flags and easels.
- George F. and Matty** man the “sign in” desk each week and run the drawings.
- Dexter and Dick L.** volunteer at the Edmonds Food Bank.
- John N., Billy Joe, and Elwin** drive for Edmonds “Crime Watch”.
- Harold and Paul** work on the Edmonds Police Foundation.
- John R., Elwin, Shirley, and Mike** handled the helmet project.
- Clayne** coordinates all aspects of our annual berry drive fund raiser, including sign ups, pick up and distribution.
- John N.** visits our wounded veterans at the VA hospital.
- Al Rutledge** coordinates our club’s food drives for the Edmonds Food Bank.
- Frank** is the club’s official photographer; he takes photos of guest speakers and their sponsors and of other club events for the club’s historical photo album.
- Elaine Hinze** does the AARP Defensive Driving Course at the SCSC and the Mt. Lake Terrace Senior Center.
- Jim Buchanan** volunteers for the Red Cross and AARP.
- Frank** orients all new Kiwanis members and their prepares badges and name cards. He also does the calligraphy for all the annual awards.
- Buck** seeks and solicits donors for our Services Account.
- Paul** volunteers at the Nordic Heritage Museum and publishes the Tidal Tales.
- Elwin** coordinates interclub program and along with **Dorothea**, attends Meadowdale Key Club meetings.
- Billy Joe** coordinates the annual budget / expense disbursements and does the monthly treasurer’s reports.
- Dorothea, Elwin, John R., MaryLou, and Shirley** are faithful attendees at interclubs.
- George B.** is a frequent speaker and contributor to the continuing education of Kiwanis clubs in the area.
- Sue, Dottie, Homer and Dick K.** are frequent volunteers at a variety of functions to help raise project funds.
- Frank**, the “Brackett’s Landing Canary”, leads our club each week in song and the pledge.
- Shirley** continues her important rule as club secretary and the “glue” that keep this club together and on the straight and narrow.

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Thanks for you many hours of service!
Our Club works because of you
and you are making a difference
In our community.



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Continuing Education 101:

(Sponsored by the Flat Planet Club)

More than half of the coastline of the entire United States is in Alaska.

Amazon: The Amazon rainforest produces more than 20 percent of the world's oxygen supply. The Amazon River pushes so much water into the Atlantic Ocean that more than one hundred miles at sea, off the mouth of the river one can dip fresh water out of the ocean. The volume of water in the Amazon River is greater than the next eight largest rivers in the world combined and three times the flow of all rivers in the United States.

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Antarctica: Antarctica is the only land on our planet that is not owned by any country. 90% of the world's ice covers Antarctica. This ice also represents 70% of all the fresh water in the world. As strange as it sounds, Antarctica is essentially a desert. The average yearly precipitation is about two inches. Although covered with ice (all but 0.4 percent of it), Antarctica is the driest place on the planet, with an absolute humidity lower than the Gobi desert.

Brazil: Brazil got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

Canada: Canada has more lakes than the rest of the world combined. *Canada* comes from a Huron word meaning "village" or "settlement."

Chicago: Next to Warsaw, Chicago has the largest Polish population in the world.

Detroit: Woodward Avenue in Detroit, Michigan, carries the designation M-1, because it was the first paved road anywhere.

Damascus: Damascus, Syria, was flourishing a couple of thousand years before Rome was founded in 753 BC, making it the oldest continuously inhabited city in existence.

Istanbul: Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents.

New York City: The term "The Big Apple" was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930's who used the slang expression "apple" for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time ~ The Big Apple. There are more Irish in New York City than in Dublin,



Ireland, more Italians in New York City than in Rome, Italy, and more Jews in New York City than In Tel Aviv, Israel.

Wilderness: Percentage of Africa that is wilderness 28%. Percentage of North America that is wilderness 38%.

Ohio: There are no natural lakes in the state of Ohio, every one is man-made.

Rome: The first city to reach a population of 1 million people was Rome, Italy in 133 B.C. There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Siberia: Siberia contains more than 25 percent of the world's forests.

SMOM: The smallest sovereign entity in the world is the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM). It is located in the city of Rome, Italy, has an area of two tennis courts, and as of 2001 has a population of 80, 20 fewer people than the Vatican. It is a sovereign entity under international law, as is the Vatican.

Sahara Desert: In the Sahara Desert, there is a town named Tidikelt, which did not receive a drop of rain for ten years.

St. Paul: St. Paul , Minnesota was originally called Pigs Eye after a man named Pierre Pig's Eye" Parrant who set up the first business there (bootlegging).

Roads: Chances that a road is unpaved in the USA ~ 1 percent. Chances that a road is unpaved in Canada ~ 75 percent.

United States: The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are meant to be usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

**"Now you know a lot more than you knew two minutes ago!"
Thanks to our in-house continuing educator, Elwin Wright.**