



Lynnwood Kiwanis

Trolley Tales



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**We now meet at: Lynnwood Fire Department, 18800 44th Ave W. Lynnwood
Thursday at 7:00 AM**

This is the "Souvenir, Farewell Edition" of the Lynnwood Kiwanis Trolley Tales for your editor of these past many years, Larry Merwin. I have accepted the position of editor of the *Division 22 Leadership News* for the next year. As Division 22 Lt. Governor I am, of course, the only person on the staff, so if a newsletter is to go out to the leadership of the six clubs in the Division it falls upon me to make it happen. I have greatly enjoyed bringing my slant on the news of the Kiwanis Club of Lynnwood to the members and friends of the club. I hope I have not slighted anyone by missing a major event in their life or offended anyone too greatly in my attempt to add a touch of humor to the reporting. The good news is that our newest member, Cindy Barber, has agreed to assume the duties as editor of the newsletter. While I will pass along a few suggestions, the format, name, content, and frequency of future newsletters will be up to Cindy. I only ask that you assist her by either calling or e mailing pertinent information. It is impossible for the editor to attend each and every event and report accurately on all activities. I know I will be sending her a bit of information as your Lt. Governor and I would hope the president and committee chairs will do the same.

Thanks for reading and **Best of Luck Cindy.**

Larry



← This is your new editor!

Upcoming Events

- 9/13/2005 **Board Meeting** 6:45 at Petosa's
- 9/21/2005 **Interclub** @ Lynwood High School 7:10am
- 9/23/2005 **Kiwanis Club of Lynnwood Installation Banquet**, 6:00 PM, Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, Cost \$20 per person

Upcoming Programs

- 9/08/2005 Mary Kay Davis, YWCA Pathways for Woman
- 9/15/2005 Aaron Reardon Snohomish County Exec.
- 9/22/2005 Anne Cassady EdCC Foundation
- 9/29/2005 Sheri Ennis Clothes For Kids

Dues Are Due! By the time you read this you should have received your dues billing. Please remit now!



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President John and First Lady Louise Baker host a fantastic summer social at their lovely home by the water on Camano Island . . .

It was a beautiful summer Saturday, August 20 when several members of Lynnwood Kiwanis and many spouses gathered for fun, food and fellowship on the deck of the Baker's Camano Island home. The view of the waters of Puget Sound and Mount Baker, Whidbey Island and beyond, were just amazing. John and Louise went all out with more food than we could possibly eat and that was before Jay Rust barbecued the hamburgers and bratwurst for the main course. One adventurous group played nine holes of golf at Camaloch on Camano prior to the party. Kim Darby, Ron Swengel (on his birthday), Ginger Merwin and Larry Merwin had a fun time and worked up an appetite. Most of the attendees took a nice beach walk in the afternoon sun to work up their appetite.

On behalf of all of us who attended the event I would like to extend a big Kiwanis Thank You to John and Louise for allowing us to enjoy their Camano Island home and a wonderful day and great food.



Above: Summer Social at President Bakers Camano home

Summer Projects . . .

If you were not paying attention you might have thought Lynnwood Kiwanians took the summer off. While there were no major official projects scheduled there have been many activities. The July 23 Golf Tournament has already been reported. The August 20 Club Social was reported in the article above. In early June we painted a house as payoff for the high bidders at last year's auction. Saturday, August 27 a contingent of Kiwanians and Cindy's husband Mel, turned out to paint the house for the winning bidder at this year's auction. Among those on hand were Ralph Baggerly, Keith Klaus, Cindy and Mel Barber, Bob Zwink, Bill Vincent, Kim Darby, Bill Temple, Larry Merwin, Billie Swengel with some young helpers and I imagine some others arrived after I left for a picnic. Then on Thursday night Bill Temple, Ron Swengel and Larry Merwin were on hand for touch up painting and still the project was not done. I learned today that Ralph Baggerly and Keith Klaus put in some time on Friday and the project is now finished. Another auction related project has been a couple of turnouts to split wood to be sold for firewood. On hand Tuesday, August 30 were John Baker, Jeff Slater, Kim Darby and Larry Merwin. At another, earlier wood splitting event, Ralph Baggerly, Bill Temple, Kim Darby and Larry Merwin were on hand. Please forgive me if I missed some attendees. This is an example of where a project leader recording accurate attendance and hours would be a big help. So, as you can see, when you add in the regular Thursday morning meetings, a monthly board meeting, and a couple of budget planning sessions to the events mentioned it made for a busy summer. John and I also attended the District Convention in August as well. We face busy times ahead as we hold our installation banquet, get a budget ready for approval, Keith lines up his team for his year as president, we get our dues turned in and get ready to start a new Kiwanis year on October 1.

We will have opportunity to celebrate this past year and thank the leadership team and especially our president, John, at the Installation Banquet but I would like to take this time and space to extend my sincere thanks to John for his strong, detailed, organized leadership this past year. There are a lot of administrative details to running a non profit organization and it takes someone who pays attention to detail to ensure all the proper filings are completed, committees are working, events are scheduled etc. With our club secretary, Meg, needing to take a sabbatical during the year, we owe a big thanks to John and then to Dave Dubois for filling in on that most important job. It has been a great Kiwanis year.



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Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief . . .

As I write this edition of the newsletter I am deeply saddened by the unbelievable news being reported from New Orleans and other areas of the Gulf Coast region. On the one hand I am most proud of the outpouring of aid both financial and physical, to those who are suffering. At the same time I am troubled by the news of those who take advantage of the tragedy to turn to looting and violence and to devising schemes to defraud unwitting donors of their money. I suppose I am strongly biased by my deep involvement and love for Kiwanis, but I can not help but believe that one of the best ways we can be of direct help to those who have lost everything (especially the children) and are suffering so greatly at this time, is to turn to Kiwanis to help. Obviously the bulk of attention and media requests for funds is for the Red Cross and Salvation Army. These are outstanding places to contribute and I am not suggesting otherwise but I do know that all funds donated to Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund will be quickly put to work by Kiwanis in the areas most needed and with the emphasis on the children.. Below is the posting on the Kiwanis International web site regarding contributions.

Disaster Relief Fund to aid Hurricane Katrina victims

Your International Kiwanis Foundation has again been called upon to aid in disaster relief. Hurricane Katrina has destroyed many homes and businesses in the United States Gulf Coast. The **Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund** will be utilized to aid children affected by the devastating hurricane.

The Foundation, working through the districts and clubs within the affected areas, ensures that contributions will be directed to children with the most immediate and critical needs.

Many of the concerned ask if there is anything they can do to help. Contributions are being accepted. Please send your support to the **Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268**

Our thoughts are with the countless individuals suffering because of this natural disaster. Please join us in serving children who are truly the most innocent victims of severe tragedies.

Ralph E. Wilson, Jr., President
Kiwanis International Foundation

* This web posting was placed on Tuesday, before the situation in New Orleans had greatly deteriorated but Kiwanis was already at work trying to help.

The Board of Directors of Lynnwood Kiwanis/Lynnwood Kiwanis Foundation has not met since this disaster. I can not report any official position of the Board on this matter. I am reporting as an individual and a Kiwanian and asking that you strongly consider making your donations either directly to the Kiwanis International Foundation at the address above or making your donation to the Lynnwood Kiwanis Foundation and designating it to be sent to Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund. If this step is taken it shows the efforts made collectively by Lynnwood Kiwanis members, family and friends. I received a call, just today, from a co-worker who wants to make her donation in this manner. I did not approach her, she just knows from my constant talking about Kiwanis that we would have a plan in place to help.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.