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Governor Lori Bryant

KIWANIS ONE DAY

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Hello Fellow Kiwanians

My goodness how time flies. The year is nearly half over and there is so much to do.

Since time is slipping by, I wanted to remind you of the Governor's Project "Priority One and Seniors too." See page 2

The New International initiative is the Kiwanis One Day, April 7, 2007. The article on the International Website urges every Kiwanis club to be part of the Kiwanis Family for a day of united service. Including K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, and AKtion Club. "Kiwanis One Day will provide an opportunity to showcase the Kiwanis Family and our commitment to service in each community."

Consider the impact that more than 600,000 Kiwanis family members can make in one day of service!

And… Don't forget to order your "ONE DAY" T-Shirt before March 15th. See the following to order. Only $5 each.
https://stealth.onet.net/kicatalog/kiwanis/v40/default.asp?category=385&product=2801&catalog=Kiwanis

I hope that from time to time you take a few moments to browse through the different districts and divisions on the International Kiwanis website just to see what other Kiwanians are doing. Very interesting projects. Web address is: http://www.kiwanis.org/kfl/district.asp

All issues of this newsletter plus separate articles are posted on the PNW Kiwanis Website for International Understanding. Address stated above.

***WE** Can Change The World!*

W. Falkowski

existing Kiwanis PNW projects...

Kiwanis International & U.S. Fund for *UNICEF* giving children *A SMART START* in life

Article from Kiwanis International Website

"All children deserve the best possible start in life. Yet, every day, 113,000 babies are born at risk of iodine deficiency. Imagine being one of these children. You might not be able to learn as quickly as others, and this could hinder your chances of success in life without you even knowing why. Worse still, you might suffer severe mental and physical retardation."
Remainder of story at:
http://www.kiwanis.org/service/wsp

GOVERNOR, Pacific Northwest District
Lori Bryant

GOVERNOR'S PROJECT...

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE & SENIORS TOO

This article written by: Tom Bryant
http://www.pnwkiwanis.org/PNWKIResources/District/GovLoriDistEmphasis.pdf

To Encourage Our Kiwanis Clubs To Focus On New Service Projects For Our Elderly Population.

This term we are asking to expand our service and enjoy serving the elderly in our communities, as well as our youth. There are thousands of ways to offer Kiwanis "Service with a Smile", to our seniors.

Project ideas include personal visitation, household fixes, lawn service, oil changes, fire alarm checks, even light bulb replacement. One club decided to pre-pay for heating oil from a local company to make sure there is heat for the homes of the elderly during the winter. I love the

party called "Senior Ball" which involves the Key Club. If you let Governor Lori or I know your ideas and I will pass them on to other clubs.

Complete your Official Monthly Report and include the hours your club gives.

The most important portion of the emphasis on elderly is to care, watch for ways you can be helpful.

TO QUALIFY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S PROJECT "District Emphasis" BANNER PATCH

1. In addition to the OMR, send the projects, and hours to Tom Bryant District Chair, bryantto@comcast.net or 1416 4th Ave. N.W. Puyallup, WA 98371.
2. Complete 100 service hours on a new project for the elderly.
3. Participate in the Alzheimer Foundation "Memory Walk" in your area, CA "Walk for Memories", though walking for pledges and sponsorships or sending a donation to Alzheimer Walk in our area. www.alz.org or 800-848-7097 for more information.
4. Have two speakers during the term of 2006-2007 to your club meetings addressing the needs of seniors in the community.

The Governors Project "District Emphasis" each year is meant to help us focus on a new project of service. We are excited about expanding, and in many cases enlarging our service in each community and would like to include some of the projects in our new quarterly magazine. Please contact Patrick Ewing Marketing chair for more information Patrick.ewing@shaw.ca or 250-995-1362.

Thank you for caring about the "Greatest Generation". Gov. Lori and I are very excited to hear from your clubs with service projects and ideas.

If you have any questions please contact me, I will be glad to help you.

Have a Great Year!

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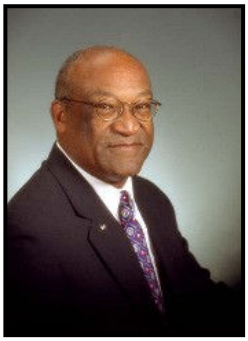
service with a smile
PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT 2006-2007

'Working together, we will continue to make a difference. That is the true spirit of Kiwanis. Thanks for all you do."

Trustee Sylvester Neal

THE Pacific Northwest District KIWANIS / AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP



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International Trustee

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Greeting Kiwanians

First, let me say thanks to all the participants for your contributions to our Partnership Program. Most participants have had an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, achievements and needs with their partners. I have attempted to pass on and share much of what I receive as coordinator. The fellowship and friendships I have gained through my communications have been enriching to me and the work I do for Kiwanis as a Trustee.

I would like to address some concerns of providing funding support through this partnership program. There has been fund-raising and financial assistance provided by the U. S. clubs to help the service initiatives of our African Partners. We have learned a few lessons and want to use this newsletter to provide some suggested guidelines for future aid requests and responses. The following are suggested guidelines for future transactions:

Requesting Club

1. The requesting club should have "club approval" for the project or services being requested.

2. The request should include a description of the project or need, how much U.S. funds being requested, and who will benefit or how will the project benefit the club and/or community.

3. The club should establish a bank account in which to deposit the funds upon receipt and to track expenditures. Two signatures should be required to accept funds. Once the funds are deposited, the receiving club should email their partner a copy of the bank statement to acknowledge receipt of the funds.

4. The club should report on the progress of the project every six months or until the project is concluded.

Clubs Providing Financial Assistance

1. If assistance is approved by a club, funds should be sent by moneygram. This is the most cost effective and efficient method to send funds to Africa. Postal Money Orders are difficult to cash.

2. If the funding request is not approved, for training purposes, the requesting club should be advised of the reason why and what additional information or other type of project the club might consider funding.

I understand that these agreements are totally between participating clubs. Our intent here is to provide a system for accountability and credibility. It is also a learning tool for new clubs to learn how to request funding support from other sources. It is our hope to keep all matters professionally administered in the interest of fellowship and goodwill.

Surgical Implant Generating Network (SIGN)

I am the Honorary Chairperson of another Kiwanis project in our District It is called SIGN, which stands for **S**urgical **I**mplant **G**enerating **N**etwork. This is a project where our Kiwanis clubs help fund surgeries for broken bones for people who cannot afford quality fracture care. Over 150 surgery centers in existing hospitals have been set-up all over the world. The Kiwanis/SIGN partnership has recently opened several hospitals in Africa.

In Kenya, SIGN centers have opened or will be opening in the following hospitals: Kijabe Hospital, Rift Valley Hospital, Eastern Providence Hospital, Eldoret-MOI Hospital and Nyanza Provential Hospital. One center is also opening in Rwanda. If a club would like more information on how they could be a liaison, please let me know. Financial assistance is not needed, but a commitment to support and coordinate with the hospital is what we need.
More information on SIGN is available at this link: www.sign-post.org

Kiwanis-SIGN Programs

Nyanza Provincial General Hospital
Kisumu, Kenya
Named in Recognition of:
Kiwanis Club of Auburn
In honor of Sylvester and Doris Neal
Program manager: Dan Rabuni
Program Start Date: 2006
Program Surgeon:
Training Surgeons:
Surgeries reported: 21
Surgeries reported in 2006: 19

108 Military Hospital
Named in Recognition of:
Kiwanis Club of Richland Kris and Peg Young
Memorial
In Tran Hung Dao Str
Ha noi, Vietnam
Program Manager: Nguyen Thanh Tan
Program Start Date: 2003
Program Surgeon: Lewis G. Zirkle, Jr., M.D. (U.S.)
Training Surgeons: 144
Surgeries reported: 144
Surgeries reported in 2006: 3

Anticipated Kiwanis-SIGN Program for 2007:
Coast Provincial General Hospital
Mombasa, Kenya
Named in Recognition of:
Kiwanis Club of Richland
Donated by the sun Kenya

PNW / African Partnership Newsletter & SIGN Newsletter.

For complete Newsletters listed above, see my website http://www.pnwkiwanis.org/PNWKIResources/intlunderstanding.html

UNITED WE STAND!

ONE DAY CELEBRATES FAMILY SERVICE

Information from Kiwanis International Webpage: www.kiwanis.org

Every Kiwanis club should reserve the date of Saturday, April 7, 2007, for the launch of a major new Kiwanis service initiative. That's the date chosen for the first Kiwanis One Day.

On Kiwanis One Day, every Kiwanis club is urged to join with the rest of the Kiwanis family--K-Kids, Builders, Key Club, Circle K, and AKtion Club--for a day of united service.

Called Kiwanis One Day: One Way, One Day, One K, the event is inspired by the success of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District's annual Total K Day and International President Nelson Tucker's initiative to create a day that unites the entire Kiwanis family in service.

Kiwanis One Day will provide an opportunity to showcase the Kiwanis family and our commitment to service in each community. Think of the impact of more than 600,000 Kiwanis family members can make in one day of united service.

Every club is invited to take part in this momentous event by following the step-by-step plan, which includes tips on forming a committee, selecting a project, motivation and incentives, and a template news release to inform the news media.

- Limited-Edition T-shirt
- Game Plan
- Join Us poster
- It's Just That Simple poster
- Media Alert
- Fact Sheet
- Invitation
- Letter Inviting Dignitaries
- Press Release
- Opening Remarks
- Op-ed

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http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/default.asp

THE S.O.S. PNW DISTRICT ROGRAM

In 2005-2006 our Save Old Spectacles PNW District program was very successful in "Giving the Gift of Sight" to people around the world. Our grand cumulative total collected to date is over 400,000 pairs of pre-owned eyeglasses. Yes, in just the past 11 years PNW Kiwanis clubs have collected and processed well over 400,000 pairs of eyeglasses in suitable condition for professional placement to men, women, and children of great need in third world countries. Our goal of collecting 25,000 this next year is well within our reach.

If your club has played a role in our current program, we salute you for a job well done. If your club would like to get involved with the Save Old Spectacles community service program, we encourage you to order an S.O.S. promotional packet. It comes complete with Printed Ad Copy, Art Work (for creating collection cartons), Shipping Labels, and a Reporting Form for your club to receive recognition for participation in the greatest S.O.S. program in all of Kiwanis International.

For more information please contact your S.O.S. Program Director: Steven Maxwell
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