A LITTLE LOVE GOES A LONG WAY...
The PNW Connection to KENYA
A NEW FORMAT.  
A NEW FOCUS.

This is the first issue of the PNW Builder to be printed in magazine format. This new format also heralds a new focus for the publication: local clubs, and the service they provide to their communities. When we hold up the mirror to Kiwanis clubs, you’ll like what you see...
A Proud History
The heart of Kiwanis has long been focused on making a difference for children, families, seniors, and communities. Over the years, Kiwanis members have volunteered countless hours, raised untold millions of dollars, and touched the lives of people they may never meet.

A Local Focus
Throughout the history of Kiwanis, the Kiwanis member has been the most important person (for nothing can be accomplished without members) and the Kiwanis club has been the most important part of the organization. Clubs decide what the needs are in their own particular community, and find ways to address those needs based on their own strengths.

A New Publication, A New Focus
The PNW Builder will continue to serve as the district publication, but with a new focus.

Club and district administration is important, but information relating to these matters will now be communicated to clubs and club leadership through other means. Instead, we want this publication to focus on what is in the hearts and minds of every Kiwanis member: community service. We want this to be a grassroots publication that focuses on how clubs from Yreka, California to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory are changing the Pacific Northwest (and the world), one child and one community at a time.

A New Format
Kiwanis is a quality organization, and we want this publication to reflect that. On a trial basis, we will be using a magazine format and selling advertising to offset the increased cost. We hope this format will better allow us to tell the Kiwanis story while making the publication more appealing to current and prospective members alike.

A New Structure
Starting with this publication, primary production of the newsletter has moved outside the District Office. Marketing & Public Relations Chair Patrick Ewing has taken on the role of Managing Editor until a full board is established. We are looking for people to serve as reporters, photographers, and regional editors.

A New Name
Finally, to go with the new focus, new format, and new structure, we need a new name. The “Builder” refers to the old motto “We Build”, which has since been replaced with “Serving the Children of the World.” We are looking for your ideas, and will even have a prize for the winner — see page 13 for details.

We Need Your Help
1. Keep focusing on what is important: serving communities.
2. Share stories of your successes. If possible, send photos.
3. Share your ideas for a new name.
4. Sponsor the Objects of Kiwanis (back page) or a magazine page (see page 28).
5. Buy advertising space for your business to support the printing of this publication (see page 28).

We hope you’re not shy, because the new focus is on you...

In our eyes, your service to the community is a beautiful thing.
Playground Equipment Installed at Women’s Shelter

The Kiwanis Club of Skagit-Mount Vernon was involved in the purchase of equipment, building of a playground, yard beautification and the construction of two wheel chair accessible ramps at a non-profit agency for victims of domestic violence. These victims are often mothers, and the situations can be difficult for their children. Now mothers and children have a safe place to play together.

The project was successful due to contributions of the Kiwanis Clubs of Skagit-Mount Vernon, South Mount Vernon and Mount Vernon and the support of a variety of other clubs, businesses and agencies. “This demonstrates Community Collaboration at its finest,” said Ken Bergsma, project chair.

SUPPORTING CHILD CANCER RESEARCH

Over 80 Kiwanis Clubs in Oregon and southwest Washington have raised over 1.7 million dollars in the past 15 years for the KDCCP Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Program. This is one of the most successful ongoing fundraisers for Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) in all of Kiwanis. While the funds support children’s cancer research at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital in Portland, the breakthrough research benefits children from in the Pacific Northwest and all over the world.

A major fundraiser for 2007 is the raffling of a brand new 2007 Mustang GT. One lucky winner will drive home in a beautiful new car valued at over $30,000. The raffle goal is to sell 40,000 tickets at $5 each.

In addition to the Car Raffle club members also conduct golf tournaments, bike-a-thons and Christmas tree ornament sales. PNW Kiwanian Clubs and individuals working together and dedicated to helping Children all over the World is what makes this program such a success.

For more information, contact Bob Collison at: bcollison@jafforest.com

DISCOVERS A BETTER WAY TO HARNESS SOLAR POWER IN 2022

HELP ONE CHILD AND YOU HELP THE WORLD.

Kiwanis International

One can make a difference.
Distributing Dictionaries to Students

The Kiwanis Club of Eastmont is located in East Wenatchee, Washington. During the months of September, October, and early November, the Eastmont Kiwanis club distributed 450 dictionaries to all the third graders in the five elementary schools in the Eastmont School District in East Wenatchee, Washington. This is the fourth year we have accomplished this project and it has been welcomed in each classroom.

Some of the comments received from students and teachers were:

“Now all the students and I can be on the same page. We do not have to share four to five dictionaries for the whole class.”

“My brother got a dictionary last year and I can’t wait until I get mine.”

“I love my new dictionary.”

“Hello Dictionary man,” from a third grader that saw the Kiwanian who distributed the dictionary downtown.

“Well done,” from a Rotarian at a joint banquet.

The Kiwanis club orders the dictionaries online at thedictionaryproject.com and they are shipped very promptly. Eastmont Kiwanis labels are placed in the front of each dictionary and then Kiwanians sign up to distribute the books.

The club lets each school set the time that is best for them. Members talk to the students in each classroom about Kiwanis and what the club does in the community. This year the club participated in Kids Day at the fire station and gave away hot dogs and pop; several students recognized club members and knew what the club did.

The good community PR this has generated is tremendous and it is a fun and short project. The whole club gets behind this as they love to serve children.

The Kiwanis works with its Key Club (high school student volunteers) to distribute dictionaries to a small Kindergarten to Grade 8 school district a short distance away. This year they only had 5 third graders but they were very excited to receive their dictionaries. High school Key Clubbers and Kiwanian Linda Henson had a lot of fun visiting this small school. One of the Key Clubbers had gone to the school and enjoyed visiting with the teachers and seeing her picture on the awards wall. The Key Clubbers talked with the students and told them some of the projects they had been working on – and of course, told them that they can join Key Club in high school.

At the Montreal International Convention, Linda and Roy Henson were exchanging ideas with another Kiwanian couple from Virginia about service projects. The gentleman was the incoming club President and was very excited about starting this Dictionary Project for his club. Conventions are wonderful arenas for picking up new ideas for service projects.

Submitted by Linda and Roy Henson, Kiwanis Club of Eastmont.
ONE CHILD...

ONE COMMUNITY...
Transformed Through Kiwanis Service
The Kisumu Connection

“The benefits of Key Club and Circle K are so important to what we become as adults. What I am doing now is the direct result of leadership skills from my time in Key Club in Circle K. It’s not being taught; it’s being given opportunity after opportunity after opportunity. And just go, wow, we got so much done. That really taught me to be a complete circus juggler.”

Key Club and Circle K experience and has been able to speak in front of groups only because of Circle K and Key Club. “This is what makes Kiwanis so unique.”

Rachelle has embodied the principle that Key Club and Circle K are more than service organizations for students; they are also leadership development programs. Through her experience as a member of Key Club at Gonzaga Preparatory High School in Spokane, Washington and the Circle K club at Western Washington University, she learned how to manage her time, lead projects, overcome obstacles, and speak in public. Rising to the challenge, she became Circle K Governor for the whole Pacific Northwest, and served with distinction.

“I loved every minute of it. It was such a good year. I still look back at that year and just go, wow, we got so much done. That really taught me to be a complete circus juggler.”

Rachelle went to Ethiopia to teach, she was told that she would be teaching English and typing – but she didn’t know how to type. Thanks to her leadership skills, she managed to learn as she went, staying one step ahead of her students.

A Club in Formation

Patrick Kifolo heard about Kiwanis from a friend in New York. He became president of a Kiwanis club in Nairobi and told people in Kisumu about Kiwanis. The notion of helping one child at a time spoke to them, and they started to organize a club.

By coincidence, Rachelle was planning to go to Kisumu to work for Women Fighting AIDS in Kenya (WOFAK) and asked Kiwanis International if there was a Kiwanis club there. Learning that the club needed support to get chartered, she enlisted the support of her club, the Kiwanis Club of Bellingham-Kulshan, and Division 18 to help pay the chartering fee. In the end, she joined the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu instead of WOFAK.

Rachelle has provided the benefit of her experience, but she is ever mindful that she is an outsider. The Kisumu Kiwanis club has the same kind of challenges that Pacific Northwest clubs do: membership, motivation, staying active.

One key difference is that the Kisumu club has to directly provide all services; there aren’t other agencies that the club can fund to provide services. Another

Most of us have heard of the awful toll AIDS has had in Africa, especially the many orphans it has created. For us, thousands of miles away, the issues and the numbers exist in the abstract. The problem is somehow less real to us than the challenges we see in our own community, despite our overall higher standard of living and abundance of agencies to which to turn. When we truly focus our attention on the issues facing children in Africa, the challenges are so monumental that it is hard to understand see how one person can have an impact. Until...

...Until we see the pictures of Zawa (see pages 6-7). How could those two pictures be of the same baby? How could the pained creature at the brink of starvation be the healthy, beautiful, smiling child in the second photo? Zawa’s story bring home to us the brutal reality of children suffering and dying in places like Kenya, but also the realization that we can save children – even from the brink.

But before telling the story of Zawa, we need to relate series of events would bring a caring young woman from the Pacific Northwest to Kenya and into the life of little Zawa in her hour of need.

The Role of Service Leadership Programs

When asked what the most important message she had for Kiwanians in the Pacific Northwest, Rachelle Strawther’s answer surprisingly had nothing to do with Africa.
challenge is that there is no division or district structure yet to provide support. The closest club is an eight hour bus ride away.

While she feels that the club officers should be from the community, Rachelle has taken the lead on developing a program for about 50 Kisumu orphans. The program is not an orphanage; it is more like a Boys & Girls Club, providing meals, medication, and other support. While public schools are free, extra fees are often charged and students are required to buy uniforms. The Kiwanis club provides uniforms and helps pay extra fees. Children who cannot attend school receive special classes at the Kiwanis facility three days a week.

But Back to Zawa...

Word came to the Kiwanis club that there was a baby who needed help. The baby’s teenage mother had died, and her father and grandmother thought the baby was cursed. They tried to cure the baby by feeding her only herbs, and by 10 months of age she was just seven pounds.

Rachelle and Anne Dwele, the secretary of the Kisumu Kiwanis club met with the infant’s caretakers and the Kenyan Children’s Department to work out a temporary custody agreement.

Rachelle renamed the child Zawadi (or Zawa for short), which means “gift” in Swahili. With Rachelle as a foster parent (and the help of physicians), Zawa has made an astounding recovery. Rachelle now has two children, Zawa and Maurice, in addition to the 50 or so at the Kiwanis meal program.

And Back to the Pacific Northwest

Rachelle has been back in the Pacific Northwest to do some fundraising. It has been stressful for her, as she has had to leave Zawa and Maurice behind at the orphanage. She was a keynote speaker at the Kiwanis Family Conference in Portland, and Division 18 held a fundraising meeting (see page 11).

Ross Tanner has been standing in for Rachelle in Kenya. He attended the University of Victoria Circle K Club and served on the Circle K district’s global services committee. He is also establishing a family adoption program that will provide livestock, business loans, or business funding to help families be self-sufficient.

Rachelle is looking forward to her reunion with Zawa and Maurice. There is so much that she and the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu can accomplish. The needs are great, but Rachelle and other Kiwanians are committed to making a difference.

Remember

When your club looks at community needs, pause for a moment to consider what a large impact even a small amount of money can have in places like Africa.

Through Rachelle and Division 18, the Pacific Northwest District has developed a special link to Kisumu, Kenya. Let’s look at what we as Kiwanis Clubs and as Kiwanians can do to help.

Maurice is seen above helping to prepare food for the Kiwanis meal program.

A young girl holds up a school uniform purchased by the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu.
How to Help Rachelle and the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu

There are a number of ways to help:

1. **Donations to Rachelle** will help her support Maurice and Zawa and enable her to spend her time helping other children in the community through her involvement with Kisumu Kiwanis. Contact her directly for more information:
   
rachelle_strawther@yahoo.com

2. **Donations to the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu**

   The Kulshan Kiwanis Club is setting up an account that will be accessible to the Kisumu Club. Send your cheques payable to Kulshan Kiwanis but be sure to indicate that the cheque is intended for the Kisumu club.

   The Kulshan Kiwanis address is:
   
P.O. Box 2028
   Bellingham, WA 98227.

3. **Buy a Calendar**

   Calendars ($10) sold raise funds for the Kisumu club; for more information visit: myafricanconnection.com

4. **Adopt a Family**

   For a donation of at least $30 per month, you can adopt a family. That money will be used to purchase livestock, secure a business loan, or provide some other business investment that will help a family become self-sufficient.

5. **Volunteer in Kisumu**

   A number of volunteers have followed Rachelle’s lead and gone to Kisumu to help out. If you cannot go yourself, consider supporting someone else who has decided to go.

6. **Donate Materials**

   Because of high duties, the only materials that should be sent are books (they are duty free). The exception is if someone is going to Kenya to volunteer (what they bring may not be subject to duty). Overall, it is much better to send funds to Kisumu to purchase materials there.

For more information

Visit www.myafricanconnection.com

Captions

Cover Photo:  A young student shows off a new shirt bearing the Kiwanis logo.

At right, from left to right:

A family portrait: Maurice, Rachelle, and Zawa.

Rachelle as keynote speaker at the Kiwanis Family Conference in Portland (November 2006).

Facing page:

Top: Sign for the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu.

Bottom: A final message from the children supported by the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu: Asante, or Thank You!
Division 18 Supports the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu

In the Spring of 2005, all ten Division 18 clubs sponsored a new Kiwanis club in Kenya, Africa, through International’s World Link Program. Rachelle Strawther, Past PNW CKI Governor and a member of the Kulshan Kiwanis Club, went to Kenya to work with an organization helping AIDS orphans. She joined the local Kiwanis club that was in the process of formation; they were chartered in June 2005. She is now working with them on their projects. She is in the U.S. now to raise funds and recoup.

The Kiwanis Club of Clearbrook BC hosted a fund raising dinner on November 15 along with a silent auction. Items were donated by Kiwanians from all ten clubs and brought in approximately $4,000 for the Kisumu Club. Rachelle brought African items for her own silent auction that will help support her and three of the children in the compound. The Clearbrook Club had a $1,000 match challenge to all clubs in Division 18.

The Kisumu Club has several projects they are working on including feeding AIDS orphans and donating school supplies to children. The monies raised/donated will be used to sustain these projects.

In addition to the above donors, a local company donated $3,000 to the Kisumu Club. Rachelle has many friends and family who contribute to her expenses and/or those of the club.

Submitted by Division 18 Lt.G. Elizabeth Bennett
Providing a Legacy for Pacific Northwest Youth

We dedicate our lives to helping others, especially children. Through the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation, we can provide a lasting legacy to the youth of the northwest.

Role of the Foundation

The Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation provides scholarships and prizes for student volunteers in elementary school (K-Kids), middle school/junior high (Builders Club), (senior) high school (Key Club), and college/university (CKI).

The Foundation provides grants that help support leadership training and other district activities of CKI.

And the Foundation responds to grant requests from around the Pacific Northwest. Requests must be endorsed by the local club.

Why a Foundation?

Because the Foundation’s budget is based on interest from donations received, the donation you make to the Foundation will provide a lasting legacy for youth in the Pacific Northwest. This provides a stable level of support, which is especially important for our Service Leadership Programs.

How Can You Contribute?

1. Annual Club Gifts
   All Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to provide at least $2 per member each year to support the Foundation.

2. Fellowships
   Club of individual donations of $250 or more (US or Canadian) are eligible for a variety of Fellowships, depending on the donation level. These Fellowships can be purchased for oneself or be used to recognize someone else.

3. Memorials
   In situations where a Kiwanis member has passed on, those who donate $100 or more will receive a memorial plaque.

What About Other Foundations?

There are three major Foundations serving the Pacific Northwest: the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation, the Kiwanis International Foundation, and the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada. Each plays an important role, and Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to support all three foundations.

Canadian Donations

Canadian donations are accepted at par for all donor recognition programs, but are not tax deductible.

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PNW Kiwanis Foundation, PO Box 747, Beaverton OR 97075-0747
Credit card donations can be faxed to: (503) 644-3600
Children’s Home Society’s Annual Harvest Fest

On Saturday, October 28, Children’s Home Society held their annual Harvest Fest for their clients. As in past years, The Valley Kiwanis in Auburn Washington was eager to help. Besides serving hot dogs, baked apples, potato salad, grapes and water, we also took family pictures and helped kids paint pumpkins.

Key Club members from Auburn Riverside helped at our pumpkin painting table. They washed and dried over 100 pumpkins, replenished paint supplies, cleaned up paint spills, washed out paint brushes and carefully carried painted pumpkins to a safe drying area.

Just a few of the Valley Kiwanians helping to make this year’s Harvest Fest a success for CHS were Norm Johnson, Toni Lally, Wendy Price, Ruth Brink, Anita Schuller, Greg Dobbs, and Barbara Pitney.

As part of Harvest Fest activities, Valley Kiwanis encouraged families to have their pictures taken.

Often times, this is the only opportunity for families to get a snapshot of their kids. Both Barbara Pitney and Greg Dobbs were involved in taking and printing over 80 pictures this year. Thanks to the purchase of a second printer, almost all pictures were printed in time to be distributed that day to anxiously awaiting parents. As fast as the pictures could be printed they were turned over to Ruth Brink who was instrumental in tracking families down to hand them their pictures. Only a few families had left before receiving their pictures. These were then left with CHS staff for families to pick up later.

The weather that day was perfect - sunny and bright - which helped to make things run smoothly for both us and Children’s Home Society. Indeed, a good time was had by all that day!

NAME THIS MAGAZINE (JUST DON’T CALL IT “BOB”)

What’s in a name? Well, our organization could have become known as “Bob” if it had adopted the Benevolent Order of Brothers (luckily they decided to go with “Kiwanis” instead).

Our district publication is getting a new look, and it is an appropriate juncture to consider a new name. The current name is based on the old Kiwanis motto, “We Build”, which was changed to “Serving the Children of the World” in 2005.

If you have an idea or a suggestion for a new name for “The Builder,” please send it to the District Office by February 15th. The District Executive Committee will consider all submissions and will make the decision to either leave the existing name alone – or change it to something new.

If your idea is chosen, the winner will receive one complementary registration to the 90th Annual District Convention in Tacoma this coming August. In the event that more than one individual submits the same name, the winner will be the entry that is received first.

Submit your suggestions to: magazine@pnwkiwanis.org
Students Prepare for Salmon Adoption

A tank full of rocks and pond water usually wouldn’t captivate the attention of elementary school students, but add 100 salmon eggs and hunting trips for bugs and the fascination grows.

In partnership with the Central Kitsap Kiwanis, the Central Kitsap School District has implemented its salmon adoption program in the classroom for almost 18 years.

Shortly after winter break, participating schools will have approximately 100 salmon eggs and large refrigerated tanks delivered to either their libraries or classrooms. Sam Holcomb, Kiwanis member and former CKSD school bus driver, said the Kiwanis get the salmon eggs and salmon “chow” from the Suquamish tribe.

Although the adoption program is the same across the district, each teacher adapts their own curriculum pertaining to the salmon life cycle and environment.

“We use the curriculum that I’ve developed over the years, dealing with the life cycle, water quality, habitat and stream quality,” explained Laura Erickson, a teacher at Silverdale Elementary School.

Mike Menefee, teacher with the CK Off Campus Program, said he takes the egg adoption opportunity to teach about salmon patterns and cycles, current events, local laws, stream ecology, and Washington state history.

“We talk a lot about the stewardship of our planet,” Menefee added.

Students at Woodlands Elementary School keep their tank full of salmon eggs in the library so everyone in the school has the opportunity to learn and observe. Along with watching the eggs grow into fish, students volunteer to clean out the tank each week to provide a hospitable environment for their “babies.”

“We syphon 5 gallons of water out of the tank, and then put in 5 gallons of fresh water after it has been outside to get cold and lose its chlorine,” said Jeff Sullivan, read-
ing specialist for Woodlands Elementary.

Sullivan added that although he prepares the tank before the salmon eggs are delivered, the students help with tank maintenance after they’ve come back from winter break. Teachers participating in the program are given different sized rocks, gravel and shells to line the bottom of the tank, simulating a stream bed, for the eggs to rest on and hide under once they’ve hatched.

The salmon feed off of their own yoke sacks as they grow into alevin, but the Kiwanis also provides a salmon “chow” that is extra nutrition for the growing fish. Holcomb said the fish food used to look like coffee grounds and had to be kept refrigerated at all times.

“The food now doesn’t need to be refrigerated, my guess is that it’s some sort of fish by-product,” Holcomb added. Even though special salmon food is provided, Menefee said one of his favorite parts about the adoption program is spending time with his students while digging through the mud to find insect larvae, crayfish, and fresh water skulpin.

After the salmon eggs have hatched, the fish begin to grow rapidly. By the end of March, the Kiwanis have devised transportation schedules for classrooms to take their fry (baby salmon) to Clear Creek and release them. Holcomb said three weeks before spring break, and the first week after, the CK Kiwanis remain very busy releasing the salmon.

“That’s pretty much all we do during that time,” Holcomb laughed.

Erickson said watching the excitement in the kids as they let the “babies” go is one of the best parts to the entire process. “The kids feel that the salmon that come back to our area are the ones they helped raise,” Erickson added.

One of the more creative aspects to the salmon egg adoption program is the naming process. Although some teachers don’t encourage it, students take a special pride in their new “parenting” responsibilities. Even though 100 fry are hard to tell apart, some of the more creative names in the past have been Nemo, Sushi, Speedy, and Sam n’ Ella, a fry that hatched with two heads. Along with providing transportation for classes to go to Clear Creek and release their salmon, the CK Kiwanis provides a day filled with activities such as water quality testing, searching for micro-invertebrates, tree planting and a presentation on the natural and cultural history of Clear Creek.

“My very favorite part is getting to interact with the students when they release their fish,” Holcomb explained. “I also like watching the reaction of the adults as they learn what the kids are learning.” Sullivan added that the kids become a part of the natural process with the fish as they watch them grow.

“This project puts the kids more in touch with nature,” Sullivan said. “Salmon have been a part of the Northwest process longer than people have.”

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Kiwanis Club Promotes Cultural Understanding

Fears are set aside as Latino and Anglo service groups learn to work together and value cultural differences

Monday, October 30, 2006
GOSIA WOZNIACKA

A few years ago, a new housing complex serving Latino farmworkers caused a small outcry in Sandy, the sleepy former lumber town that dubs itself “the gateway to Mount Hood.”

“The neighbors were afraid to death,” says former City Council member Dick Steiner, recalling public hearings on the plan. “They thought farmworker housing would bring down the value of their neighborhood.”

Instead, a new organization eventually would be formed at the once-contentious Sandy Vista Apartments -- one that would help break down ethnic barriers and mistrust in a town where the Latino presence has steadily grown with the blossoming of surrounding nurseries.

Last month, the only Latino Kiwanis club in Oregon celebrated its first anniversary there and inducted new members and officers -- Latino and non-Latino.

Kiwanis Club of Sandy H.O.P.E., which may be the only service club of its type for Spanish speakers in the state, even considered expanding its mission from that of the typical Kiwanis club. The global community-service organization serves children and young adults through volunteer projects, but Sandy H.O.P.E. saw an additional challenge in breaking down stereotypes and fears between Latinos and Anglos.

And it would allow low-income immigrants to come together, learn new skills and contribute to the community.

“Part of our goal was to cross cultures -- for (Latinos) to begin to see how we live and for us to see how they live,” says Steiner, an English-only speaker who helped the group get started.

It was a mission that would have hurdles to clear. Sandy is no different from many small cities in Oregon, where the Latinos can remain isolated.

In the 2000 Census, the town was about 4 percent Latino, but that number has grown significantly. Sandy Vista Apartments, home to many Latinos, opened in 2004. It stands slightly apart on the town’s eastern edge.

“It’s a culture within a culture,” Steiner says. “You could see them around, but there was very little interaction. There was tolerance on the part of Sandy residents, but that’s about it, no understanding.”

Olga Gerberg, a lively, bilingual Latina, was born in the Mexican state of Sinaloa. She had been part of Kiwanis International and dreamed of opening a bilingual Latino club for Sandy.

Eventually, she mentioned her idea to Steiner, who decided to help. He had worked in Hong Kong with the Mormon church and “became aware of the extreme differences between cultures.”

Both Latinos and Anglos, however, were wary of the new organization and its goals.

“Olga and I went against the ordinary scheme of things,” Steiner recalls. “Most people said it’s not going to work.”

Tensions in town fixed on stereotypes, such as gangs, and issues, such as illegal immigration, Steiner says. Many Latinos were afraid to venture out, Gerberg says, and some -- coming from rural areas where they weren’t exposed to such service clubs -- didn’t want to join an unfamiliar club that also asked them to pay dues.

Members of the Sandy Kiwanis Club, active since 1947, questioned the need for a separate group, Gerberg and Steiner say. They didn’t want the competition or splitting of resources.

Other area Kiwanis groups asked why the Spanish speakers couldn’t just learn English. And some were upset that members would pay only $30 instead of the $300 Kiwanis International annual membership fee.

Memories of segregation were also a concern for an ethnic-based club, but Gerberg and Steiner weighed costs and benefits.

“It wasn’t just the language factor,” Gerberg says. It was also culture, circumstances and abilities. Many Sandy Vista residents -- farmworkers who earn between $7,000 and $12,000 a year -- couldn’t afford lunch at a restaurant. And unlike established Kiwanians, many of whom are retired, the farm laborers couldn’t miss work for meetings.

“My goal wasn’t separa-
tion of the clubs,” Gerberg says, “but (separation) gave people the opportunity to grow at their own pace. This community belongs to them as much as to anyone else, and they should get involved in it.”

“This is who we are”

Eventually, though, the efforts of Steiner and fellow Kiwanian Fred Proett began to change perspectives. The two mentored two dozen original members on how to fill out forms, run meetings and plan community projects.

Sandy Kiwanians even decided to sponsor the Kiwanis Club of Sandy H.O.P.E., which stands for Hispanic Organizadores Podemos Educar, or Hispanics Organize with Power to Educate. The new club held a spaghetti dinner at Sandy High School and sold homemade tamales and churros at the Sandy Mountain Festival and Sandy Oktoberfest. From the proceeds, it awarded a $500 scholarship to a Latino student at the high school and distributed about 70 bags of school supplies to children.

The two cultures started coming together. H.O.P.E. members attended some English-speaking Sandy Kiwanis meetings. They invited presenters who spoke English to their meetings. The clubs worked together at a community breakfast and a Thanksgiving dinner, and last month chopped and distributed firewood to needy families.

Non-Latino Kiwanians were guests at Latino birthday parties, baptisms and posadas -- the Mexican version of Christmas caroling. The groups’ members dined in one another’s homes, and they started socializing in town.

“Here, this is how we eat; this is who we are,” Salvador Doroteo Hernandez, a member of the Latino club, says about hosting Anglos.

“Because I work in a nursery, I know the vocabulary for plants, but because of Kiwanis I had to learn to talk about other subjects,” says Hernandez, who studied agriculture in Mexico 17 years ago. “It was important for me to learn some English, so that the Americans know what I think.”

For outgoing Treasurer Raquel Gonzales, the club meant new skills and pride in volunteering. A Mexican-born stay-at-home mom, Gonzales has three U.S.-born children and a husband, who is a farm worker. Through Kiwanis, she learned how to write checks, collect receipts and balance a checkbook.

“My thinking is very different now from when I joined,” Gonzales says. “This group helped me understand that giving to others is a beautiful job. I hope we can be a model for our children.”

Seeing growth has made the club worthwhile to Gerberg. “Their self-esteem buildup, like wow, it just rose up,” she says. “They learned that there is no reason to be afraid of American people.”

The growth wasn’t limited to Latinos, either.

“I didn’t know much about them, except for the fact that they can’t speak English,” Steiner says. “I learned that you never know a culture until you’re inside it. They are great people with big hearts and close-knit families. They just needed us to go an extra mile to build trust.”

H.O.P.E. is busy preparing to help with the Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas baskets for needy families. Its members plan a Christmas tree sale to fund three scholarships. And in August, in conjunction with the city of Sandy, they will hold a Hispanic Festival.

The club -- one of 15 Latino Kiwanis clubs in the U.S. -- is now viewed as a model for future Spanish-speaking service organizations in Oregon. Latinos in Canby and Hillsboro are considering forming similar clubs.

“A lot of barriers have come down because of this club,” Steiner says. “Tolerance has now moved to acceptance.”

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Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Camp

The Washington State Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Camp WSKYLEC is a Pacific Northwest Kiwanis District program, providing high school juniors and seniors with an interest in law enforcement an opportunity to explore and experience career opportunities. The Washington State camp is one of three in the Pacific Northwest District, along with a camp in British Columbia and Oregon. The North Thurston Kiwanis Club formed the Washington State Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Camp in 1977, and the first camps were held at Saint Martins College, in Lacey, Washington. In recent years the camp has been held at the Washington State Patrol Academy near Shelton. In 1992 a Washington State non-profit corporation status was established. The corporation’s board members are Kiwanians, and they provide invaluable support for the recruitment, operation and success of the experience for youth of the state of Washington.

The camp allows competitively selected students to be introduced to and learn from professionals representing municipal, county, Washington State agencies with regulatory functions, federal and special-interest law enforcement agencies and tribal enforcement representatives. The student candidates are immersed in the daily training of the Washington State Patrol Academy, located near Shelton, Washington and receive valuable information about law enforcement careers. Camaraderie, physical exercise and training and experiential demonstrations provide a lively, unforgettable week for the candidates. Cadet Sunny Radosevich, now a student at Western Washington University, wrote, “I walked away from the academy with the opinion that the counselors were excellent representatives of the respective agencies and state divisions. I especially admired the continuous professionalism that was displayed and your encouragement during the camp.” Those sentiments are echoed by Nicole Tabor, past Key Club President at Olympia High School and now a student in law enforcement at South Puget Sound Community College and a Lacey Police Explorer.

George Fisher, Hood Canal Kiwanis Club member and retired FBI administrator, has decided to pass the torch of “camp coordinator and administrator” after seven successful years of managing the camp. Washington State Patrol Captain Mark Couey, a Kiwanis Club of Olympia member, has agreed to take the reigns for the camp. George is credited with the successful coordination of the past seven camps and will be recognized for his work at the 2007 Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Convention in Tacoma. Captain Mark Couey is an example of the success of the Kiwanis Law Enforcement Camp. Mark graduated from the Dallas High School, attended the Oregon Kiwanis Law Enforcement Camp, graduated from Oregon State University with an Economics Degree and has risen to the rank of Captain and director of the Investigative Assistance Division of the Washington State Patrol in Olympia.

The upcoming 2007 Washington State Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Camp will be held from July 15th to July 20th at the Washington State Patrol Academy. The Washington State Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Camp is preparing for the 2007 camp, and materials will be distributed to high school counselors in January 2007 for the 2007 camp. The camp’s promotion occurs in the early spring of each year. Applications will be received until Friday, May 8, 2007. Candidates are required to write a short essay regarding their interest in law enforcement, provide other documents and signatures and include a registration fee. Accepted candidates are notified by mail and confirmed as participants in the camp.

The Board of Directors adopts an annual budget for the camp, based on 34 candidates per camp. The estimated revenue for the 2007 camp is $12,000, with expenses at about $11,300. Scholarship funds come in the form of $350 scholarships from Washington State Kiwanis Clubs, privately raised funds and in-kind donations or contributions from businesses and corporations.
For the second year in a row, the Kiwanis Club of Penticton has collected Christmas gifts for children, teenagers, adults and seniors. As part of Operation Christmas Child, these gifts are being delivered to needy families in three remote communities in Canada’s Northwest Territories:

Aklavik is located near the border between NWT and the Yukon Territory, close to the Beaufort Sea.

At 600 residents, Aklavik is slightly smaller than Tuktoyaktuk (or “Tuk” to the locals), which has almost 1,000 residents. Tuk lies on the northern shore of the Northwest Territories, facing the Beaufort Sea.

Further north and east of Tuk is Sachs Harbour, on the south western coast of Banks Island and farther north than the top of Alaska. With little more than a hundred residents, Sachs Harbour is the only permanent settlement on the island.

Only small planes are able to fly into these remote communities. Gifts have to be small so they are easier to handle and transport between planes. Gift suggestions include puzzles, cards, ball caps, flashlights, kerchiefs, vinyl tablecloths, calendars, soaps, socks, mitts, toques, warm scarves and the like.

Some gifts that are donated are too bulky to ship. These are routed to needy children in the Penticton area through local organizations.

This year gifts were shipped on November 30th in order to arrive in time for Christmas. WestJet, Canadian North and Akalak Airlines take care of the shipping.

According to Penticton Kiwanis publicity chair Beth Kingzett, “This fits very well with the beliefs of the Kiwanis Club of reaching out where help is needed. Children are their priority.”
So many children, so many communities benefiting from Kiwanis service! Many more projects are going on than are reported here -- this is just a sample. With more people like you, what a difference we could make in the Pacific Northwest!

The Pacific Northwest is a vast region with hundreds of Kiwanis clubs. In the articles that follow, we have included not just information about the projects but also some basic information about the communities, including the number and size (as of September 30, 2006) of Kiwanis clubs in the community.

FAIRBANKS AK With more than 32,000 people, Fairbanks is Alaska’s second-largest city. It lies slightly to the west of the center of the state. There are three Kiwanis Clubs in Fairbanks: Fairbanks (25), Chena-Fairbanks (35), and Boreal-is-Fairbanks (16).

The Kiwanis Club of Boreal-is-Fairbanks recently constructed three wheelchair-accessible hunting blinds that will allow members of the Paralyzed Veterans of America to hunt moose at the flood control project in North Pole. The blinds, described by Chena Flood Control Project director John Schaake as “real Cadillacs”, are three feet off the ground and 8 feet long on each side with metal roofs drop-down panels on all sides for scouting and shooting. Amenities include carpeting to reduce noise and portable heaters. A crew of five Kiwanis members spent four nights building the blinds at the flood control project. The materials were provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Jim Foster spearheaded the project for the Boreal-is-Fairbanks Kiwanis club after reading about the PVA hunt two years ago. Through a lottery type drawing, the PVA offers up to five disabled veterans from the lower 48 states the chance to hunt moose in Alaska over six days. At other times, the blinds will be made available for hunting, wildlife viewing and camping, with preference given to those who are mobility-impaired.

Based on an article by Tim Mowry of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

PENTICTON BC Penticton is a city of more than 30,000 residents, nestled between Okanagan Lake and Skaha Lake in the wine-growing region of BC’s southern interior. It has one Kiwanis club: Penticton (20).

See page 19 for an article on how the Kiwanis Club of Penticton is sending Christmas north.

No Reports
**ZONE B**

**WESTBANK BC** Westbank is a community of about 25,000 residents on the west short of Okanagan Lake, near Kelowna. It has one Kiwanis club: Westbank-Westside (11). The Kiwanis Club of Westbank-Westside is in the process of establishing a new Builder’s Club for middle school students who want to volunteer in their school and community. At a meeting on November 17, 2006, 15 students and two adults met as Noah Madden shared his vision to see a Builder’s Club started on the Westside. There was great enthusiasm among the students as they shared ideas about how they could serve their community and grow as leaders. Projects were planned and future meetings were discussed.

Brenda Leimert has enthusiastically embraced the Terrific Kids program as a way to encourage students in character development, peer relationships and perseverance. Students will receive the Terrific Kids award for achieving goals which they have set in the areas of behavior, attendance, attitude and character. Two recognition ceremonies have been held this fall at the school.

submitted by Kevin Madden, Club President

**Winthrop WA** Winthrop is a small town in Okanogan County (north central Washington). It has one Kiwanis club: Winthrop (32).

As winter comes to the Methow Valley, snows close the North Cascades Highway and life in the towns of the upper Methow becomes simpler. The city of Winthrop (population 375) chooses a weekend near Thanksgiving and celebrates Christmas at the End of the Road.

The Kiwanis Club of Winthrop has for years been an active participant, supplying Santa and giving each child who visits Santa a candy cane and a free picture with Santa. The events of the weekend bring visitors from the neighboring communities to shop in Winthrop businesses and to enjoy the fun.
Santa arrives at 3:00 pm by sleigh or wagon depending on the snow and by 6:00 pm, 300 plus pictures have been taken digitally and printed, placed in nice folders and carried away by parents.

The Kiwanis Club of Winthrop sponsors Key Club, an organization of middle school students who volunteer in their school and in their community. Key Club “elves” keep children organized and serve as runners taking photo cards across the street so pictures can be printed. When the last picture is taken, the Kiwanians and Key Clubbers join the crowds on the street for the fireworks that are launched from the hill above town. It is a wonderful evening and Kiwanis plays its part.

Winthrop President Mike Hicks poses with Key Club “elves” Kristy and Alexis.

Okanogan WA Okanogan is a community of about 3,000 people in north-central Washington. It has one Kiwanis club: Okanogan (27).

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team brought its high-energy hoop show and “stay in school/stay off drugs” message to Okanogan, Wash., Oct. 23-24 under sponsorship of the Okanagan Kiwanis Club.

Club president Joe Simon sen highly recommends it to other clubs -- but not to clubs in the area: “We’re going to other clubs -- but not to seniors... highly recommends it. Club president Joe Simon sen Kiwanis Club: Okanogan, Wash., Oct. 23-24 under “elves” Kristy and Alexis. Hicks poses with Key Club Winthrop President Mike.

“Oliver BC Oliver, “the wine capital of Canada”, is on Highway 97, 26 miles south of Penticton and 13 miles north of the US border. It has one Kiwanis club: Oliver (41).

The Kiwanis Club of Oliver runs the Kiwanis Market. These volunteers accept donated goods on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. The Kiwanis Market is only open to the buying public on Saturday mornings. The Kiwanis Market provides an outlet for people who want to downsize but do not want to send serviceable items to the landfill. These items are made available at very good prices, and the Kiwanis Market is sometimes jokingly referred to as “Oliver’s Walmart”.

Some of the donated items are given to organizations such as Big Brothers and the Women’s Safe House. The profits from the Kiwanis Market are used to benefit the community, such as the Children’s Hospital, the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada and the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation, Books for Babies, Friends of the Oliver Library, Penticton Music Festival, Boy Scouts, Terrific Kids, Gleaners, and Meals on Wheels.

The Kiwanis Market is so successful that they are looking for a larger building; in the meantime, they have starting using a second overflow site at the OK Warehouse & Storage (affectionately referred to as the OK Kiwanis Korral). They hope that a larger market will help provide more service to the community, possibly including housing for seniors.

According to member Peter Morrow, “It makes us feel good that we can support the Oliver Community and know that our actions are appreciated.”

No Reports

Division 46

Spokane WA There are about 200,000 residents in Spokane and about 420,000 residents in Spokane County. Spokane is located close to the Idaho border, approximately midway between BC and Oregon. It has eleven Kiwanis clubs, including North Spokane (12).

The Kiwanis Club of North Spokane joined the Writing Rally this year as a partner. Writing Rally is an annual event that brings a noted children’s author to the Whitworth College campus in Spokane for a day of family literacy. Children from throughout the region came to the campus with a parent or other adult caregiver. The day starts with...
a presentation by the Whitworth Improv Group and then the author speaks for about 45 minutes on self-expression, creativity and the power of writing. After that, children were led in groups of six to ten to a classroom where a pair of local teachers wait. The teachers lead them through a writing exercise that culminates in the creation of an original illustrated book. The adults participate as scribes and assistants to the children by helping with spelling, gathering supplies, brainstorming ideas, etc. The final book is a truly a family treasure. The children share their books in an author’s circle and then attend a reception where the featured author signs their books and they are treated to punch and snacks.

On November 4, Janet Wong was the featured author at Writing Rally XXIII, which was very well received by families that attended.

Kiwanis members staffed an information table at the writing rally and stuffed over 500 lunch bags with granola bars, crackers, cheese sticks and juice for the children. About 520 children attended this year’s Rally. About 360 of the surveys turned in commented specifically on the snacks provided by Kiwanis and how helpful this was to maintaining the energy of the young writers.

All the children leave with a souvenir t-shirt that commemorates the day, the featured author’s works and recognizes the sponsors of the event; this year’s shirts included the Kiwanis logo.

Submitted by Doreen Evans
Nina called the office and spoke to her husband and business partner, Scott who jokingly quipped that the backup camper van was sitting in their driveway. Nina, wanting to give the group some hope and reassurance that everything would be okay, offered to drive the group home in her camper van. The group jumped at the offer, and said “YES PLEASE”!

So, began a journey of sixty-two hours and 3,300 kilometres, across BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, across the border into North Dakota and on to Minnesota, Iowa and Minneapolis.

Nina has since gone and revisited these folks, and they were more than pleased to welcome her and thank her for the great effort she made to get them home.

The Kiwanis Club of Esquimalt recently recognized Nina for being an Everyday Hero for going above and beyond the call of duty to help these 12 senior citizens find their way home.

**Article by Dodie Negrich. Photo: Esquimalt News.**

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**ZONE E**

Division 11

No Reports

Division 13

No Reports

Division 18

For an article on how Division 18 clubs are supporting the Kiwanis Club of Kisumu in Kenya, see page 11.

Division 20

No Reports

Division 20M

MOUNT VERNON WA

In 1998, Mount Vernon was rated the #1 “Best Small City in America”. Located midway between Bellingham and Everett, Mount Vernon had three Kiwanis clubs serving almost 30,000 residents: Mount Vernon (81), South Mount Vernon (26), and Skagit-Mount Vernon (33).

See page 4 for an article on a project involving all three Mount Vernon clubs.

**Division 21**

MARYSVILLE WA

Marysville is just north of Everett along the I-5 corridor. Marysville is known as “The Strawberry City” due to the amount of fruit produced. Marysville has one Kiwanis club -- Marysville (17) -- and a population of about 25,000 residents.

The Kiwanis Club of Marysville celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 18, 2006. One honored attendee was Ray Harding, a 50-year member.

**Division 22**

No Reports

**Division 36**

SILVERDALE WA

Silverdale, a city of about 16,000 people on the Puget Sound, west of Seattle and just a few miles north of Bremerton. There are two Kiwanis clubs in Silverdale: Silverdale (18) and Central Kitsap-Silverdale (34).

For an article on how the Kiwanis Club of Kitsap-Silverdale is helping to educate children about salmon, see page 14.

**Division 38**

LACEY WA

Located in the south Puget Sound area, Thurston County includes Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater. In Lacey there are more than 30,000 residents and two Kiwanis clubs: North Thurston (39), Lacey Sunsetters (12).

The Kiwanis Club of North Thurston is helping the Salvation Army again this year by ringing bells for their donation kettles. Along with the members of the Timberline and North Thurston Key Clubs, and our sponsored Explorer Search and Rescue Post, club members will be ringing Salvation Army bells on 6 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Several members will be counting kettle money most mornings through the month of December.

The club has also recently sent $1,210.00 to the Owerri Kiwanis Club in Owerri, Nigeria, Africa. These funds help cover the costs of a washer, dryer, and water tank for both the orphanage and the Women’s Safe Place sponsored by their Kiwanis Club.

The North Thurston Key Club has been averaging over 75 members attending meetings this month. They had a great turnout in helping with the YMCA Haunted House, and collecting for UNICEF for “Kick HIV/Aids out of Kenya” they raised $216 and with Timberline Key Club and St. Martins CKI, raised over $441.

*Submitted by Art Corwin*

**SHELTON WA**

Shelton, a town of about 10,000 people located about 20 miles northwest of Olympia. There are three Kiwanis clubs: Kristmas Town (36), Pioneer Community of Mason County (20), and Shelton (45).

The Kiwanis Club of Shelton has started a visitation program reaching out to club members who, because of health reasons, can no longer come out to the regular weekly club meetings. Six to 8 club members go out to the local long term care facilities monthly to visit and bring club greetings to their
We're In a Community Near You

Number of PNW Kiwanis Clubs: 384

Oldest Existing Clubs, by State, Province or Territory:

* Only the Idaho panhandle and the northern tip of California are in the Pacific Northwest; there may be older clubs in these states.

Number of PNW “Club Years”: 17,200 years
(cumulative time all existing clubs have been serving their communities)

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Division 32

AUBURN WA Auburn, a city of about 40,000 people, is located about 15 miles northwest of Tacoma. There are three Kiwanis clubs in Auburn: Auburn (53), Rio Verde - Golden K (16), and The Valley (63).

The turnout was incredible: citizens of all ages paying tribute to our veterans for the Veteran’s Day Parade in Auburn Washington on Saturday, November 11th.

This parade is one of the biggest parades this side of the Mississippi. As many as 10,000 attend the parade each year. From Honor Guard to Striker Brigade, marching bands to Civil War Enactment groups, Tailwaggers (canine group) to Civic Organizations, the Parade was a wonderful event.

More than 200 groups registered to participate, including entry number 155: the Kiwanis Clubs (and Key Clubs!) of Division 32. Kiwanians and Key Clubbers from PNW Division 32 braved the cold to share in our first annual participation. We really did “Bridge the Gap”. Susan and Bill Johnson brought along “Sophie” -- Kent’s own honorary Kiwani-dog. Sophie

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Division 24

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Division 26

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Division 28

No Reports

Division 30

PUYALLUP WA Puyallup is located about five miles east of Tacoma and has more than 30,000 residents. There are three Kiwanis clubs: Puyallup (88), Puyallup Sunrisers (22), and Daffodil Valley (23).

The Kiwanis Club of Puyallup has just completed a project of providing beds and bed clothing to 30 needy families. Early in the Kiwanis 2005 year the Club’s Young Children Priority One committee, under the leadership of Louisa Smith, discovered that many local children were being assessed as not doing well in school because of inadequate sleep. In many instances, this lack of sleep was attributed to not having a bed in which to peacefully sleep and get satisfactory rest.

The club’s annual auction was used to request financial help. The public’s response during the evening of the Auction was very generous, and as a result donations provided enough funds for the envisioned project. A local furniture dealer agreed to provide beds at a reduced cost. The club purchased bed linens for all the beds. An unanticipated transportation problem, resolved by the Puyallup Hiatt Pontiac-GMC dealership provided vehicles and personnel. Temporary storage space was provided by the City. A team of Kiwanians assembled the units, and Kiwanian Joyce Ruth made giant bows out of ribbon. Finally, a large gift card was made stating the gift was from the Kiwanis Club of Puyallup.

Feedback has been very positive. In one case it was found, for instance, that the distributed bed was actually the first bed that had ever been available to that child. Also, it was discovered that beds went to children that had been sleeping on floors, in makeshift beds, on pallets, and the like. For many, now having a bed in which to sleep was considered a dream come true.

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WHERE ARE WE?

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AUBURN WA

ZONE G

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Division 26

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Division 28

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PUYALLUP WA

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

By the Numbers

We’re In a Community Near You

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State/Prov/Terr  Club Name  Established
Washington  Seattle  Feb. 4, 1918
Oregon  Portland  Dec. 28, 1919
British Columbia  Vancouver  Jan. 21, 1919
Idaho*  Lewiston-Clarkston  Apr. 10, 1922
Alaska  Fairbanks  Aug. 16, 1946
Yukon  Whitehorse  Oct. 29, 1946
California*  Yreka  May 12, 1952

* Only the Idaho panhandle and the northern tip of California are in the Pacific Northwest; there may be older clubs in these states.

Number of PNW “Club Years”: 17,200 years
(cumulative time all existing clubs have been serving their communities)
was a real hit with the kids -- and stole the show.

The Kiwanis group included Division 32 Key Clubbers from Mt. Rainier (Des Moines), Kentlake (Kent), and Moutain View (Auburn) high schools. They handed out about 1,000 lollipops to the kids who came to watch the Parade.

Many hands were shaken, and words of thanks spoken, in gratitude to the Veterans who lined the Parade route. Vets were present and identifiable from WW II, Viet Nam, Grenada, the current war in Iraq, and other conflicts, too. Kiwanians were delighted to have their own Division Veterans Don Hansen, Charlie Lindsey, and Jim Schwarting representing them -- our thanks to these men for their service!

This was a moving experience for all watching and participating. It truly is an honor to be a Kiwanian.

Submitted by Pamela Smith, Lieutenant Governor

For an article on the Kiwanis Club of The Valley, Auburn, see page 13.

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**Division 64**

PORTLAND OR  The Portland metropolitan area has about 2.1 million residents and about 20 Kiwanis clubs. The city of Beaverton is the fourth-largest city within the Portland-metro area and the fifth largest in Oregon. Beaverton is home to the Pacific Northwest District Office as well as the Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills (65).

For the fourteenth consecutive year, the members of the **Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills** are “adopting” students in a Beaverton-area Head Start center with gifts of warm clothing. In addition to yearly financial club support for the center, at this special time of the year, club members shop for a specific gift for a specific child. Club member Carole Satterfield coordinates the effort by providing children’s names and clothing sizes as well as collecting the gifts and delivering them to the Head Start center. Between the morning and afternoon classes, the holiday season is made a little brighter for about thirty children.

The Kiwanis Club of Cedar Hills formed a partnership with a Beaverton-area Head Start center in 1992, at which time the center was in dire need of books and arts and crafts materials. Club members jumped in and provided enough books to fill the center’s library and enough supplies to last the entire school year. The call for help went out again the following year, when the Head Start center’s director notified the Kiwanis club that many of the children had no warm winter clothing. At that time, and every year since, Kiwanis members have “adopted” Head Start students and provided jackets, sweaters, sweats, mittens, caps - everything to keep small bodies warm during Oregon’s cold and rainy winters. Many years, club members have provided clothing for the students’ siblings as well.

There are always more Kiwanians willing to help than there are children in the classes. These Kiwanians also donate money, enabling project coordinator Carole Satterfield to buy extra goodies for each child. One year, the extra goodies were five-pound bags of oranges for each child’s family. Other years, the goodies have included stuffed animals, books, coloring books and crayons.

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**Division 66**

SANDY OR  Sandy is a city of 6,800 people located on the Mt. Hood Highway (U.S. 26) midway between Portland and Mt. Hood. There are two Kiwanis clubs: Sandy (49) and Sandy H.O.P.E. (20).

You will find a feature on the **Kiwanis Club of Sandy H.O.P.E.** on page 16.

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**Yakima WA**  Yakima is located slightly south of the center of Washington State. Known for apple growing, it has more than 70,000 residents in the city and about 230,000 in the metropolitan area. There are four clubs: Yakima (75), Apple Valley (37), Kamiakin (33), and West Valley (25).

In November, the **Kiwanis Club of West Valley Yakima** assembles food boxes for needy families in the Yakima area.

The club buys a ham or turkey for each family. Two west valley grade schools (Nob Hill Elementary and Summitview Elementary) collect food starting a few weeks before Thanksgiving. Each school collected almost 3000 items, so there was plenty of food to deliver.

Each class keeps track of...
how many items the students bring; the class from each school that collects the most items wins a traveling trophy for their room. In lieu of the pizza party the kids used to have, the kids decided to give the pizza money to the poor.

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, West Valley Kiwanians bring large boxes to box up the food. The club delivers the boxes to needy families it knows of in the community, plus family names provided by the schools.

West Valley Kiwanis usually delivers about 30 families (three boxes per family).

-- Helen Downs, Secretary

**Division 52**

**East Wenatchee WA** East Wenatchee and Wenatchee are twin cities located where the Wenatchee and Columbia rivers meet, near the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountain range. They are separated by the Columbia River. There are four Kiwanis clubs in Wenatchee and one in East Wenatchee: Eastmont (19).

See page 5 for a book project of the Kiwanis Club of Eastmont.

**Division 54**

Kennewick WA Kennewick, Pasco and Richland are collectively known as the “Tricities”. Kennewick is located along the southwest bank of the Columbia River, just south of where the Columbia and Yakima rivers meet, near the Oregon border. Kennewick has about 60,000 residents and two Kiwanis clubs: Kennewick (110) and The Columbia (24).

The Kiwanis Club of the Columbia has become involved in a new project this year. President John Didway has been involved with square dancing for many years and embarked on a project some years ago to get mentally and physically handicapped people involved in square dancing as well.

Once a month, a sunshine dance is held from 8 to 9 p.m. and the club became involved this year. Eight members have helped out, as well as members of the club’s Kamiakin High School Key Club. From 25 to 50 mentally and physically handicapped people from aged 16 to 65 attend and have a ball.

Now the club is looking into the possibility of starting an Aktion Club (a Kiwanis club for adults with disabilities).

-- Barbara Cunningham

**Division 58**

No Reports

**Division 80**

Pendleton OR Pendleton is known for the Pendleton Round-Up, one of the biggest rodeos in the world. Home to about 16,000 people, Pendleton has two Kiwanis clubs: Pendleton (39) and Round-Up Pendleton (24).

December is a very busy month for the Kiwanis Club of Round-Up-Pendleton and the youth club it sponsors (the Key Club of Griswold High School, Helix, Oregon).

Since chartering in 1998, the Round-Up Kiwanis club has supported the Salvation Army. The need is great, and each year there are more and more families requesting assistance during the holiday season.

For one day a month throughout the year, members serve lunch at the Salvation Army. The Kiwanis club will also spend two Saturdays with Key Club members, ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Each club will sponsor a family through the Salvation Army for the holidays. This will entail purchasing gifts and food for a family. Once the gifts have been purchased, the Round-Up Club will be wrapping their gifts during its annual Christmas potluck dinner and then delivering the items to the Salvation Army in Pendleton.

Over the past several years, support of the Salvation Army has been a special project for the Kiwanis Round-Up Club of Pendleton. The Key Club is in its second full year and they are keeping very busy with service projects in which they elect to participate.

-- Shirley Hopper, Secretary
ZONE K
Division 78
Due to space limitations, an international project will be presented in the next issue of the Builder.
Submitted by Kate Gruetter, Builders Club Faculty Advisor
Division 68
Willamina OR  Willamina is a town of about 2,000 people. It is located about 28 miles northwest of Salem. It has one Kiwanis club: West Valley-Willamina (20).
After a couple of years’ hiatus, the Kiwanis Club of West Valley-Willamina will once again be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army over three Saturdays in December.
Submitted by Club President Twila Hill
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Astoria OR  Astoria and Warrenton are separated by Youngs Bay on Oregon’s north coast, where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean. Astoria has 10,000 residents and one Kiwanis club: Astoria (24).
The Kiwanis Club of Astoria sponsors the Warrenton, Oregon Builder’s Club. Last year was the Builder’s Club’s first year. It raised $500 for Doernbecher’s Childrens’ Hospital (cancer patients) and over $100 for the county’s local foster kids Christmas party.
The Builders Club has 24 members out of approximately 120 students. This year’s group is very dynamic and self-motivated. So far the club had a haunted house during Halloween to support Doernbecher’s and a movie night fundraiser.
Submitted by Kate Gruetter, Builders Club Faculty Advisor
Division 68
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It’s Not Too Late to Send in a Report!
The next deadline for submissions is February 10. Don’t wait till the last minute -- submit an article describing a recent or upcoming club service project. See page 7 for more information. We try to print as many reports covering as broad a cross-section as possible; your submissions make this possible.

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Kiwanis members and clubs are encouraged to support this publication by sponsoring the printing of the Objects of Kiwanis (see back page).

Another option is to sponsor a community service-related page in the Builder. The cost of doing this is $100 per issue. Page sponsors will be identified with a one column inch box similar to the following:

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Has Your Club Reached Out?

Ideally every club in the Pacific Northwest District would have its own Aktion Club, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids clubs to help young people and disabled adults be community service leaders. That may not be achievable, but did you know Kiwanis Clubs in the Pacific Northwest have an opportunity to help Service Leadership Programs without being a club sponsor?

The key is the District’s Outreach Program.

Purpose of Outreach

To underwrite certain administrative expenses of Service Leadership Programs at the District level not otherwise covered by their own dues or sponsorship fees. The funds also may be used to help with the non-reimbursed travel expenses of adult and youth leaders for new club building and chartering.

Why Your Club Should Support This Program

Youth club administrative budgets are strapped beyond their means to generate funds. Funds available for this purpose from the Pacific Northwest District come from Member Dues and are limited. Clubs who sponsor a Key Club, Circle K Club or other Service Leadership Program should not be expected to have to underwrite the entire district support for these clubs. Outreach opens the door for the involvement of every Kiwanis Club.

Support of our Service Leadership Programs are an investment in the future of Kiwanis. As our youth moves through K-Kids to Builders to Key Club and Circle K, the next logical step for them is membership in a Kiwanis Club. Every Kiwanis Club benefits from these programs – both in community goodwill AND as a source for future members.

Supporter Recognition

Banner Patch – A beautiful, four color, embroidered banner patch will be awarded to each club who donates a minimum of $120.00 US in any administrative year.

How to Become a Supporter

Send at least $10.00 USD ($13.51 Canadian) to the District Office marked “Outreach.” Clubs that donate $200 USD to the Outreach Fund in one lump sum will also receive 20 PNW Outreach pins for free!

All contributions for the 2006-2007 administrative year must be received by September 30, 2007. Contributions received after that date will be credited to 2007-2008.

Note: In accordance with Kiwanis International policy, clubs may make contributions to the Outreach Fund from either their Administration or Project accounts.

Kiwanis International membership totaled 260,701 in 8,241 clubs as of September 30, 2006. This figure represents a net increase of 11,413 members and 124 clubs compared to final figures as of September 30, 2005.

“This is great news for Kiwanis and for all those we serve,” says International President Nelson Tucker. “This gain is the first measurable progress toward our goal of one million members by 2015, the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis.” Club delegates adopted the million-member goal at the 2005 International Convention.

Positive growth was achieved in all four regions of the Kiwanis world: North America, Latin America, Asia-Pacific, and Europe.

“Our commitment to regional growth plans, positive organizational messages, Kiwanis-branded service, K University, and membership growth (TAG) teams are examples of how we are building momentum,” says CEO/Executive Director Rob Parker. “We have established a strong foundation and must continue our commitment to achieving a million members by 2015.”

The Pacific Northwest District had a net increase of 598 members: from 10,740 on October 1, 2005 to 11,304 on September 30, 2006. This represents district-wide growth of 5.25%. The growth was not limited to a particular part of the district; of the 47 divisions, 40 had positive growth while 2 had unchanged membership and only 5 had membership declines.

Thank you for expanding Kiwanis service and fellowship -- and keep up the good work!
If This Doesn’t Give You a Warm Feeling...

This is a story that reminds us of the Governor’s project and why it is important not to forget “yesterday’s children”: seniors.

Many Kiwanis clubs have projects involving seniors, from low-income housing to visitation programs. Sometimes it’s the simplest of things can have an enormous impact.

Many Kiwanians have a defining moment that makes us realize why we are Kiwanians. Brenda Hunt, president of the Kiwanis Club of Astoria-Warrenton, may have had hers one night in October.

An elderly woman had come to the bank where Brenda works to ask for help in canceling a credit card because she could not afford the $15 annual fee. In talking with her, Brenda found out the woman has no one in this world. The County was going to give her some oil in mid-November, but in the meantime her house did not have any heat. Brenda brought the matter to the club; knowing that the woman has a fireplace, the club voted to get her some wood to tide her over. Brenda purchased two boxes of Presto logs and a long lighter. In Brenda’s own words:

“It was about 7:15pm when I got to her house. She lives a very close distance from Andy Burns house. I wasn’t sure if [she] would be happy to see me or not. I forget that sometimes people may not want help even though it’s obvious they could use some help.

“Anyway, I pulled up to her driveway and I could see someone through the curtain in a hooded sweatshirt. I thought maybe she had company so I didn’t knock on the door. I put the two boxes of logs in front of her door. I went back to my trunk to get the lighter and she opened her front door. She was very surprised and asked what was going on.

“As I stepped back on to her front porch I could see she was the one wearing the hooded sweatshirt. She had on a hooded sweatshirt, with the hood on her head and a scarf wrapped around her neck and mittens on her hands. I told her what Kiwanis had discussed at yesterday’s meeting and told her we would be bringing more wood to last her the two weeks until she gets her oil from the city.

“She reached out to hug me and told me she loved me. She was smiling from ear to ear. She was so grateful for our help. She said we could put the wood right on her front porch. I just felt so good that we could help her. I wanted to share this with you.”

One Kiwanian, one Kiwanis club made a difference in this elderly woman’s life. Never underestimate the power of one.
Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service-minded men and women who respond to the unique needs of their communities and address worldwide issues by “Serving the Children of the World.”

Founded in 1915, the Kiwanis family has grown to more than 600,000 members in more than 13,000 clubs. Kiwanis clubs serve in 96 countries around the world and achieve what individuals cannot do alone.

**Kiwanis Impact**

Worldwide, Kiwanis clubs:
- Assist children, young adults, the aging, and the needy;
- Improve communities; and
- Encourage international understanding

Kiwanis clubs also sponsor Kiwanis-family organizations for young people and adults:
- K-Kids clubs in elementary schools
- Builders Clubs in middle school and junior highs
- Key Clubs in high schools
- Circle K clubs at the collegiate level and
- Aktion clubs for adults living with disabilities.

These clubs teach future world leaders the importance of helping others.

Thousands of Kiwanis clubs support Young Children: Priority One—a continuing service program focusing on the needs of children, prenatal through age five, with projects in pediatric trauma, safety, child care, and early development.

The Worldwide Service Project—a Kiwanis-family initiative in partnership with UNICEF—aims to virtually eliminate the world’s leading cause of preventable mental retardation, iodine deficiency disorders.

**Rewards of Membership**

Through Kiwanis membership, communities are improved, friendships are built, leadership skills are developed, and business contacts are made. More importantly, the lives of children around the world are changed for the better.

Members and clubs also receive KIWANIS magazine ten times a year, enjoy access to an on-line community, as well as discounts on products and services. Click here for a list of membership benefits.

**Kiwanis Membership**

Prospective members are invited to join by existing members. The club’s board of directors then reviews membership information for approval. Beyond initial induction fees, members contribute annual dues as determined by the club. Kiwanis clubs meet weekly or twice a month. Members, on average, invest about six hours a month by participating in meetings, projects, and volunteering in their community.

**Finding Kiwanis Clubs**

To find a Kiwanis Club near you:
- Visit www.kiwanis.org and click on “Membership Interest” or “Club Locator”;
- Call 1-800-KIWANIS; or
- Send an email to: membership@kiwanis.org

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The Objects of Kiwanis were adopted in 1924 and represent our core values which -- like the Objects themselves -- have remained unchanged.

At the heart of the objects are values such as compassion, friendship, respect, leadership, and professionalism, as well as the principle of treating others the way we ourselves would want to be treated.

These are worthy values and principles, and they can be embraced by men and women of all nations, all races, and all religions or beliefs.

Sponsoring the Objects of Kiwanis

Kiwanis members and clubs can sponsor the Objects of Kiwanis for $100. All those who do so will have their names listed in four issues of the PNW Builder magazine.

If either you as a Kiwanian or your Kiwanis club would like to sponsor the Objects of Kiwanis, please send a cheque/check for $100 payable to:

Pacific Northwest Kiwanis (Objects)
c/o Pacific Northwest District Office
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