

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

KiwaNews for January 20, 2010

Wednesday's Speaker

Jacque Crisman,
Principal of Evergreen elementary,
a Title 1 school.

Upcoming Speakers

This Week. . . .

Monday: Star Search Committee
meets at 6:30 Madrona.

Sunday: Gear-Up Shopping Day

Reminders

- Jan. 26, Tuesday, (CHANGE OF MEETING DATE) Pet Remembrance Committee, 6:45 at Borders
- Feb., Fundraising Committee, 7 p.m., location not yet set.
- For other **EVENTS**, click <http://calendar.mail.yahoo.com/gigharborkiwanis>

Artondale Readers

- Jan. 25 10:00 Gordy A
2:30 Carol A.
- Feb. 1 10:00 Daphne F.
2:30 **OPEN**
- 8 10:00 Kathy R
2:30 **OPEN**
- 22 10:00 Kathy R
2:30 Carol A.



From Our Prez. . .

Our board meeting last Friday had a fairly light agenda so we had time to address a couple of issues that have needed attention for a long time. We will look at one today and talk about the other next week.

In recent years, when the board makes a decision, it is usually based on "what we did last time this came up." It usually works out, but it may not have been the best decision we could have made. The question sometimes arises, "what is our policy on that?" and we really have no answer. At some point in the past (long past), there were some written policies that were designed to help guide board decisions... no one knows what they were, where they are, or if they would be of any value today.

Nick Markovich has agreed to lead an effort to create policy statements that would help us make the decisions that best serve the goals of our club, prioritizing expenditures and projects within our range of capability that will do the most good. This will not be an "over night" project, but will take time and careful consideration. To be truly useful, the policies must provide guidance, but cannot be "cast in bronze." They must allow the flexibility to meet new realities (tight budgets), new opportunities or community needs.

As this project moves forward, we will need plenty of input from members and especially from committee chairs. As Nick and his helpers plow ahead we will be asking for comments and

suggestions. We count on YOU for help.



KiwaNotes

Gear Up is Gearing Up!

~from Carol

Some clothing purchases have already been made and there will be a huge shopping trip under **Connie's** guidance on Sunday, January 24. Please let Connie or me know if you are interested in helping out.

Daphne has made our first school supply purchase at WalGreens with the assistance of the manager, Chris Rose, who is helping us with sale items. If anyone has any suggestions of contacts for donations and/or discounts, please let me know.

Terrific Kids

~From Sherry

Please note the following dates and times for the Terrific Kids award assemblies at Artondale Elementary School:

- 1/27 - 10:45 a.m.
- 2/24 - 9:50 a.m.
- 3/24 - 2:45 p.m.
- 4/28 - 1:40 p.m.
- 5/26 - 1:00 p.m.
- 6/11 - 1:00 p.m. (tentative)

It would be wonderful to have more than one member be present at these assemblies, so if you can attend one of them, please do so. I will be out of town February and March and thus, unable to attend, however I will be circulating a sign-up sheet at our club meetings, so please sign-up for one of these assemblies if you can. These kids make you feel proud you are a member of the Gig Harbor Kiwanis representing the Terrific Kids Program.

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Young Children
Priority One

Inspiration

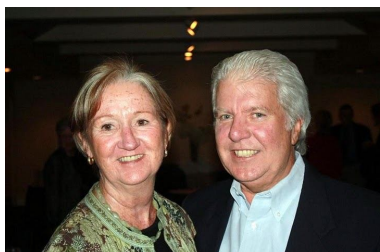
- Jan. 20 - Jeni M.
- Jan. 27 - Susan H.

Milestones



Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to
Bill & Aidan on January
25th!



Happy Anniversary to Roger and
Nancy on January 26th!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to
Joe L. on Jan. 18



Deep Thoughts

The Darwin Awards 2009

Yes, it's that magical time of year again when the Darwin Awards are bestowed, honoring the least evolved among us. Here is the glorious winner:



1. When his 38 caliber revolver failed to fire at his intended victim during a hold-up in Long Beach, California would-be robber James Elliot did something that can only inspire wonder. He peered down the barrel and tried the trigger again. This time it worked.

And now, the honorable mentions:

2. The chef at a hotel in Switzerland lost a finger in a meat cutting machine and after a little shopping around, submitted a claim to his insurance company. The company expecting negligence sent out one of its men to have a look for himself. He tried the machine and he also lost a finger. The chef's claim was approved.

3. A man who shoveled snow for an hour to clear a space for his car during a blizzard in Chicago returned with his vehicle to find a woman had taken the space. Understandably, he shot her.

4. After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.

5. An American teenager was in the hospital recovering from serious head wounds received from an oncoming train. When asked how he received the injuries, the lad told police that he was simply trying to see how close he could get his head to a moving train before he was hit.

6. A man walked into a Louisiana Circle-K, put a \$20 bill on the counter, and asked for change. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man pulled a gun and asked for all the cash in the register, which the clerk promptly provided. The man took the cash from the clerk and fled, leaving the \$20 bill on the counter. The total amount of cash he got from the drawer... \$15. [If someone points a gun at you and gives you money, is a crime committed?]

7. Seems an Arkansas guy wanted some beer pretty badly. He decided that he'd just throw a cinder block through a liquor store window, grab some booze, and run. So he lifted the cinder block and heaved it over his head at the window. The cinder block bounced back and hit the would-be thief on

the head, knocking him unconscious. The liquor store window was made of Plexiglas. The whole event was caught on videotape.

8. As a female shopper exited a New York convenience store, a man grabbed her purse and ran. The clerk called 911 immediately, and the woman was able to give them a detailed description of the snatcher. Within minutes, the police apprehended the snatcher. They put him in the car and drove back to the store. The thief was then taken out of the car and told to stand there for a positive ID. To which he replied, "Yes, officer, that's her. That's the lady I stole the purse from."

9. The Ann Arbor News crime column reported that a man walked into a Burger King in Ypsilanti, Michigan at 5 A.M., flashed a gun, and demanded cash. The clerk turned him down because he said he couldn't open the cash register without a food order. When the man ordered onion rings, the clerk said they weren't available for breakfast. The man, frustrated, walked away.

10. When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street, he got much more than he bargained for. Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

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