

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

KiwaNews for January 27, 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. . .

Last week, in reviewing the actions of the Board meeting, I noted that we had explored two "new" areas that needed attention. The first, setting of Club policies, I discussed in some detail.

The Board also discussed the need to update our knowledge of the community, its nature, needs, and resources, in view of all the changes that have occurred since we last looked. I think we can all agree that the Peninsula-Gig Harbor community is not the same place it was just a few years ago.

A Community Analysis is not a small undertaking, but the information gained can help us be sure that we are aiming our services where they are most needed and will do the most good.

To do that we must be able to answer some questions. What are the most pressing needs of our community? What service clubs, in addition to Kiwanis, are addressing those needs, and what are they doing? Can we multiply our effectiveness by joining forces or avoiding overlap? Who are the current key people in the community who can help us accomplish our goals and/or provide additional help or guidance?

There are lots of questions than need to be asked and a great deal of information to be gathered and considered. It will require time, and work.

But, if through that expenditure of time and effort, we can become more



effective in our service to the community it will be well worth it.

KiwaNotes

Dog House Committee

~ from Rich

Ron W. is beginning his carpentry work on our dog house and hopes to have it built by the middle of Feb., prior to his departure. Committee members will put on the finishing touches after that (painting, decorations, etc).

Completion date will be by Friday, March 12th, so that our dog house can be displayed at Zone Conf. on March 13th with other Division 34 dog houses.

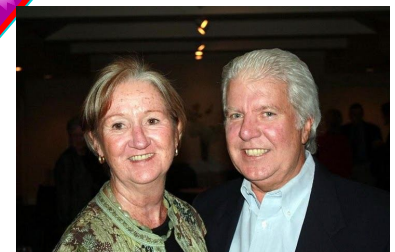
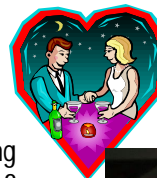
Inspiration

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

Milestones

Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Bill & Aidan on January 25th!



Kiwanis
Young Children
Priority One

Happy Anniversary to Roger and Nancy on Jan. 26th!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Susan H. on Jan. 32!



Happy Birthday to Scott K on Feb. 3!



Deep Thoughts

Tale of Two Pebbles

Many years ago in a small Indian village, a farmer had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to a village moneylender. The moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer's beautiful daughter. So he proposed a bargain.



He said he would forgo the farmer's debt if he could marry his daughter. Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal. So the cunning money-lender suggested that they let providence decide the matter.

He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag. Then the girl would have to pick one pebble from the bag.

1) If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father's debt would be forgiven.

2) If she picked the white pebble she need not marry him and her father's debt would still be forgiven.

3) If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail.

They were standing on a pebble strewn path in the farmer's field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble from the bag.

Now, imagine that you were standing in the field. What would you have done if you were the girl? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her?

Careful analysis would produce three possibilities:

1. The girl should refuse to take a pebble.
2. The girl should show that there were two black pebbles in the bag and expose the money-lender as a cheat.
3. The girl should pick a black pebble and sacrifice herself in order to save her father from his debt and imprisonment.

Take a moment to ponder over the story. The above story is used with the hope that it will make us appreciate the difference between lateral and logical thinking. The girl's dilemma cannot be solved with traditional logical thinking. Think of the consequences if she chooses the above logical answers.

What would you recommend to the girl to do? Well, here is what she did

The girl put her hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles.

'Oh, how clumsy of me,' she said. 'But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked.'

Since the remaining pebble is black, it must be assumed that she had picked the white one. And since the money-lender dared not admit his dishonesty, the girl changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

MORAL OF THE STORY?

Most complex problems do have a solution. It is only that we don't attempt to think.

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