

# Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

## KiwaNews for October 14, 2009

### **Take a look at another nicely done newsletter: *From Our Prez. . .***

You can see the Div. 34 Key Club newsletter by [clicking here](#).

### ***Reminders***

#### **This Week. . .**

**Tuesday, Pet Remembrance Tree meeting: 6:30 at Borders.**

- The Pet Remembrance Tree committee will hold a meeting on October 13 @ 6:30 @ Borders & Books
- Fund Raising Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Exact time and place to be announced.
- **For other EVENTS, click <http://calendar.mail.yahoo.com/gigharborkiwanis>**

### ***Inspiration***

- Oct. 14 - Bob H.
- Oct. 21 - Daphne F.
- Oct. 28 - OPEN
- Nov. 4 - Jeni M.
- Nov. 11 - Kathy R.
- Nov. 18 - Steve B.
- Nov. 5 - Bill F.



It's good to be home. I want to thank Rich Tucker for filling in for me last Wednesday and again at the Board on Friday. It is great to have someone with

Rich's experience and Kiwanis knowledge as a backup.

Our family in Italy lives in a village, about 200 people, close to another of about 500 people, which is close to a third with around 1,000 residents. All within a two mile radius. They are interconnected in a variety of ways, a single elementary school, a single local agricultural interest, vineyards, a local bakery and lots of inter activity.

Our kids moved recently into a house in the smallest village and they were welcomed with open arms. They were not "outsiders." They had lived for a 13 years in the one of the other villages. Their kids went to school there, my daughter-in-law worked for the school and they were regularly seen at the bakery, at village celebrations and just "around." So, even after having been away for about 15 years they were welcomed back as "home folks."

This got me to thinking about what Kiwanis does, and can do. Kiwanis has been in Gig Harbor long enough

to qualify (these days) as an "old timer" yet there are still plenty of folks who don't know we are here. They don't know of the work we do or the value we bring to community life.

We don't have to brag loudly or inflate our story but we do need to let people know what we bring to "village life." Daphne, over the years, has done a great job working with the Gateway to get us recognition for Gear Up. Sherry is working to get coverage for our Pet Remembrance project, a fund raiser, and I think Terrific Kids will help. But there are other opportunities to get the word out and each person who knows and understands what we do is a more likely candidate for membership or as a customer for Sees Candy. Let's tell the Gig Harbor Kiwanis story. We are going to work at it this year.

### ***KiwaNotes***

#### ***From Jeni . . .***

Conversation with International President, Paul Palazzolo

Last Wednesday evening, our International President spent an hour on the phone with our Governor Patrick Ewing, and 16 Lt. Governors from the PNW District. His message? GROWTH of course!



**Kiwanis**  
**Young Children**  
Priority One

### **More from Jeni...**

President Palazzolo had a lot to say about growth, as the concept of growing our clubs is here to stay. He spoke to three growth concepts:

1. Reveal Membership,
2. Club Satellites,
3. An existing promotion called 1, 2, 3.

Reveal membership encourages four membership efforts a year: October, Jan, April/May, and August/September. Briefly,

October is the month to bring in new members – just ask!

January is the month to establish our Club Satellite – more on Club Satellites later.

Springtime is the time for a membership drive, i.e. team competition to see which team invites the most guests for a special dinner. The loser? The losers eat beans and franks...you get the idea.

Late Summer – we need to look at our sponsored youth parents. They are a great source of potential members.

Reveal Membership is an easy concept, but it takes the interest of members to make the concept work for our club. Please consider stepping outside your comfort zone and offer to help our club bring in a few new members this year! We always benefit from gaining new members.

### **From Bob G....**

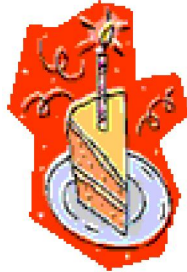
The cubs are visiting the GH Kiwanis meeting this week. This is your last chance this year to get some that great popcorn that Pack 264 sells each year. The popcorn is not just popcorn, it is popcorn with a flair...mixed with nuts or covered in caramel...yes there is also plain. Imagine one of our nice autumn or winter nights relaxing in front of a crackling fireplace, a cup of hot chocolate munching on some popcorn. Let it snow, let it rain who cares. The lads work all year on projects learning and having fun while learning. This is popcorn sale is the major and only fund raiser cubs are allowed to help provide

the materials. They enjoy though your enjoyment, so let's all enjoy.

Thanks everybody for the help and support

## **Milestones**

## **Birthdays**



**Happy Birthday to Melani J on October 19<sup>th</sup>.**



**Happy Birthday to Dick S on October 20<sup>th</sup>.**



**Happy Birthday to Kathy R on October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Deep Thoughts**



Sent to us by Jim B.

NO PARENT LEFT BEHIND...

I promise you cannot read these and not laugh out loud.

These are real notes written by parents in the Memphis school district. Spellings have been left intact.

1. My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today Please execute him.

2. Please excuse lisa for being absent she was sick and i had her shot.

3. Dear school: please excuse john being absent on jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.

4. Please excuse gloria from jim today. She is administrating.

5. Please excuse roland from p.e. for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

6. John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

7. Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

8. Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

9. Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.

10. Please excuse ray friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

11. Please excuse Lesli from being absent yesterday. She had ~~diarre~~ ~~dyreadireathe~~the shits.

12. Please excuse tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.

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