

# Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

## KiwaNews for October 21, 2009

### Reminders

#### This Week. . . .

**Tuesday (the 20<sup>th</sup>), Fund Raising Meeting. 6:45 pm at Madrona Golf Course Restaurant.**

**Thursday (the 22<sup>nd</sup>), Blood Drive. Call Kathy R.**

**And Remember to Pay Your Kiwanis Dues.**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Star Search planning meeting. 6:30 at Joe's house.

**October 28<sup>th</sup>:** The next presentation of Artondale Elementary School's Terrific Kids will take place at 1:40 pm... All Kiwanians are invited!

- **For other EVENTS, click**  
<http://calendar.mail.yahoo.com/gigharborkiwanis>

### Inspiration

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

### From Our Prez. . .



We can all agree that this is not going to be an easy year to meet all of our club's budget needs. Our Fund Raising Committee has been working hard to come up with ideas to bring in the money we need to support our efforts in our community... the money that makes up our Service Budget. One way or another we will raise the funds we need to maintain our level of service to young children, those in school and others who need our help. You may be sure you will be hearing a lot more about how you can help meet this commitment.

But there is another budget... our Administrative Budget. We can be proud that (unlike some charity groups), not one dime of the money we raise from the public is used to support our Kiwanis Club. This means that the costs of operating the club must be covered by the membership... us.

There are a lot of pieces to the Admin budget, from postage stamps to speaker meals and gifts, support for District and Division costs, some small support for those who represent us at conventions, and a host of other costs for supplies, etc., mostly small, but they add up.

We know that our treasurer, Melani, Lance, our secretary and John, who maintains our website and handles this newsletter, donate (eat) a pretty big piece of their costs each year and we owe them our thanks. Have you noticed that ink now costs as much as the paper it goes on?

To cover our administrative costs, we raise these funds within the Club, through fines, a raffle, football pool and a few other things. Some years we have held "White Elephant" auctions (some folks hate them, others...) and a few other ideas have produced some dollars. Right now we need your ideas. How can we help our Admin Budget with relatively little pain to our members?

If you have thoughts, bring them to the Board or make suggestions at this week's meeting. Your idea can make a difference.

### KiwaNotes

#### A Challenge From Rich T...

As we begin the new Kiwanis year we need to continue inviting guests who might be prospective new members. "Invite" business cards are available for you to give to friends. We will have a little "friendly competition" this year to see who can bring in the most new members. Members with last name beginning A-L will comprise the "Gig Harbor" team, and those with last name beginning M-Z will comprise the "Peninsula" team. A guest will earn your team 3 pts., and if that person becomes a member that 3 pts will become 6 pts. At the end of the year in Sept., the winning team will be the recipients of a club social potluck hosted by the losing team.




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

**Also from Rich...**

The Community Inclusion Program (CIP) Resource Fair will be held Wed. Oct. 28 at Peninsula HS at 5:30 pm. We need (2) club members to help staff our GHKiwanis table that will be shared with Peninsula Key Club. Will be a great opportunity to share club information and Pet Remembrance flyers with the community.

**From Joe about Star Search ..**

 We are about to start the planning for the 2010 Star Search! There will be a committee meeting at my house on October 27th 6:00pm. Make sure you really build it up that this will be the biggest and the best Star Search event!

**From Sherry about Terrific Kids.**

Sherry Mattiassi, Chair of the Terrific Kids Program with The Gig Harbor Kiwanis Club, along with Carol and Steven Arnold and John Bare, Kiwanis members as well, attended the very first presentation of Terrific Kids, September 30, held at Artondale Elementary School. Artondale Elementary School is the very first school to introduce the Terrific Kids Program in Gig Harbor. Teachers, Julia Bare and Nate Sears have been enthusiastic about this program from the start and have spread that enthusiasm among the Artondale teachers, staff and most importantly, the students, also known as the Artondale Otters!

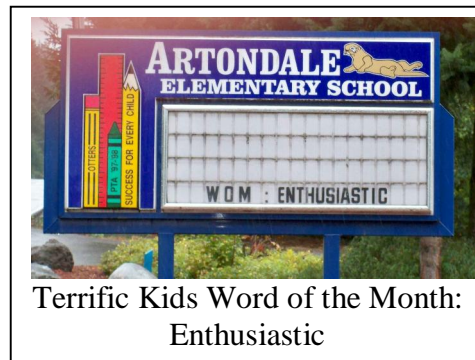


Terrific Kids Assembly

The presentation was held at a special gathering in the gym for the entire school. Parents of award recipients were also present and proudly so, as there

were many cameras flashing during the presentation of the Terrific Kids award certificate and bumper sticker. The bumper sticker can be attached to the bumper of the parents' car, with the words: "My Student is a Terrific Kid"!

All in all there were 26 students, one from each class selected by their teacher, librarian, or special program advisor. Each student represented their class from Kindergarten to 5th grade. It was obvious to see among the very well disciplined student body that this was an honor that each student could relate to. The letters in the word TERRIFIC are represented, one each month, for the students to show examples of a character trait during the month. For example the letter T represented the trait of being "Thoughtful" for the month of September. Teachers could see how students in their classrooms were showing signs of thoughtfulness to their fellow students in their daily activity. Some students also displayed examples of thoughtfulness outside their classroom, in their neighborhoods or community at large.



Terrific Kids Word of the Month:  
Enthusiastic

As Gig Harbor Kiwanians we all commented on the very positive focus the principal, teachers and staff showed during this special gathering about the Terrific Kids program. We heard from them that although only one per student per class could receive an award, there were many shining examples of "Thoughtfulness" shown during the month. It is very heartwarming to see the Kiwanis Terrific Kids program mean so much to Artondale School.

In the following months, a new letter will be chosen, such as "E" for Enthusiasm in October. Looking at the many young faces present, I could see a bubbling of

enthusiasm and know that positive examples of this word will be shown time and again during the month of October in Artondale Elementary School.

As Artondale Elementary School is the first school to be represented in the Gig Harbor Kiwanis Club Terrific Kids program, we are hoping to encourage one or more schools in the 2010-2011 school year. We are looking forward to working with teachers representing another elementary school in the Gig Harbor-Peninsula school district.

The next presentation of Artondale Elementary School's Terrific Kids will take place on October 28 @ 1:40 pm... All Kiwanians are invited!

**More from Sherry about the Pet Remembrance Tree...**

**WANTED:** 1 artificial Christmas Tree for the Pet Remembrance Tree project to be located @ the Posh Paw Store. Need tall (8-12' or more) for December 5 - 30th. Promise to return to lender! Thank you, Sherry

**Artondale Readers**

October 19:	10:00	Jim B
	2:30	Jim H
October 26:	10:00	Susan H
	2:30	Carol A
November 2:	10:00	John H
	2:30	Open
November 9:	10:00	Steve B
	2:30	Daphne
November 16:	10:00	Jim H
	2:30	Carol A
		Maren
December 7:	10:00	Wall
	2:30	Open
December 14:	10:00	Kathy R
	2:30	Open

## *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>.**



**Happy Birthday  
to Carol A on  
October 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## *Anniversary*



**Happy  
Anniversary  
Nick and  
Lenni M on  
October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### *Deep Thoughts*



#### **Wisdom from Grandpa.**

Many girls like to marry a military man - he can cook, sew, and make beds and is in good health, and he's already used to taking orders.

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?

You know you are getting old, when everything either dries up or leaks.

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald, they don't recognize you.