

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

KiwaNews for November 4, 2009

Wednesday's Speaker

John Harrington on troglodytes

Upcoming Speakers

*Nov. 11:

This Week. . . .

***Wednesday:** Bring items for the **Food Drive!** Also it's the first meeting of the month: remember to wear your **Kiwanis shirt!** AND turn in your Pet Remembrance forms/requests.

***Thursday:** Division Council, 6 p.m., Tacoma Elks.

***Friday:** Foundation/Board meeting **CANCELLED**; the next meeting will be Nov. 20th.

Monday: 6:30 StarSearch meeting at Joe's home, along with ½ hour Pet Remembrance Committee meeting.

Reminders

- Nov. 9, at 6:30 StarSearch meeting at Joe's home, with a ½ hour Pet Remb. Comm. meeting.
- Nov. 19, tour of the women's facility in Purdy.
- Nov.20: Foundation/Board meeting 7 a.m., Sunset Grill.
- Nov. 23, Pet Comm. 5:30, place TBA
- Dec. 5-30: Pet Remembrance Project
- For other **EVENTS**, click

<http://calendar.mail.yahoo.com/gigharborkiwanis>

Kiwanis
Young Children
Priority One

From Our Prez. . .

Terrific Kids!

Just last Wednesday the second award assembly for our Terrific Kids program was held at Artondale school. The results are beginning to show...very quick profit from a small investment.

On Thursday, in a parking lot, I saw shiny new gold bumper sticker bearing the **Kiwanis logo** and announcing that the owner(s) of that car were proud of their "terrific kid." Soon you will see a lot more of these bumper stickers around our community.

This is very good for several reasons. First, of course, it shows that the parents are proud and recognize the program. That's a reward in itself. Second it sends a message back to the school carrying the program that the parents do care and will respond. And, the Kiwanis logo on the sticker tells the public that our club cares about kids and our community.

And, there is a message for Kiwanians too. That parent just might be a good candidate for membership in our club. So, when you see that new gold sticker, if you have the opportunity, congratulate the driver on his or her "kid's" achievement. You may be finding someone interested in what we do, or interested in early breakfasts. It is worth your time. That's where new members come from.

Sherry and a bunch of others have done a great job in getting Terrific Kids started at Artondale. It is a very safe bet that, next fall, we will be kicking off the program at other schools. This will call for more involvement, but it will also increase our "profit," and satisfaction,

from a modest investment. We have a good one going.

I'm sorry I won't be with you this week. **Rich** will chair the meeting. Please remember it is the first meeting of the month so **wear those Kiwanis shirts.**

KiwaNotes

Food Drive

~from John Bare

Please bring items to Wednesday's meeting. These are some items Jan recommends for F I S H

- **\$\$ money:** they do the shopping. 100% goes to buying items or for gasoline for recipients, their only expense is rent
- **Personal items:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap
- **Toilet Paper**
- **Peanut Butter:** med or large sizes
- **Spaghetti noodles,** 1-2#lb packages
- **Canned goods,** larger size cans: Peas, peaches, applesauce
- **Tuna Fish**
- **Canned meat:** turkey, chicken, beef
- **Top Ramen**
- **Canned Juice**
- **Coffee**

If you bring items from your own pantry, **check the dates to be sure they aren't outdated**

Items they DO NOT need: pumpkin, cranberry sauce, soups, beans, broth.



Prison Visit

~from John Bare

The tour of the WCCW will be November 19th, from 0930 to 1200, not November 12. You must be signed up with your FULL NAME (i.e. John Woodruff Bare, not Gordy A) social security number, and date of birth. I will have the list at the next few meetings, The final day to sign up will be November 2. Thanks!

Terrific Kids Presentation

~from Sherry

On Wednesday, October 28, Artondale Elementary School presented Terrific Kids awards for the second month this year. This month all students, K-5th grades, worked at earning recognition for being "Enthusiastic," which represents the second letter in the word TERRIFIC.

All the students at Artondale Elementary School, including teachers and staff as well as proud parents, attended the assembly at 1:30 p.m. After the students were instructed about "assembly manners," including those about applause and quiet voices, 24 Artondale students were awarded Terrific Kids award certificates and bumper stickers for parents to proudly display on their automobile bumper.

Three of the students were out ill; however, the 21 students who were given awards were given a full round of applause and congratulatory comments by all who attended.

Nate Sears and Julia Bare, our Artondale teacher representatives for the Gig Harbor Kiwanis' Terrific Kids Program, do a "terrific" job themselves with the coordination of the program and the energy they bring to Artondale School students, teachers, and staff.

There is a wonderful wall next to the assembly room dedicated to the Terrific Kids Program, with pictures of each child who have received Terrific Kids awards each month. Jeni Mallory and I attended and enjoyed the hour at the presentation and Nate Sears gave a special mention to the Gig Harbor Kiwanis Club making the Terrific Kids program a reality for Artondale School this year.

The hour ended on a high note with Nate leading all the students in a rousing "round-robin" rendition of "This

Land Is Your Land, This Land Is My Land," which I can tell you had enough enthusiasm to give me strength for the rest of the week! Next month's presentation will take place on November 24 at 9:00 a.m.

StarSearch

~from Joe

Plans for StarSearch or underway, and the next StarSearch meeting will be on November 9th 6:30 at my house. Please come if you're interested in helping with this fundraiser.



Last year's winner

Club Satellites

~from Jeni

Last week I mentioned "Satellites." Some of you have heard me mention Satellites before, but some of you might not have heard the word applied to our Kiwanis club. Actually, many clubs are starting to talk about "Satellites." **So what are they and what might they mean for our club?**

A club Satellite is basically a committee of the existing club. The idea is to draw from a group of people who would like to be members of Kiwanis but who are unable or un-inclined to attend our 7 a.m. meetings. (How many times have you had someone say, "I'd love to join but I'm just not a morning person"?) Attending Satellite meetings would allow such potential members to be part of our community service and fundraising activities without the pressure to attend morning meetings. Any projects they might want to take on as a Satellite would, of course, need to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Dues would be the same amount for everyone. Although its meetings could be more loosely organized than regular club meetings, it would need a "chairman" to organize the Satellite's meetings.

Kiwanis needs to accommodate to a changing landscape in membership, so let's talk about whether a Satellite might be good for our club.

Inspiration

- Nov. 4 - Jeni M.
- Nov. 11 - Kathy R.
- Nov. 18 - Steve B.
- Nov. 5 - Bill F.

Artondale Readers

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



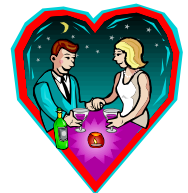
Happy Birthday to John S on November 10th!

Happy Birthday to Carol A on October 30th.



Anniversary

(none this week)



Deep Thoughts

On Grandchildren

- Grandmas are moms with lots of frosting.
~Author Unknown
- What a bargain grandchildren are! I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure. ~Gene Perret
- Grandmothers are just 'antique' little girls.
~Author Unknown
- Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. ~ Welsh Proverb
- A grandmother is a babysitter who watches the kids instead of the television. ~Author Unknown
- Never have children, only grandchildren.
~Gore Vidal
- Becoming a grandmother is wonderful. One moment you're just a mother. The next you are all-wise and prehistoric. ~Pam Brown
- Grandchildren don't stay young forever, which is good because Grandfathers have only so many horsy rides in them. ~Gene Perret
- When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window. ~Ogden Nash
- Grandma always made you feel she had been waiting to see just you all day and now the day was complete. ~ Marcy DeMaree
- Grandmas never run out of hugs or cookies.
~Author unknown
- Grandmas hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever. ~Author Unknown
- My grand kids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too. ~Gene Perret
- If becoming a grandmother was only a matter of choice, I should advise every one of you straight away to become one. There is no fun for old people like it! ~Hannah Whithall Smith
- It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother - that's why the world calls her grandmother. ~Author Unknown
- Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old. ~Mary H. Waldrip

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