

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

KiwaNews for February 3, 2010

Wednesday's Speaker

Don Leingang
of the USO

Upcoming Speakers

Feb. 10: Jon Coulombe, a local businessman, will talk about the indoor skate park he plans to open in the harbor

This Week. . .

Tues: Fund-raising committee, Madrona Links (wed. meeting site), 7 p.m.

Wed: First meeting of the month; wear your shirt!

Thurs: Division Council, Tacoma Elks, 6 p.m.

Fri: Board/Foundation meeting, Sunset Grill, 7 a.m.

Reminders

- February 23, Terrific Kids Awards
- March 13, Zone Conference at Bates Tech
- April 17, Star Search at the Gig Harbor Yacht Club
- August 18-19, Gear-Up

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



From Our Prez. . .

It is time to mark your calendar. Saturday, March 13 is the date for the Kiwanis Zone Conference.

Calendar pages turn over so fast these days that that event will be here before we know it. And it is important.

The Zone Conference is a "one day convention" bringing together all the Kiwanis clubs that surround our Division 34. It provides the opportunity to see what is happening, pick up some new (to us) ideas and get to know more about what Kiwanis means to the Puget Sound community. In addition folks from Kiwanis International will provide a look at what we do around the world.

For newer members, it is a chance to get a wider view of our organization and to get to know more people who share our commitment to service. It can be inspiring to see what some of our neighboring clubs are doing, and it helps to broaden our view of the "possible."

For us "old" Kiwanians, it is an opportunity to see old friends and to renew our enthusiasm as we see what others are accomplishing (and sometimes realize we can do "it" better).

The Zone Conference will be on the Bates Tech, South Tacoma Campus, which is easy to get to. Let's shoot for a double inter-club on the 13th. Plan on spending a pleasant Saturday. It is an important day for you, for Kiwanis and for our Club. Mark your calendar.



KiwaNotes

Terrific Kids Assembly

~from Rich

I attended the Terrific Kids assembly at Artondale last Wednesday with Sherry and Kathy. What a neat experience to see the kids awarded certificates for how they demonstrate "being Responsible."

This is a great program that our club sponsors (thanks to Sherry) and hope more members can come to Feb's assembly on the 24th.

~from Kathy

I had a TERRIFIC time at the TERRIFIC KIDS assembly at Artondale Elementary on Wednesday, January 27! The smiles on the faces of the students, the enthusiasm of the staff, and the pride in the parents, grandparents, and other guests were truly something to see!

It was so rewarding to witness how an entire school staff has worked together through a Kiwanis program to develop character in students through recognition of important inner strengths.

Leading up to the monthly awards assembly, the Artondale staff has chosen to make a daily announcement over the PA system naming a specific student and describing a specific act the student has done to demonstrate that he possesses the "attribute of the month."

One student from each class is ultimately chosen to receive the award at the end-of-the-month assembly. These students have consistently demonstrated their character during the month through their positive choices and actions. Believe me, these awards mean a lot to these kids!

Kiwanis
Young Children
Priority One

Kiwanis can be very proud of this program. It is a tool to build character and reward students for exemplifying inner strengths. These are strengths that they will need and use for their entire lives. A side benefit is the goodwill that Kiwanis builds within our schools and our community.

Thanks to Jeni, John B, and Sherry for taking the initiative, time, and effort to get this program on its feet in Gig Harbor. A special thanks to Sherry for her tireless commitment to the continuation and growth of this amazingly simple but effective program.

THIS IS TRULY SOMETHING YOU SHOULD TAKE TIME TO SEE! I cannot imagine a better "bang for our buck" than the Terrific Kids program!

Lance's Father

Marilyn sent a note that Lance's father died on Friday morning. He was nearly 98. Lance is in Spokane tending to his father's affairs.

Census Jobs

~from Sherry

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and mileage incurred while conducting census work. Pay for field work in Pierce County starts at \$17.50 per hour.

Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Census pre-employment testing is being conducted throughout Pierce County.

For more information or to complete an application, visit www.2010CensusJobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010. Equal Opportunity Employer

Terrific Kids Awards

- *February 24 - 9:50 a.m. - Kathy R
- *March 24 - 2:45 p.m. - Carol A
- *April 28 - 1:40 p.m. - Jeni M
- *May 26 - 1:00 p.m. - Jeni M
- *June 11 - 1:00 p.m. - Jeni and Sherry

Rich T will distribute signup sheet at future Kiwanis meeting for anyone else

who would also like to signup and attend.

Inspiration

- February 3 – Daphne F
- February 10 - Kathy R
- February 17 0 Peggy O
- February 24 - Nick M
- March 3 - OPEN
- March 10 - Bruce
- March 17 - OPEN
- March 24 - Steve B.
- March 31 – John H

Artondale Readers

- Feb. 1 10:00 Daphne F.
2:30 Virdie
- 8 10:00 Kathy R
2:30 Sylvia
- 22 10:00 Kathy R
2:30 Carol A

Milestones

Anniversaries

None this week.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Susan H. on Jan. 31!



Happy Birthday to Scott K on Feb. 3!



Happy Birthday to Jeni on Feb. 7!



Deep Thoughts

Banned puns

1. King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."



2. Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss league records were destroyed in a fire, and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

3. A man rushed into a busy doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

4. A marine biologist developed a race of genetically engineered dolphins that could live forever if they were fed a steady diet of seagulls. One day, his supply of the birds ran out so he had to go out and trap some more. On the way back, he spied two lions asleep on the road. Afraid to wake them, he gingerly stepped over them. Immediately, he was arrested and charged with ... transporting gulls across sedate lions for immortal porpoises.

5. Back in the 1800's the Tate's Watch Company of Massachusetts wanted to produce other products, and since they already made the cases for watches, they used them to produce compasses. The new compasses were so bad that people often ended up in Canada or Mexico rather than California. This, of course, is the origin of the expression, "He who has a Tate's is lost!"

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