

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

KiwaNews for August 12, 2009

Wednesday's Speaker

Joshua Alfaro,

12 years old, tells us about his fight with leukemia and raising money for Leukemia Cure & Relay for Life



From our President

YMCA Booth

On Friday, the Board approved setting up a booth at the YMCA's 2nd Anniversary event from 11-5 on August 22nd. We are going to sell cookbooks and solicit new members! Please see Rich or Jeni if you are willing to volunteer.

Installation Banquet

The installation banquet will be on **Thursday September 24th** NOT the 23rd, at Canterwood. There will be no Wednesday morning meeting on the 23rd.

Terrific Kids

We are very excited to be pursuing a Terrific Kids program! The board approved ordering a kit so we can get started.

KiwaNotes

Fundraising ~from Jeni

An important fundraising meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 25th at 6:30 p.m.** John H. has offered to host the meeting. We encourage everyone who is interested in helping our club raise money to attend this meeting. We welcome your ideas and support in our efforts to increase our budget. FYI, in the past two years, our club has not raised the amount of money we budgeted to raise.

Please bring an appetizer or beverage to share and RSVP to John or Jeni.

Pet Remembrance Meeting

Sherry sent a note from the road that she must **cancel this week's meeting** of the Pet Remembrance Committee.

She is returning from a recent death in her family.

Parkland/Spanaway Visit

Parkland/Spanaway Kiwanis plans an interclub to our club at the 19 August meeting. (~picked up from the Parkland/Spanaway newsletter)

Inspiration

- Aug 12 - Sherry M.
- Aug 19 - Daphne F.
- Aug 26 - Bob H.

Milestones



Happy Anniversary to John & Terry on August 17th!



Happy Birthday to Mike S. on August 9th!

Upcoming Speakers

- **August 19:** Sue & Ken Braaten tell about their efforts to start a foster home in Gig Harbor.
- **Aug. 26:** Mary Desmarais, new Exec. Director for the Gig Harbor Historic Waterfront Assn., gives us an update.

Reminders

This Week. . . .

- Wednesday: Pet Remembrance Committee meeting **cancelled**
- August 19, 9 to noon, Gear-Up Set-Up Day
- August 20, 8 to noon, Gear-Up Give-Away Day
- August 22, 11-5, booth at YMCA's 2nd Anniversary event
- August 25, 6:30 Fund Raising Committee meets at John H's
- September 24, Installation Banquet at Canterwood
- September 26, Harbor Hounds
- For other **EVENTS**, click <http://calendar.mail.yahoo.com/gigharborkiwanis>



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Deep Thoughts



Here are some simple lessons on life written By Regina Brett, 90 years old, of The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio. "To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 45 lessons life taught me. It is the most-requested column I've ever written." (These are the first half; look for the rest in another edition of KiwaNews)

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first pay check.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

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