

KiwaNews

August 26th

Wednesday's Speaker

Mary Desmarais, new Gig Harbor
Waterfront Assn. Exec. Director

Upcoming Speakers

Sept. 2 **Larry Miller**, (Connie's husband) Update on Diabetes research

Sept. 9 & 16: Open

Sept.23: No meeting

Reminders

- Aug. 25, Fundraising & Pet Remembrance Tree Meeting @ 6:30
John Harrington's home
- Aug. 26, Pet Remembrance Tree Meeting **CANCELLED**
- September 23- No morning meeting
- Sept. 24, Installation Banquet at Canterwood
- Sept. 26, Harbor Hounds

* Click [CALENDAR](#) for other reminders

Another Remarkable Gear Up!

We did it! Once again our club put smiles on the faces of hundreds of children and their parents. Our 12th annual Gear Up for School was a huge success!

Thanks to the team who transformed the Key Peninsula Middle School commons into a giant store with clothes neatly folded on tables and jackets hung on rounds. Shoes were neatly displayed on the steps of the stage. Hundreds of bags of school supplies lined the walls.

Thank you Gordy & Sandy, Al & Kathy, John B., Sherry & John M., Jim H., Ken D., Dan P., Ron W, Dick S., Bob H., Bob & Sylvia G., Carol & Steve A., John & Terry H., Susan H., Steve B., Connie H., Pat R., Terry J., Dee M. and Bruce. We were joined by Joy Culbert who's husband Doug is the area manager for CenturyTel. Also thanks to our ray of sunshine Chloe. You all did an amazing job!

Thursday morning dawned clear and crisp. Wrapped in sleeping bags and blankets the first family lined up at 2 AM! By the time the doors opened at 9:00 the line stretched the length of the school. The excitement was contagious when I heard children show their parents or sibling their news clothes, coat, shoes or backpack. Eighth graders were delighted to receive a flash drive (school requirement).

Thank you Jim H, Dick & Patti S., Bob & Sylvia G., Dan P., John & Terry H., Virdie G., Steve & Carol A., Al & Kathy, Gordy & Sandy, Lance, Terry, Melani, Bob , John S., Ray N., Bill, Bruce, Ken D., Sherry & John M. for making the day special for all the families. A special thanks to Terry's son Troy, Steve's daughter Victoria, Doug & Joy Culbert, Melani's sister Kari and her fiancé Kevin. And a special thanks to honorary Kiwanian Evelyn B. We also owe Asst. Fire Chief Chuck West and Fire District 16 a huge thank you for providing and fitting bicycle helmets.

Bravo to the Payless ShoeSource team! Store Manager Nicol Nation and her staff Nicole Cazarez and Devyn McKinney measured each child and gave them a sticker with their size marked on it. As the morning wore on and the sizes dwindled Nicol Nation once again gave the children a pair of shoes with a voucher written on the box lid. The child can take it to her store and exchange it for a pair of shoes that fit.

We were also joined by Superintendent and fellow Kiwanian Terry Bouck, Asst. Superintendent Shannon Wiggs, KPMS principal Jeri Goebel, Evergreen Principal Jacque Crisman, Assistant KPMS Principal Kristi Rivera, PC Sheriff Deputy Jake Kreis (Neighborhood Patrol).

Our partners this year: Gig Harbor Kiwanis Foundation, Angel Guild, Burrell Printing, CenturyTel, Drs. Johnson, Ribary, Stadler & Wada, Fire District 16, Payless ShoeSource, Peninsula Light Company, Peninsula School District, Wahlgreens and WA Correction Center for Women. They all played a crucial role in our success.

We had 30 volunteers Wednesday and 38 Thursday. They put in a total of 310 hours over two days. We served 272 children Thursday (258

in 2008). Since the program's inception we have helped over 3,300 low-income, Key Peninsula students start school ready to learn.

Thank you all for your time, energy and dedication to helping children in-need. They were truly grateful as am I.

Daphne

Open House/NW Kiwanis Camp

We'd like to extend an invitation to you to attend our Open House on Saturday, August 29th in honor of our 20th anniversary. It will run from 11:00AM until 1:00PM with a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon.

Beverages and dessert items will be available and for those who travel from Whidbey Island, we have a 15 passenger van available for transportation to/from the Pt. Townsend ferry. (We're working on transportation to/from the Edmonds-Kingston and Seattle-Bainbridge ferries but nothing is finalized yet). For questions or a map/driving directions please email us at nwkc@earthlink.net or call 360-732-7222.

Thanks,

Sharron Sherfick, Director, NW Kiwanis Camp

Pet Remembrance from Sherry

There is a fundraising committee meeting on **Tuesday evening, August 25, @6:30 @ John Herrington's home** and Jeni suggested we could cover Pet Remembrance Tree business for 1/2 hour at this meeting, thereby reducing an extra meeting this week....

Please let me know if you can make the meeting @ John's. If you can come, please bring something (food or drink) to share.

The August 26th meeting is then CANCELLED @ Borders.....Sherry

Last two Polo Shirts

Lance is in possession of our last two short sleeve polo shirts, both at \$28.30 each, Ladies medium and men's extra large, all light grey color.... Let him know and he'll bring to a meeting... thx, bill

Inspiration Schedule

Sept. 2 – Kathy R.

Sept. 9 - Sherry M.

Sept. 16 - Open, any volunteers?

Sept. 23 - No meeting

Sept. 30 - Susan H.

Oct. 7 - Steve B.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Happy Anniversary Sherry and John on August 29

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