

Kiwanis Club of Peninsula-Gig Harbor

KiwaNews for September 30, 2009

Wednesday's Speaker

Dennis Taylor will tell us about the YMCA "Friends & Servants" program

Upcoming Speakers

10/7: Jacqui Goodwill will give an update on the new St. Anthony's hospital

Reminders

This Week. . .

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

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

- Oct. 10, ChumFest
- For other **EVENTS**, click <http://calendar.mail.yahoo.com/gigharborkiwanis>

Inspiration

- Sept. 30 - Susan H.
- Oct. 7 - Steve B.



Our New Prez. . .



KiwaNotes

Kiwanian of the Year

~from Melani

What would I have done without **Jeni**? I know she wasn't just helping me, she was doing what she does, which is everything, and me being helped was just a nice side effect.

Jeni is our incoming Lt. Governor, and will be responsible for much more than just our small club this next year. She is involved in pursuing new fundraising ideas and has sparked a lot of interest in our members to participate in finding these new ideas. She had 16 members at her last committee meeting!

She is the membership chair, and in addition to inviting and pursuing potential new members, she also hosts the new member orientation at her home where, along with a few others, helps to make new members feel comfortable in participating right away.

She attends most every committee meeting, which has allowed me to feel ok about not being able to attend all the evening meetings we have. With someone like Jeni supporting our club we know it will thrive!



Thanks from Kiwanian of the Year

I want to thank **Melani** for the Kiwanian of the Year award. I maintain that the award could easily be shared by so many members! I am honored to receive the award as I am always proud of our Kiwanis club and pleased to be associated with an outstanding group of people. ~Jeni

More on our 2009 Installation

~from Dick S.

Not only do we need to wish Robert S. "Happy Birthday" (see below), but give him our thanks for his invaluable help with the arrangements for our banquet. Everything ran perfectly, and the food was great.

To see more 2009 Installation Banquet pictures, taken by Bob G., [click here](#).

Terrific Kids Program at Artondale School

~from Julia Bare and Sherry M.

Here is a list of the first 4 Terrific Otters Assemblies:

- September 30th @ 2:45
- October 28th 1:40
- November 24th 9:10
- December 16th 1:00

Each will be approximately 30 minutes.

Sherry plans to attend next Wednesday to take photos. All interested Kiwanis members are invited (and encouraged) to attend as well. The presentation will honor one child from each classroom, 30 in all. The program will last approximately 30 minutes.

Kiwanis
Young Children
Priority One

Harbor Hounds

~ from Sherry M.

Thank you everyone for all your help: Bill and Dick for setting up and pulling down the tables and canopy; Bill and Susan H. for helping to set up and loaning us the Christmas trees; Susan and Jeni for putting together the raffle baskets; Connie and Dee for making the dog bone wreaths; Peggy and Connie for contributing to the basket; Gig Harbor Vet Hospital contributed a \$100 gift certificate for vet services; and all of you, Connie, Susan, Jeni, Verdi, Lance, Jim B., Melanie and her pug, Rocky (who became our little Kiwanis mascot). I also like to thank my husband John for helping me load and unload items for the booth, helping to setup and breakdown, bringing us all coffee and scones when needed, and taking pictures of our booth and Harbor Hounds activity.

This was the \$\$\$ count for the day: \$180 sold in raffle tickets and \$70 in pet lights for the Pet Remembrance Tree, for a total of \$250. Connie brought in 7 sold lights and the rest sold on Harbor Hounds Day.

We definitely got noticed and many, many people were very impressed and moved by the tree and the idea behind it. We gave out many flyers and batches of flyers to vet offices, senior citizen groups and the humane society and the Prison Pet Program.

We will continue to pursue avenues of retailers and vet offices to feature and give out flyers. The Posh Paw has created a "skew" key on their cash register and will be able to take donations for pet lights from customers. They will be putting flyers into every customers' bags as well. I will continue to pursue the Gateway and the Gig Harbor Life. It would be great to have TV coverage during the month of December at Posh Paw, but that may be a long stretch.

John M. (Sherry's husband) took a number of pictures of Harbor Hounds which can be seen if you [click here](#).

A Note from John Gorow

(Ed. Note: I recently asked John if he would like to tell his former club members about his current activities, and he more than generously replied, below. JH)

I wanted to take this opportunity to say "Hi" to all my old Gig Harbor Kiwanis friends. I have been receiving the KiwaNews for the past several years, and so I have been keeping up with you. I see a lot of names I don't recognize,



but also see a lot of familiar ones. From what I observe, you have been doing a lot your club can be proud of.

It is especially heartwarming to read about the success of the Gear Up For School program. I was

there during the first years of the program, and can see how the project has grown and grown. Daphne has done a wonderful job with this activity since its inception. I can remember when Bruce and I went to visit with Tacoma School District staff to see how they collected "used" clothes for low income students. After our visit, Daphne and Bruce became committed to providing new clothes for our kids. A lot of these kids never get the opportunity to see many new things. It is great to see this wonderful program continue and expand. Daphne and all of you who put in time on this project should be very proud. By the way, Daphne, the name of the project is sure better than what we originally had.

I am glad to see Jeni is the new Lt. Governor for your division. When she first joined the club, I knew she was going to be a great leader

A special congrats to Melanie and Jim H. Melani for the good year she has had, and Jim for his start of another year at the helm. Everyone should appreciate what Melani has done as being the President and continuing her Treasurer's duties.

Joan and I moved to Issaquah in May 2003. We moved in order to be nearer our children and grandchildren. It has been fun to be close with them and to watch them as they grow up. Joan has had some health challenges the past few

years, and being near family has been helpful. However, we really have missed our dear Gig Harbor friends.

We live in a 55+ community called Providence Point. When we got here, I found they had a Kiwanis Club which I joined in December 2003. The club didn't have a President Elect to take over the club in 2004-05. When they found out the years I had spent in Kiwanis they asked me to become President. I did it even though I had been a member for less than a year. This past year, once again, we needed a President. To make a long story short, I am just finishing my second year as President of the Providence Point Kiwanis Club. We have a club of 34 members. While a lot of clubs talk of getting younger members, meaning those in their 20s or 30s, we mean someone under 70. I think you get the idea.

Some Wednesday morning, I am going to get up early and drive to Gig Harbor to visit one of your club meetings. I hope Jim Bannon remembers he owes me a breakfast.

Hope to see you soon!!

John Gorow

Milestones



***Happy Anniversary to Mike and Sandy H. on September 29th!**



***Happy anniversary to Andi and Al M. on October 7th!**



***Happy Birthday to Nick M. on October 5th!**



***Happy Birthday to Robert S. on October 5th.**

Deep Thoughts



Words To Live By

- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel good.
- Eat well, stay fit, die anyway. (Just remember how lucky you were to get a free trip around the sun.)
- Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
- No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
- A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

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