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Global % SPL Sponsorships

United States - 73% of clubs sponsor an SLP
Europe - 2% of clubs sponsor an SLP
Carribbean - 64% of clubs Sponsor an SLP
Canada - 42% of clubs sponsor an SLP

Did You Know?

Registration for the 2017 convention in Paris will open the first week of January. Early bird registration will be $300 and then jumps to $400 after April 15th.

Key Club and CKI (Circle K Internatinoal) broke all-time membership records in 2015-2016.

Energize the dream

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

Get more information about Kiwanis International and Pacific Northwest District projects:

www.theeliminateproject.org
www.kiwanis-kcpp.org
www.kiwanissign.com
The PNW Is Moving Forward

PNW history has many great accomplishments. One area that bothers incoming Governors regardless of the District they represent is membership numbers. Everyone is encouraged at membership growth throughout the year, membership is rising and we are making great strides to increase our family back to a strength it was in years past. Then the year ends and the purge begins. The reason those numbers drop can cover a wide range of reasons; moving, death, health or not wanting to continue. It is the Governors desire to have more members at the end of their year than they started with.

Last year with Immediate Past Governor Jackie Sue posted 269 members below her starting membership total! This may not sound like good news but past numbers over the years show we lose between 500-700 members. The PNW Formula program seems to be working. So far this year we increased our membership by 152! Thanks to all the clubs that brought in new members.

I give great credit for our increases to the Formula Team headed by Greg Holland and Jackie Sue. Greg is responsible for identifying sites for new clubs and working with his team and the LTG in the areas identified to start new clubs. Jackie Sue is responsible for helping strengthen existing clubs that are around the 15 membership level or below. It is through their efforts that we are slowing down our membership loss and we can see a light at the end of the tunnel.

We have a plan this year to start 12 new clubs! The District plan is well thought out and is a solid foundation to work from. On top of this, some LTGs are trying to start new clubs not identified in the District Plan. Greg is now busier than he planned!

If you see either Greg Holland or Jackie Sue, ”THANK THEM” for their hard work and commitment. Both work full time and still make time for this monumental role.

We are becoming family! We are moving forward! We are improving and making a difference! We are doing so because of Kiwanians are bringing in new members with support from Team Century’s leadership and the Formula team.

Ron Myers
Governor

“Membership is rising and we are making great strides to increase our family.”
The Pacific Northwest’s 100th Convention

Plan right now to be a part of this event in The Tri-Cities August 24th - 27th, 2017

Governor Ron is planning a celebration for the entire Kiwanis Family including a Friday visit to the SIGN facility in Richland and a Saturday celebration of KCCP and their successes. Our Leadership Development Team is busy putting together a blockbuster program for training and education of our membership. This will include forums on How to form a club Foundation, How to navigate the PNW and KI web sites, Social Networking, Fundraisers that work, membership recruiting with Impact, Social media for beginners, accessing Foundation Scholarships and Grants, along with many other sessions with Impact that you always wished we presented.

And the best news is we will have two MEGA FORUMS presented by Steve Siemens, CSP. Steve runs a business named Siemens People Builders and is a Past Kiwanis International President. His designation as a Certified Speaking Professional (CSP) places him in the top 10% of motivational and inspirational speakers worldwide as recognized by the National Speakers Association. You will want to mark both of these mega forums as must attend for the Impact they will have on you and your club.

See you in Kennewick, Washington at the “Convention To Remember”!
A message from 2016-2017 Governor-Elect Roger Bell

Blossoming As A Kiwanian

The new Kiwanis year is busy and rolling along for all of us. I have completed my Governor-Elect Training at Kiwanis International and have received more information and ideas from other Governor-Elects than I can possibly accomplish in the next couple of years. I campaigned with a theme of Passion and I truly believe that with leadership and direction our collective passions as Kiwanians of the Pacific Northwest District will bring real growth and positive change for all of us. Yes, I made that same statement in my last article; but I feel it is well worth repeating. It is the basis for all of us to attain our goals and bring the “Kiwanis Experience” alive and truly effect change in all of our communities. Have you identified Your Kiwanis Passion?

District Convention or DCON for short is in the Tri-Cities this year August 24th thru 27th and I am excited for the opportunities that it presents for the entire District. My Training and Education Team is completing a blockbuster program for all attendees to experience a “Convention To Remember”. Plan now to attend and get the answers to: “What’s In It For Me”. To begin with we will hold an informational forum for first time convention goers to learn how to get the most out of their convention time. This will be on Thursday evening with a repeat for those not yet arrived to be held Friday morning just prior to the opening session. As a newbie you will learn what to expect and how best to use your time before all the action and fun even begins.

Right after Governor Ron’s opening session, we will have the first of two “MEGA FORUMS” with world renowned inspirational and motivational speaker Steve Siemens. He is rated a top ten percent speaker for seminars and conventions and is a Past President of Kiwanis International. You will want to make this a must do session. This fantastic forum will be followed by a series of breakout forums in smaller groups with the focus being on bringing information that the everyday Kiwanian can relate to and take back to their home clubs. The overall theme for all education and training will focus on the most pressing issue facing Kiwanis today, that being membership strengthening and growth. Catch the excitement and attend this “Convention To Remember”.

I mentioned strong leadership in the past and one of those elements is keeping the team informed of what is being planned and when. Please be a frequent visitor to the District and KI web sites for the latest information available. (DCON will have a forum to teach novices “hands on” how to navigate these sites). The District Staff is committed to getting information out as soon as it is available and keeping it current. Regional Conferences are right around the corner and coming to your area so be prepared by checking them out under “events” on the District web site. Another example is Lt Governor Training at Camp Magruder again this year on the beach June 2nd thru 4th (shorter time this year). continued on next page…

“You can bring the Kiwanis Experience alive and truly effect change in all of our communites…”
“Membership Priority One” is one of my themes and with that in mind I would like to recognize a few Kiwanians that took this serious in October and November and sponsored two or more new Kiwanians (per KI records). Keep up the great work Robert Bissell, Melanie Bozak, Ken Brink, Janice Carter, Amy Dhanjal, Kelly Everhart, Lynette Gardiner, Derek Grenban, Fiora Stevens-Guille, Janis Hong, Dennis Hulse, Miles Longenbaugh, Renea Miller, Rebecca Morris, Richard Muri, Ray Redick, Denis Sapiro, Robert Schneider, Robert West, Wayne Underwood, and Chuck Young,. Also the following clubs welcomed three or more new members in October and November Bellingham, Burns-Hines, Couer D Alene, Deer Park, Downtown Spokane, Grants Pass, Horse Heaven Hills, Kamiah, Kelowna-Summit, Kent, Meridian Kent, Mount Vernon, Mukilteo, Newberg, Ocean Shores, Omak, Port Townsend, Prince George, Prineville, Providence Point Issaquah, Puyallup, University Anchorage and a special shout out to Steilacoom with 11 new members.

Follow Your Passion and Blossom as a Kiwanian. Together we can be better and have fun doing it.

Roger Bell
Governor Elect 2016-2017

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I DIDN’T KNOW THE PNW DISTRICT HAD A BLOG!

You may not have noticed but a short time ago something new appeared near the bottom of the home page of the PNW District’s website. Snippets from the blog are appearing there for you to click on and lead you to the full blog post. Our plan is to post a new item a couple times a week and so far we are hitting that goal. The purpose of the blog is to bring you timely, useful, important, and interesting information on a more frequent schedule than having to wait for it to appear in the Builder.

If you have something you would like to contribute you may submit a post for review to Secretary Ed Luttrell via his email at: dsec@pnwkiwanis.org
On October 1, 2016, Kiwanis advisors to any sponsored Service Leadership Program will be required to have a criminal background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. By offering a standard, comprehensive background check for all Kiwanis advisors through Kiwanis International, we can be confident that all Kiwanis clubs are protecting those we serve—and protecting all Kiwanis members.

Kiwanis club officers and advisors should prepare now. Read the information below so you and your club are prepared when the new Kiwanis year arrives. In addition, the Kiwanis club secretary should confirm the correct Kiwanis advisors and their correct email addresses are listed in the club’s secretary dashboard as soon as possible.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Q: Who is required to have clear criminal history background checks?
A: Whomever is reported as the designated Kiwanis advisor to any sponsored Service Leadership Program club. Kiwanis International’s SLPs are K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, and Aktion Club.

Q: Why are Kiwanis advisors required to get a background check?
A: There is no more important responsibility than the safety and well-being of those we serve—from the children in youth programs to adults with disabilities. Required background checks help ensure that Kiwanians meet the highest standards by identifying past behavior that may disqualify a person from working closely with those we serve. Background checks are an important step in which Kiwanis can ensure that our members and those we serve are protected.

Q: How long are the results of a background check valid?
A: Kiwanis advisors’ background checks will be valid for two years.

Q: What kind of background check is needed?
Kiwanis advisors must obtain a criminal history background check that is processed through Kiwanis International. Kiwanis International’s current provider is Safe Hiring Solutions.

Q: What is the cost of a background check? And who is responsible for paying?
A: Beginning October 1, 2016, the cost will be US$25 for advisors in the United States and the Caribbean. Kiwanis International is still negotiating pricing for Canada and Europe. The cost of the background check can be paid by the individual, club or district.

Q: What about other advisors?
A: Faculty and facility advisors need to meet the background check expectations for their school, organization or agency, but are not subject to Kiwanis policies.

Q: What are the reporting requirements for background checks?
A: For the Kiwanis club, there are no reporting requirements for background checks. A Kiwanis club’s secretary does need to report who is serving as the Kiwanis advisor for each of the club’s SLP clubs on the Secretary Dashboard of the Kiwanis Online Reporting system. Once a background check is completed, it will be reflected in the Kiwanis Dashboard.

Q: Is a background check from another provider acceptable?
No. Kiwanis International does not accept background checks for Kiwanis advisors from any entity other than Kiwanis International’s provider.

Q: Will the Kiwanis advisor or Kiwanis club be directly notified when the background check is complete?
A: No. Due to the volume of information being received and processed, it is not possible to notify individuals directly when results are received. However, it will be noted on the Kiwanis Secretary Dashboard of the Kiwanis online reporting system.
Q: What happens to a club that either neglects to or refuses to have a background check performed on the appropriate club member?
A: Currently, there are no direct consequences for a club. However, Kiwanis International provides club liability insurance—so an incident following failure to comply with this policy could subsequently affect Kiwanis’ premium for such coverage.

Q: If the Kiwanis advisor does not get a background check, will the club’s financial protection through Kiwanis International liability insurance be affected?
A: No, currently the club’s coverage is not directly affected. However, long-term costs of such coverage for the organization could rise if claims result from a club’s failure to conduct a background check.

Q: What causes a criminal history background check to be considered “not clear”?
A: A criminal history background check is considered “not clear” if it indicates: a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude; a felony or conviction or registration of a violent and/or sexual nature, involving any type of abuse of a child, involving threatening or intimidating behavior, or otherwise of a physical nature; or a felony related to larceny or theft. Kiwanis International criteria outlined in Kiwanis International procedure 197 should be used to determine if a check is “clear” (KiwanisOne.org/backgroundchecks).

Q: Why have we chosen Safe Hiring Solutions?
A: Safe Hiring Solutions has been well vetted as the provider of Kiwanis International’s background checks. In fact, Safe Hiring Solutions is the chosen background check provider for thousands of other volunteer organizations. The company’s background check screening includes Social Security verification, a county criminal record search and in-depth searches of the national criminal database and national sex offender registry. Go to safehiringsolutions.com for more information about Safe Hiring Solutions.

Q: Are discounts available for individuals needing renewals of background checks?
A: Discounts are not available for any background checks. The same steps are required each time a background check occurs, so no less work is required from the provider. This thoroughness is important: Since a full background check is completed each time, complete and current information is collected each time.

Q: If the Kiwanis advisor has a background check through the school system or the sponsoring organization, why is he or she still required to complete one through Kiwanis International?
A: Kiwanis International cannot rely on other organizations’ background checks for a few reasons:

- All background checks are different. (For example, some only check a person’s current address, some only go back one year, some only check for certain offenses, etc.). With background checks conducted by Kiwanis International’s provider, we have the confidence of results that come from the same check for all Kiwanis advisors. All members will be held to the same standard check.

- Liability issues dictate that Kiwanis International cannot rely on other organizations’ checks in the event of an incident or allegation.

- If a Kiwanis advisor only completed a background check through the school or sponsoring organization, Kiwanis International would not be notified if the background check expired—and the advisor would then be out of compliance.

By having the same check for all advisors, Kiwanis can ensure all advisors are up to date with their background checks.

Q: How will a Kiwanis advisor get a background check when the new policy is in place?
A: The Kiwanis club secretary will update the Kiwanis advisors (including their correct email addresses) for each of the SLPs on the secretary dashboard. Kiwanis International will then email advisors who need a background check to provide instructions and the web link for completing the background check process.
KIWANIS CLUB OF CASCADIA: Where do the members of the Kiwanis Club of Cascadia live? Everywhere. Really, we have members in Georgia, Ohio, Colorado, British Columbia, Oregon and Washington. We also have Honorary members in Michigan and Malaysia. We are an internet club that chartered in March, 2009 with a specific goal of bringing cohesiveness to the Pacific Northwest District. Our initial charter roster had 53 members. The Kiwanis Club of Sisters, OR. was our sponsoring club and we are a member of Division 78.

Over the years we have held weekend retreats to accomplish service projects such as doing a “deep cleaning” of the kitchen at Mt Hood Kiwanis Camp. Our most long-lasting and satisfying service project was providing security for the Key Club District Convention. When those events were held at the DoubleTree in SeaTac, it was always a challenge with the hotel property being so spread out and with a 12-story tower with balconies. In recent years, we have discontinued this as a service project due to the logistics involved with the Seattle Convention Center.

Once we were established as a club, our major fundraiser became raising funds for the Outreach Fund by holding the only District approved silent auctions to be held during the Mid-Winter Board meeting and the annual District Convention in Summer. Annually, we raise approximately $3600 - $4000, which helps Key Club and CKI Officers and Directors offset their expenses when at their Board meetings and attending our conferences and District convention. Our club members donate items for these auctions, but we rely heavily on donations from other Kiwanians.

The PNW Outreach Fund was created to support Service Leadership Program members in the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International. For example, in September 2012, K-Kids member Emily Lang was recognized as a “Champion of Change” by the White House and received $1,350 towards getting her family and advisor to Washington, D.C. In addition, all members of Key Club and CKI that attend the Kiwanis District Convention each year are able to do so because of the Outreach Fund.

Since we meet in a chat room once a month, it is difficult to do service projects and fundraising together. One of the more endearing service projects that we do yearly is to individually write notes in Christmas cards and then mail them in bulk to veterans in VA hospitals or to active duty service members overseas. We typically will mail out about 2000-3000 cards.

The one time during the year that most of us actually visit face-to-face is during our Annual Meeting that we hold at the District Convention. We get together for dinner and a meeting on that Friday night. In recent years, we have made working the District Convention another annual Service Project and that has worked out well for both the club, and the convention for providing extra volunteers.

Brian Egger, District Administrator of the Pacific Northwest District of Key Club International says, “I am thankful for being part of a Kiwanis Club that regularly supports our young leaders through the Outreach Fund and would encourage each of you to consider joining Cascadia especially if you are struggling to make traditional Kiwanis meetings and want an alternate vehicle for making a difference.”
We support the District Convention Blanket Project with member Sally Rodgers heading that up and are strong supporters of the PNW Foundation, S.I.G.N and all three hospitals in the KCCP Family.

Greg Wegrich, PNW CKI District Administrator say: “For years, the PNW CKI district has had the pleasure of working with the Cascadia Kiwanis club. Cascadia supports CKI by recognizing our graduating seniors at district convention with unique medallions. The looks of accomplishment and pride we see in our seniors portray the deep significance of this gesture. Cascadia’s outreach touches and impacts our members. As CKI district administrator, I strongly encourage everyone to join the Cascadia on-line club. You will be touching and encouraging our Service Leadership Program members, and giving them a strong reason to continue their service journey with Kiwanis.”

Our dues are $125 a year and we are always looking for new members. In fact, we just approved the membership transfers of a husband & wife couple who had belonged to a club in Proser, Washington that disbanded at the end of the previous Kiwanis year. They wanted to continue providing service to children and we will be their conduit for that. For several of our members, the Cascadia club is their only Kiwanis club.

For more information about our club, contact President Lonnie Johnson at (541) 659-1832 or damaro@budget.net. Join us in our chat room just to visit, or as an interclub for your main club. Log on at cascadiakiwanis.org at 7pm the first Monday of each month.

– Steve Emhoff
Cascadia Charter President, 2008-2010

Alphabet Soup
A First Timer’s Glossary

Aktion Club - Kiwanis Club for people with disabilities
BUG - Kiwanis Kids Program to Bring Up Grades
Builders Club - SLP for Middle School
CKI - SLP for College = Circle K International
CLE - Club Leadership Education
DCM - Division Council Meeting
DCON - District Convention
DLM - District Life Member
ICON - International Convention
Innie - Incoming Lt. Governor
Interclub - One club taking a group of members to visit another Club’s meeting
IPLAN - Strategic plan to strengthen and develop Kiwanis Clubs and their membership
KCCP - Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Program (PNW District Program)
KDCCP - Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Program
Key Club - SLP for High School
Key Leader - High School Leadership Program
KI - Kiwanis International
K-Kids - SLP for Elementary School
LTG - Lt. Governor
LTGE - Lt. Governor Elect
OMR - Online Monthly Report
PNW - Kiwanis Pacific Northwest District
PLTGA - Past Lt. Governors Association (Bigfoot Brigade)
Round Robin - Interclub Award
SIGN - Surgical Implant Generation Network (PNW District Program)
SLP - Sponsored Leadership Program
SOS - Save Old Spectacles (PNW District Program)
Terrific Kids - Kiwanis K-Kids Program to reward good behavior and good deeds.
YCPO - Young Children Priority One
The strength and stability of any great organization is established with a cornerstone placed for direction and purpose just as one is placed for the foundation of a building to secure its ability to weather the effects of time and serve its purpose. With that in mind, the Directors of your PNW Kiwanis Charitable Foundation have established our cornerstone to be a sustainable one million dollar endowment fund placed for a lasting legacy as Kiwanis begins its second century of service to the world.

We have established a vision of what we want your foundation to look like for the year 2020 and beyond and the services we want to provide. It is called “2020 VISION”.

Every Kiwanian in the Pacific Northwest District is a part of the vision because, as a Kiwanian, you are a member of the foundation. In order to have a sustainable $1,000,000 fund and at the same time grow the services we provide to the children, clubs and communities of the Pacific Northwest, we must not stop at one fund goal; but have several levels to reach for. Please take an active part in achieving 2020 VISION for your Foundation.

One way you can participate is to make a personal donation every year to the Foundation. We have established a recognition program for individuals who contribute $25.00 or more in any year. It is a beautiful pin that can be displayed with pride, and will change each year — start your collection today!

YOUR PACIFIC NORTHWEST KIWANIS FOUNDATION

The Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation provides a lasting legacy for children, thanks to the support of Club leaders, and caring Kiwanis individuals like you. Every member of a club in the Pacific Northwest is also a member of the Foundation.

We rely on the support of clubs and individuals through annual club gifts, annual individual gifts, memorial gifts, distinguished service awards, and fellowships. Your Foundation is a careful steward of your contributions. Currently your Foundation has over $900,000 in total assets, with a goal of reaching a sustainable $1,000,000 providing an annual impact within the PNW of at least $100,000 by 2020. Interest earned on investments help fund Foundation programs.

Supporting Service Leadership Programs The Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation provides $12,000 to $15,000 in scholarships each year to outstanding CKI members and graduating Key Club members. In addition to scholarships, the Foundation provides thousands of dollars in grants each year to support the district’s Service Leadership Programs, from K-Kids through Aktion Clubs.

Your Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation also receives funds in support of Pacific Northwest CKI for those who want to contribute through a US 501(c)(3).

In the past 10 years, the Foundation has provided more than $315,000 in grants and scholarships to support Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs in our District. Supporting Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Program KCCP (www.kiwanis-kccp.org) supports hospitals in Seattle, Portland and Vancouver BC to help fund pediatric cancer research. Along with the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada and Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Program, the PNWKF provides a vehicle for charitable contributions to KCCP Seattle Children’s Hospital. Donors can specify which hospital their gift supports. Revenue from district fundraising projects are split between the hospitals. Since 2011, the Foundation received almost $250,000 in contributions for the Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Program.
DONATION FORM

PNW KIWANIS FOUNDATION GIVING OPTIONS

☐ Annual Club Gift - This year we would like to support the PNW Kiwanis Foundation with a gift of:
$______ representing $______ per member (suggested giving: $5 per member)

☐ Annual Individual Gift - $______ is my gift. All individual gifts of $25 or more receive the collector’s lapel pin for the current year.

☐ Memorial Gift - We want to recognize the passing of a dedicated Kiwanian (includes memorial plaque).
$______ (minimum contribution: $100)

☐ Distinguished Service Award - We would like to honor a Kiwanian or community-minded individual.
$______ (minimum contribution: $100)  ☐ Give 50% to Kiwanis Children’s Cancer Program

☐ Fellowship - This gift is to secure a fellowship for myself or to honor a Kiwanian or community-minded individual.
Please indicate Fellowship level:  ☐ “Rusty” Clutts ($1000)  ☐ JN Emerson ($2000)

THIS GIFT IS IN THE NAME OF: ____________________________________________________________

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MAIL - 5427 Glen Echo Avenue, Gladstone, OR 97027-2627 or FAX - (503) 305-8303
Foundation Corner

You’ve heard the phrase “Fundraising is not all we do; but all we do depends on it”. Have you really stopped to think what that means when used by your PNW Foundation? Well, we have as Directors of your Foundation. We recognized that you hear from us at nearly every Kiwanis division or above event that you attend “we need your financial support”. As Foundation Directors we also recognized that we do a lot more than ask for money, we give scholarships and grants that change lives and improve communities every year; but somehow we are most often remembered for asking for money.

Key Club and CKI students from every Region within the Pacific Northwest District have received scholarships that make an impact on their lives and their educational prospects for a brighter economic future. These scholarships say a lot more than just the dollars given out each year. They say we support your efforts at improving the lives of others through the service projects that your Key Clubs and CKI Clubs participate in. They also say thanks for believing in the Kiwanis organization that is dedicated to changing the lives of children one community at a time. These scholarships also say we have hope for your future because of the leadership skills you have developed through your participation in CKI and Key Club. Your Foundation Scholarships change lives every year.

Kiwanis Clubs within every Region of the Pacific Northwest District have received helping hands grants from your foundation that improve the Kiwanis Image and Impact within the local communities of the District. Imagine for a moment not having the park shelter in Wenatchee, or the park in Clatskanie. How many families would not have enjoyed the comfort of a nice picnic shelter or how many children would have not had the opportunity to play in a safe, secure and educational play park? Or imagine not having the school bus stuffed with school supplies in Moscow or the middle school in the inner city of Victoria not having a breakfast program. Ask yourself how many children would not have had basic school supplies or how many children would not have had breakfast today? Imagine not having the seniors centers, the reading programs, the back pack programs or the many other programs throughout the District supported with our helping hands grants every year. Then ask yourself how many lives would have gone on unchanged? Your Foundation Grants change lives every year.

We realize, as Your Foundation Directors, that we must continue to raise funds in order to continue changing lives across the district as we have done for many years now. We could do so much more with your increased financial support and continued value for changing our communities throughout the Kiwanis World. Support your PNW Foundation with generous personal and club annual giving.

“Fundraising is not all we do; but all we do depends on it.” My hope is that when you hear that phrase again that you can more fully visualize the lives that have been changed through your Foundation.

On September 14, 2016, PNW Kiwanis Foundation Board Member Louise Regelin presented a check representing a $5,000 grant to the Kiwanis Club of Kennewick supporting the Club’s efforts in “Breaking The Cycle of Poverty In Our Community.” This grant, together with club funds, will be put to work at Amistad Elementary by Kiwanis volunteers and teachers to help kids: a) improve their school attendance and achieve good grades, b) promote their self-esteem and perseverance, c) develop positive attitudes to promote excellence, and d) reduce interest in local gang activity.

Through the club’s designation of funds, together with the support of the Foundation’s grant, the club’s board has already earmarked funding this fall to expand the program in year two for:

- equipment for unique Kiwanis volunteer-student athletic programs that teach responsibility,
- field trips to build student aspirations including bus transportation that posed a barrier,
- an expanded pen pal program to link more students with positive adult role models,
- continuation of the Accelerated Reading program to improve reading skills including the Kiwanis Bring Up Grades (BUG) program with reward and recognition awards,
- a new Kiwanis Kids Club that has been launched this year (formerly Kiwanis Terrific Kids),
- replacing library books lost by students via the completion of school improvement projects by Kiwanis volunteers and students in the Amistad Beautification Club (ABC),
- a food and clothing distribution program to fill family needs multiple times throughout the year, and
- a unique youth mentoring program to be launched in January 2017 in partnership with the Kennewick School District, Kiwanis Club of Kennewick, and Ignite Youth Mentoring.

(Left to Right) Chuck DeGooyer, President-Elect; Gloria Seeley, Club Member; Laurie Tufford Club Member and Past Lt. Governor; Cyndi Kittson, Club President; and Louise Regelin, Past Governor and PNW Foundation Board Member.
Resolutions

The first of each year is the traditional time to make resolutions to improve and change one’s life. Have you thought about how the Kiwanis experience has benefited your life? Resolutions for the New Year should be a topic at your club meeting this month.

Here are some ideas for resolutions that you might consider.

I resolve to share my Kiwanis experience with someone that I believe supports children and then ask them to join.

This resolution has a number of benefits if carried out. You inform someone about what the Kiwanis organization stands for and make them aware of the great things about your club. They will be more aware of your club and may share a positive viewpoint about Kiwanis to others which will increase community support.

They may support your efforts in service projects, SLP’s, or other efforts, even if they never join. Every club benefits when the community is supportive of their efforts.

Lastly, you may gain a new member. That new member will bring new ideas, both for improvement of existing projects, and for new activities. They will bring their sense of humor and fun into the mix of your current members and that adds value to your club. They will bring a new set of hands to assist with the efforts of your club to serve the children of your community. They will also have the opportunity to learn and grow as a potential officer of your club.

I resolve to do my part to make our club meetings better this year.

This resolution is important for every member as the meeting is not the purpose of the organization, but the mechanism that empowers the members to accomplish great things. The meeting should be fun, efficient and productive.

Take time to discuss these elements of a meeting. As an officer or member, it is your opportunity to bring a smile to your fellow members. Remember that the meeting may be where business happens, but it is also the place where we socialize. Laughter and fun provide the social lubricant that facilitates positive action. Tell a joke, share a short heart-touching story, shake hands, or just give a hug.

Work with the officers so that your meeting is a place where business moves forward and time doesn’t drag. If you need to use a bit more parliamentary procedure, invite a speaker to educate all. The goal is that each meeting moves your club a bit closer to each of your activities being successful. You also want to make sure that everyone feels that the meeting was a valuable use of their time.

I resolve to make a new Kiwanian friend this year.

The way to carry out this resolution is to attend a different club meeting or event, the Division Council Meeting (DCM), the District Convention (DCON), or even the Kiwanis International Convention (ICON). If you desire to make a new Kiwanian friend, you’ve got to go where the Kiwanians gather.

When you get outside your own club, you will find that the entire organization is filled with great people who desire to make you their friends. As a side benefit, you will learn new ways of doing things, new ideas to bring back to your club, and some great benefits of being a member.

The power of having friends who live in other towns, states, or nations is that they will enrich your life and expand your view of the world. Friends don’t have to have lunch together once a week; they just need a common cause to build upon. Become one of those members who has friends in every corner of the district, or the world.

New Year’s Resolutions will not solve the world’s problems, but they give you the opportunity to begin solving the problems you face with a simple pledge to change, to improve, and to grow. Your Kiwanis Club needs you to make simple resolutions to begin that process.

– Ed Luttrell
District Secretary
BRICK ORDER FORM

Please mail the form with your check payable (US Dollars) to PNW Kiwanis
5427 Glen Echo Avenue
Gladstone, OR  97027-2627

The bricks will be placed in a patio at the entrance to the new complex.

Name: ___________________________________________
Phone:___________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________

4x8 Brick – $100 each
(Red Brick with black block lettering)
Each box below represents a character – Please Print Clearly
14 characters per line, 3 lines maximum (will be centered on brick)
Characters include letters, numbers, commas, periods, dashes, spaces etc.

8x8 Brick – $250 each
(Gray Brick with black block lettering)
Each box below represents a character – Please Print Clearly
14 characters per line, 5 lines maximum (will be centered on brick)
Characters include letters, numbers, commas, periods, dashes, spaces etc.

As part of our landscaping, we are going to make space for a couple of commemorative brick patios that will enhance the grounds.

We are offering to you the opportunity to leave your legacy at this new facility with the purchase of a personal brick that will form part of the patios.

Proceeds from this project will help us maintain the grounds and facility, ensuring that we keep our new face fresh and inviting.

We hope you will want your name to be etched in brick as well!
PNW History Revisited

A century ago as Kiwanis was in its infancy and spreading across the country, it was population or economic centers that were targeted as the best places to build or open any new clubs. It was the largest cities across the PNW attracting those first club openings and in the order of their respective KI charters; Portland, OR (#1), Seattle, WA (#2), Tacoma, WA (#3) and Vancouver, BC (#4).

What cities did Kiwanis then reach out to for opening more new clubs and why?

In the 1920’s there was Astoria, OR (#5), Aberdeen, WA (#8), Yakima, WA (#11), Baker City, OR (#17) and #20 was Hoquiam, WA. We do not see these cities as any real population or economic centers now; but back in the day when timber, salmon, crops and mining were regional economic kings those cities were true commerce “hubs”. But the times changed as the hills were logged off and mills closed, fisheries were depleted so the canneries shut down, ranches became even more mechanized and when the mineral veins ran out then all the smelters were shuttered as well.

Into the 1960’s, who would have guessed that Hanford (Tri-Cities) and Boeing (Everett) would so change the economics of their respective communities? Thru the 1970’s it was more of the same with Nike (Eugene), Intel (Beaverton) and McCaw (Seattle) followed by Costco (Kirkland), Microsoft (Redmond) and Amazon (Bellevue) into the 1980’s. These economic and population changes affected these cities with a growth curve and an expansion that could not be foreseen.

It takes a population center or economic base functioning as a “hub” to generate the wealth and support base needed to spread out into both the surrounding communities and service related industries. As Kiwanis expanded quickly and randomly into the 1990’s, we lost a concept needed to support our growth and have thus faced very tough decisions of contraction over the past decade.

We are now left with an inequitable and disjointed collection of clubs and division boundaries that often don’t correspond with any true economic or population “hub” structure that we will need for our long term survival. Our divisions range in size from tiny (3 clubs and 50+ members) up to huge (14 clubs and 400+ members) and although we are not presently planning any realignments we can no longer sustain this unbalanced system of inequitable Kiwanis representation across the PNW.

Is this the right time to begin a discussion of a more equitable or balanced division system to create growth opportunities based on a “hub” centered philosophy similar to what previously worked best?

–Dr. Mike Wilson
Alignment Committe Chair

got bricks? yes, we got bricks!

Have you heard of the spectacular opportunity to add a piece of Kiwanis history at our PNW District office?

You can join fellow Kiwanian’s who have purchased bricks to celebrate their service to the Kiwanis ideals. Perhaps you would like to honor a member in your club, such as a Distinguished President or Secretary, or any club member who exemplifies the defining statement of our organization. How about your Kiwanis Anniversary, your Wedding Anniversary, the birth of a future Kiwanian, or a brick memorializing a member who has passed to the Kiwanis Club in the sky.

The funds from the brick purchases go into a maintenance fund that is dedicated to maintenance and upgrades to the building and grounds that will enhance our Kiwanis image. The goal is that our property will bring more attention to our community service and our “Focus on Youth”.

Take the opportunity today to be a part of the history of the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis International. Add your name in a permanent fashion with the many members and clubs which have purchased bricks for the patio entrance to the office complex. Once you have taken part, visit the District Office in Gladstone Oregon and find your name or message written in enduring brick.

Fill in your message on the accompanying Purchase Form and mail it to the District Office, you will be proud you did.
What’s your formula for member retention? Showing your members how much they’re valued. Maybe it’s a formal gesture of appreciation, such as an award presented at a special ceremony. Or it might be a reward for good work that’s delivered more casually, even unexpectedly.

However you show your appreciation, doing it helps members feel valued. And it isn’t just for club leaders—it is everyone’s responsibility.

The Formula can help. The new recognition program* honors Kiwanians for strengthening, opening and helping Kiwanis clubs between October 1, 2013 and September 30, 2018. It’s also a way for them to show what they’ve done—and maybe even to inspire others. After all, sharing what we love about Kiwanis is how we ensure that our clubs continue to make a difference in our communities…and perpetuate Kiwanis service into its second century of service.

The best part? No applications! Individuals or clubs who earn an award will receive it automatically without having to complete any paperwork!**

### The Awards

The Formula’s recognition program honors people in four categories. Click on each of the award names to get specific information about when and how individuals and clubs will be recognized.

1. **The Gift of Kiwanis Award [For member-sponsors]**: On average, a Kiwanian gives 36 hours of service to the community each year. Give the gift of service to children by sponsoring a new member—and get recognition for your effort.

2. **Impact Circle [For clubs]**: A thriving Kiwanis club is a collaborative achievement. And stronger Kiwanis clubs with an increased number of members can make a bigger difference in their communities.

3. **Mentors’ Circle [For club counselors]**: Counselors help new—and existing—clubs increase their potential. The Formula honors their efforts to guide clubs to increased membership.

4. **Legacy Circle [For club openers]**: New clubs in new communities are vital for strengthening all Kiwanis clubs. Successful club openers will be honored for their impact on the future of Kiwanis.

Recognition will occur at the following levels of achievement:***

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For more information on these programs you can go to the Kiwanis International website at: [http://www.kiwanis.org/theformula/celebrate-success/the-formula-awards](http://www.kiwanis.org/theformula/celebrate-success/the-formula-awards)

*These awards are for the duration of The Formula and do not replace the Ruby K and Distinguished awards.

**Receipt of these awards is contingent on appropriate documentation in our reporting system. If you have not received an earned award, please contact us so we can make it right! Send your name, the award we missed and mailing address to TheFormulaRecognition@kiwanis.org.

***This recognition program remains under development and is subject to change.
2017 Regional Conferences

Regional Conferences are a time to learn updates about Kiwanis, share ideas, collaborate with others and meet new and old friends! Please plan to attend one of the following dates/times and re-energize your Kiwanis spirit!

**Divisions AYN, AYS – Region 1**
Location to be determined; Palmer, Alaska
**April 28 – 30**

**Divisions 13, 17, 18, 20, 20m, 22 – Region 2 – Mainland**
LaVenture Middle School
1200 North LaVenture Road; Mount Vernon WA
**April 8 – 8:00am to 4:00pm**

**Divisions 13, 17, 18, 20, 20m, 22 – Region 2 – 'The Island’**
Qualicum Community Hall
Corner of Veterans Way & Memorial Avenue; Qualicum Beach, BC
**May 13 – 9:30am to 4:30pm**

**Divisions 5, 9, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 80 – Region 3**
Clover Island Inn
435 Clover Island Drive; Kennewick, WA
**March 18 – 8:30am – 3:30pm**

**Divisions 26, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 38 – Region 4**
American Veterans Hall
5717 S. Tyler Street; Tacoma WA
**March 11 – 9:00am to 3:30pm**

**Divisions 42, 44, 63, 66, 68, 70 – Region 5**
Mountain View Christian Church
1890 Cleveland Avenue; Gresham Oregon
**May 6**

**Divisions 72, 74, 76, 78, 82 – Region 6**
Northwood Christian Church
2425 Harvest Lane; Springfield OR
**April 22**

Any Kiwanis member or potential member is welcome to attend any conference, even if it isn’t within your own Region. Cost is $35 per attendee which includes lunch and all materials. See individual Region Registration forms for more information.
The Gift of Words

You might think it strange that children would get excited about words. But that’s precisely what happened when third grade students at Marysville and Grout schools received dictionaries as a gift from the Ross Island Earlyrisers Kiwanis Club.

Through a partnership with The Dictionary Project, Ross Island funded the cost of dictionaries for 116 third graders at Marysville and Grout Elementary Schools. President Shan Topiwalla and a team of Ross Island Kiwanians visited the classrooms and handed each student their own personal dictionary and their name label to paste on the front page. Why was this exciting? The first question the students asked is if they could take the books home. When we said “Yes,” the excitement erupted. The students couldn’t wait to dive into their dictionaries to look up words they had been working on just that morning in class. They were also amazed at the longest word in the English language – 1,909 letters. They had fun trying to pronounce it. Good luck!

The dictionary program is crucial for third graders. It is at this time when students make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn. Dictionaries, especially one of their own, is a major help in assisting them not only with the spelling of words but the meanings also. According to The Dictionary Project, “All formal education from this point through college is premised upon the student being able to read and to understand what he or she reads. The dictionary presented, A Student’s Dictionary, has not only words, but the Periodic Table of Elements, the Constitution and Declaration of Independence, States and Capitols, Maps of the World and Planets, Sign Language, Braille and more.

But why dictionaries when we have the Internet? According to Child Trends (www.childtrendsdb.org), “As of 2009, 93% of children ages 3-17 lived in households with at least one computer, and 77% used a home computer to access the Internet. It is still likely that almost one in ten American children do not have access to a computer at home. Children in minority ethnic groups or low-income households are much less likely to have a computer at home.”

Again, The Dictionary Project said, “Even for children with computer access, a dictionary provides benefits a computer cannot. Dictionaries are portable and can be used anywhere. A child has a sense of ownership of a book that encourages exploration. And only a dictionary can provide that delightful experience of looking up a word and getting sidetracked by all the other fascinating words on the same page.”
Making Children More Secure

Ross Island Earlyrisers entered the magical world of children just before Halloween. Saturday, October 29th marked the day of the St. Helens Children’s Fair.

The Children’s Fair is a free, fun and informative event for children and their families. Admission and all activities are free to the several thousand who attend. It is designed as a fun and safe event that is non-commercial, non-political and non-sectarian. While the children are enjoying themselves, adults have the opportunity to become familiar with and gather knowledge from wide variety of agencies and services. Entertainment occurs throughout the day. Organizations also have the opportunity to interact with each other to network and share ideas. Thanks to multiple sponsors within our communities, there is no fee to participating organizations.

A team of ten Ross Island Kiwanians set up their unique Photo ID Booth to provide emergency information kits for families with children. The Ross Island team starts the process by taking a Polaroid-type photo of the child and height and weight measurements using a bathroom scale and height chart. The photo and information is passed on to other team members who record the information and attached the photo to the form which the parent or guardian can fill out at home and adds additional material to the kit. No other information is collected. The Photo ID Kit consists of the form with photo, height and weight, an information sticker to place on the back of a child car safety seat, and a finger print and DNA kit provided by the Oregon State Police.

It’s basically an assembly line process starting with the photo and ending with the completed kit presented to the parent. It only takes about five minutes. The kids, having never seen a Polaroid picture develop, are thoroughly enthralled by what they see. The parents are grateful for the packet of information, all in one place, ready to give to first responders in case the child goes missing for any reason. Parents often return to the fair in successive years to update their package with fresh information.

This Children’s Fair was a record year for this vital Ross Island service project producing 206 Photo ID Kits in just six hours. The takeaway for the Kiwanians was seeing the smiles on the kid’s faces, knowing they provided valuable information for the parents, and the certainty that they made a difference in life of a child.
Olympia Kiwanis Service Awards

You Lt. Governor Ross Gallagher, Division 38, presented two Pacific Northwest Distinguished Service Awards at the December 19th, 2016 meeting of the Olympia Kiwanis Club.

Jan Britt, Immediate Past Secretary was presented with a plaque to honor her service to Kiwanis and the PNW District. Shawn Myers, Immediate Past Treasurer was also presented with a plaque to honor her service. At this club meeting prior to the holidays, the famous Olympia Kiwanis Koir entertained the club members with songs of the holidays.

–Jan Britt
Immediate Past Secretary

Canby Kiwanis One Day

Canby Kiwanis Club joined in the “Kiwanis ONE DAY”, international day of service! We helped our sponsored Scout Troop 258 and Cub Scout Pack 503 families at the Scout A-frame. Canby High School Key Club joined in the fun as we built a gravel path to the woodshed, which brought it up to code. Cleaned the grounds, cleaned out the dust and cobwebs inside. Now it is all Spiffy!

–Keith Murphy
Canby Kiwanis Club

Books For Students

Each year the two Kiwanis Clubs of Corvallis Oregon join together to purchase enough books so that each student at Lincoln Elementary School will have an opportunity to receive two free books to take home with them during the school year. The photo was taken during a recent “sticker party” in which we insert stickers into each book so that the student's parents will know that the Kiwanis Clubs made these books available to their children. We have been purchasing books to give away for many years, and hope to be able to continue this project for many years to come.

–Milt Donelson
Treasurer, Corvallis Sunrisers
Kiwanis One Day & Making A Difference Day

Riverview Kiwanis K-Kids and many volunteers including Advisor Christy Mitchell cleaned and prepared the Lewis & Clark garden for Winter & Spring planting.

Riverview Kiwanis members collected blankets and glasses at Wenatchee’s Washington Park.

Our new members participated with great enthusiasm. Thank you Wes, Elaine, Janet, Chrissy and any other members that I am forgetting.

–Char Tolliver
Secretary, Riverview Wenatchee

Olympia Kiwanis Garden

Thanks to a record warm (not hot) winter with a mild spring and summer, the Olympia Kiwanis Club has hit a record amount in the number of pounds of vegetables grown this year for donation to the Thurston County Food Bank - over 30,000 pounds! Thanks to the volunteer efforts of club members like Don Leaf, John Zuroske, Derek Valley, Tom Newcomb and many many more, we were able to hit this record breaking harvest!

The last week of October was a light week as the season slowly winds down; just 657 pounds harvested this week. This year we intentionally sequence planted cabbage and this crop has done well.

We started harvesting cabbage in June and that month delivered 1,734 pounds. July, August, September and now October each yielded over 1,000 pounds for a present season crop total of 7,445 pounds of cabbage.

In on-going discussions with the Food Bank, we have never over-supplied them with cabbage. This last week tipped us over the 30,000 pound mark for the season, at 30,385.

Many thanks to everybody who has helped! Without the help and support of our members and our community partners, this wouldn’t be possible.

You can follow us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/OlympiaKiwanisFoodBankGarden

–Jan Britt
Olympia Kiwanis Club
Get To Know Your District Staff

Following is a game where you can learn about your officers and staff that work out of the headquarters building in Gladstone, Oregon. Place the initial of the person you believe is correct in the space prior to the statement. The answers are on the bottom of the page.

(K) - Kathy Hart – Office Support Specialist, (G) - Gary Beller – Publications and IT
(E) - Ed Luttrell – District Secretary/Executive Director, (J) - Janelle Lawrence – District Treasurer

__1. Has 4 children, 3 boys and one girl
__2. Has three children, 2 boys and one girl
__3. Has no children
__4. Has 2 children, 2 boys
__5. Has three grandchildren, 3 boys
__6. No Grandchildren
__7. Too young to have grandchildren
__8. Has three grandchildren, 2 boys and one girl

__9. Enjoys the hobby of classic car restoration
__10. Enjoys the hobby of photography
__11. Enjoys the hobby of hiking
__12. Enjoys reading history
__13. Grew up in San Jose, CA
__14. Grew up in Hillsboro, OR
__15. Grew up in Milwaukie, OR
__16. Grew up in Portland, OR
__17. Has 2 siblings
__18. Has 4 siblings
__19. Has 1 sibling
__20. Has 2 siblings
__21. Has eaten Chinese food with Maurice Andre
__22. Has been on a bucking machine
__23. Has run a marathon while pregnant
__24. Has studied opera
__25. Grew up suburbia
__26. Grew up on a farm
__27. Grew up in suburbia
__28. Grew up in suburbia
__29. Married in 1980
__30. Married in 1996
__31. Married in 2012
__32. Never Married
__33. Has BS degree
__34. Working on finishing a BS Degree
__35. Has an Associate’s degree
__36. Has no degree

__37. Attended Beaver Boys State
__38. Was in Camp Fire Girls
__39. Was an Indian Princesses for two years
__40. Was in 4-H for 9 years.
__41. Studied ballet for 7 years
__42. Took Piano lessons
__43. Studied trumpet
__44. Studied flute
__45. First pet was gold fish
__46. First pet was a pet rock
__47. First pet was a hamster
__48. first pet was a Jersey
__49. Inspired by “Meals on Wheels” experience helping a gentleman
__50. First big community service project was a recycling program
__51. Does a random good deed every day
__52. Inspired by Back Pack Buddies program
__53. Learned to drive in Chevy pickup
__54. Learned to drive in a virtual bubblegum pink Toyota Vitz
__55. Learned to drive in a Dodge Ram Van
__56. Learned to drive in a Datsun B210
__57. Fears lack of control
__58. Fears heights
__59. Fears snakes
__60. Fears impaired drivers
__61. Wants to take a trip up the Eastern Seaboard
__62. Wants to go to Europe
__63. Wants to drive the Blue Ridge Parkway
__64. Wants to go to Yosemite
__65. Favorite series: Scandal
__66. Favorite series: Downton Abbey
__67. Favorite series: Hell on Wheels
__68. Favorite series: Game of Thrones

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Answers
Dear Kiwanis Leader,

You can help shine a light on the life-changing work the clubs in your district are doing through signature projects. Kiwanis International is pleased to announce a new Signature Project Recognition Program and Contest. The new program and contest will help draw attention to the many incredible signature projects Kiwanis clubs are doing around the world to make a difference in communities.

As a reminder, signature projects are service projects, fundraisers or events that:

- Are recurring
- Enhance the Kiwanis brand
- Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities

The contest includes two parts:

1. **District level**: Each district is encouraged to conduct a selection process of its own design to decide one club-level signature project to represent the district. While the district should determine how best to select their representative club project, the project should meet the criteria outlined.

2. **International level**: Each participating district will submit one club-level nomination to Kiwanis International, and the top 10 projects will be recognized during an event at the Kiwanis International convention in Paris in July 2017. (See criteria and details.)

To ensure success of this new contest in 2017, we need your help.

First, we ask your district to participate by promoting the contest to your clubs and by selecting one club-level signature project to represent your district. You may determine the best way for your district to select this club-level project that meets the outlined criteria: a district-level contest, call for nominations or any other selection process. This is a great opportunity to enlist the help of others in your district leadership, your district partnership coordinator and your district public relations coordinator.

Second, using these guidelines and criteria, submit the club-level signature project that will represent your district to Kiwanis International by March 31, 2017. A panel consisting of Kiwanis International board members and Kiwanis partners will review submissions that meet the contest criteria and will select the top 10 projects. Those projects will be announced during the Kiwanis International convention. In addition, the top three—gold, silver and bronze-level winners—will be announced and celebrated during the convention.

Please download the official instructions, criteria and submission format from the Kiwanis International website.

In addition to a special Signature Project recognition event in Paris, top projects also will be highlighted in Kiwanis publications, website and social media channels.

The goal of this contest is to recognize clubs that participate in signature projects to impact their communities and to inspire all clubs to create exciting signature projects. There are great online resources to assist with understanding or planning a signature project.

We look forward to reading about your district’s club-level signature project nomination and to sharing the inspiration of great service projects with everyone. If you have questions, please email Vicki Hermansen at pr@kiwanis.org (use “Signature Project Contest” in the subject line) or call 800-549-2647 ext. 171 or +1 317-217-6171.

Thank you for your assistance in making this a success and for all you do to serve the children of the world.

With Kiwanis gratitude,

Jane M. Erickson
2016–17 President
Kiwanis International
The Community Partnership Program is an Awareness campaign that exposes what we do every day in every community to new people and businesses that WANT to participate and be partners with Kiwanis. Please support these businesses and individuals currently supporting kids and their communities through the PNW Community Partnership Program.

ALD Architects .......................................................Richland, WA
Atiyeh Bros, Inc......................................................Portland, OR
Burns Feed Store .......................................................Gresham, OR
Eastside Dental Clinic ........................................Troutdale, OR
Gloria’z Pub & Grill .....................................................Happy Valley, OR
Heckman & Thiemann Motors ....................................Portland, OR
Henery Hardware..................................................Kingston, WA
Kiwanis Club of Squim ............................................Squim, WA
M & K Consulting.....................................................Redmond, WA
Nancy’s Floral........................................................Gresham, OR
Newberg Coin Laundry............................................Portland, OR
Nunes-Pottinger Funeral Service .........................Oliver, BC
Oakridge Tire Center ..............................................Oakridge, OR
Otto’s Sausage Kitchen, Inc.....................................Portland, OR
Postal Pharmacy ....................................................Oakridge, OR
Pub 212 ....................................................................Damascus, OR
Roland Havens Stare Farm ......................................Portland, OR
Saxon Insurance .....................................................Oakridge, OR
The Mane Team Salon ..........................................Renton, WA
Trevin Webb Farmers Insurance ............................Fairview, OR
United Steelworkers 7619 .................................Kamloops, BC
USKH Inc............................................................Anchorage, AK
Wetter Family LLC ................................................Kingston, WA