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Today's meeting attendance included 12 members.

On The Horizon:

Wed. Mar 10th Noon - Mary Sanderson, YMCA Family Programs & the Healthy Kids Fair

Wed. Mar 17th Morning - "What's Your Calling?"

Wed. Mar 24th Morning - Board Meeting at Be's, All Members Welcome!

Wed. Mar 31st Evening - 5th Wednesday Social Event at the Phoenician Restaurant

Wed. Apr 7th Morning - Regular Meeting at Be's

**Wed. Apr 14th Noon - Seattle City Councilman Mike O'Brian
On Sustainability of the City's Utility Infrastructure**

Wed. Apr 21st Morning - the Alliance for Education; their mission is to "To help every child in Seattle Public Schools achieve academic success."



HAPPY DOLLAR\$: MIKE LaFRANCHI is looking forward to bestowing Everyday Heroes cake and certificate on the Southwest precinct of Seattle Police Department. Busy as heck for a retired guy, KEN NORTON glad to add his smiling face. LARRY KIRCHNER prefers to attend morning meetings when its daylight and sunny. HENRY NELSON, just all smiles. CHARLIE RUNKE upgraded his domicile in Arbor Heights. WES COYNER is just happy to be a Kiwanian. RUSS GALBREATH has a new assignment; tuning up his tan in Hawaii. MIKE PALMQUIST is recruiting candidates for Miss West Seattle. After a seven year battling, WARREN LAWLESS is happy his veterinary college in California has been granted full accreditation. WEST NIVER cool over the Everyday Heroes gig, too.



EVERYDAY HERO'S: This morning, our club presented the Officer's of the 37th Precinct with the Every Day Hero award for their successful endeavors in making West Seattle a little safer. Capt. Kessler, accepting the award on behalf of the precinct, shared that our framed certificate will be displayed on prominently on their memorial wall inside the precinct. Present from our club were Wes Coyner, Shari Sewell, Henry Nelson, Mike LaFranchi, and President West Niver.



WES COYNER CONTINUES A LIFE OF SERVICE: The Coaxing our oldest member with the longest service to be our speaker was a good move. We were happy to have Wes introduce himself with the story of an eventful life. Born in Walla Walla, he was raised in Bend & Pendleton, where his first job was selling programs at that town's notorious "Roundup." In 1939, the family moved to Redmond where they ran a successful variety store. He graduated from Redmond High School and turned out for football. Purporting to be an only average student, Wes did go to Oregon State College (no University then) in the Spring of 1943. Like most of his buddies he joined the Army and did his basic training in San Diego where he re-injured a shoulder he'd dislocated playing football. After that he enjoyed a luxury cruise to the southern tip of New Guinea. His unit replaced an anti-aircraft unit which had been the first to land there. Wes' outfit was decorated with a presidential unit citation, 11 silver stars, and 6 purple hearts. Wes' job was supplying the gun positions. He was later transferred to an outpost on Luzon in the Philippines where he remained until the end of the war. Wes received an appointment to West Point but could not attend because of his previous injury.



Returning to Oregon after the war, Wes worked in a lumber yard and returned to Oregon State College where he met his wife, Patricia. They married and returned to Redmond where they worked in the family variety store. After seven years they sold the store and moved to Beaverton with their three children. Wes then became a debit salesman. Promoted to assistant manage, Wes traveled. The family moved to Bellevue for a few months' and he was named District manager in Portland. Shortly after he quit Metropolitan Life (of 25 years) he joined Standard Insurance Co. as an independent life insurance salesman in the Portland area. Five years later he retired and has enjoyed his leisure.



Wes and Patricia worked for 20 years with Meals on Wheels in Beaverton. He has been a lifelong Kiwanian; West Seattle is his fifth club. He now lives in the Kenney Presbyterian Retirement Center and enjoys his membership in Westside Presbyterian Church.

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2010 KIWANIS CALENDAR

Mar 20, 2010 – ZONE Conference – Kent Sr. Center starting at 7:30am (600 E Smith St, 98030)

Mar 25-28, 2010 – Key Club District Conference; Double Tree Hotel, Seattle

Mar 31, 2010 – 5th Wednesday Social at the Phoenicia

Apr 4, 2010 – Easter Sunrise Service, ushering

Apr 10, 2010 – Kiwanis One Day of Service

Apr 17, 2010 – WS YMCA Healthy Kids Fair

May 14, 2010 – **Happy Birthday, Kiwanis of West Seattle!!!**



Aug, 2009 – Project Cool Stuff the Pack day

May 15, 2010 – Club Leadership Education (CLE)

May 15, 2010 – Motorcycle Poker Run & Ol' Rides Classic Car Show Fundraiser

Jun 12, 2010 – Governor's Project – Canine Support

Jun 24-27, 2010 – Kiwanis International Convention at Las Vegas NV (Colin Powell, guest speaker)

July, 2009 – ARRGH! Pirates Landing at Alki Beach

Aug 25-29, 2010 – PNW District Convention (Spokane)

This is Kiwanis International!

Kiwanis is not a "professional classification" organization. Any number of members from a particular business or profession can belong to a Kiwanis club, though of course each club should strive to represent a broad spectrum of its community.

The Kiwanis International Newsletter is online at:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/pr/inciter/>

Next week's raffle is at \$50; Twenty-four regular marbles and one Blue Marble!

"Liberty without learning is always in peril; learning without liberty is always in vain."

John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

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Warm thoughts of Bill Brannon, departed leader of the Industrial Kiwanis Club; Bill was the classic example of a real Kiwanian. He was the glue that held his club together.

Additional Events of Interest:

✓ **FIFTH WEDNESDAY:** As is our custom, the 5th Wednesday, March 31 meeting will be focused on fun and sociability. We have lined up the Phoenicia Restaurant on Alki. Save that evening, 6:30pm, on your calendar.

✓ **Easter Sunrise Service:** Sign up for ushering at the Easter Sunrise Service on April 4th; 6AM @ Forest Lawn. Contact Warren Lawless ASAP.

✓ **Kiwanis Zone G Conference:** Join the six members from our club attending the annual Zone G conference; from 7:30am to 3pm, Saturday, March 20 at the Kent Senior Center (600 E. Smith St., Kent). Registration fees cover continental breakfast and lunch. Members wishing to attend should contact Secretary Warren Lawless at 938-8032 as soon as possible.

✓ **Pacific NW Key Club Convention:** West Seattle High School will have two and Chief Sealth will have eight Delegate Officers and members attending the Pacific Northwest District Convention on March 26-28 at the Double Tree Inn at SeaTac airport. Our club member and Past President Shari Sewell will also be attending.

President's Message:



Tonight, Mike LaFranchi, Shari Sewell, Warren Lawless, Linda Cox, and I participated in our first Group Webinar. In a nutshell, the topic was on ways to instill enthusiasm into the club. From this evening, we are going to do a special meeting on the 17th of March. **ALL** members **AND** friends of the West Seattle Kiwanis are encouraged to attend ("friends" are all the people reading this newsletter). ☺

Secretary's Corner – as Warren Lawless remembers it. Please go to "www.westseattle.com" for pearls of wisdom from our club Secretary.

As always, permission has been granted to post pictures and info from the guest speaker and their website or literature. The Kiwanis of West Seattle assumes no responsibility for any sites linked to or from its newsletter.