

KCOP NEWS"

Monthly News of The Kiwanis Club of Portland, est. 1919

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New Administration to be Focused on Membership"

A Word from the President:"

As you may know, I've chosen for my presidency to focus on building a stronger KCOP membership. By stronger, I mean two things. First, more involvement by our current members, perhaps starting with joining one or more of our several dozen (!) committees, whether it be in the service, fundraising or administrative areas. This is an easy way to quickly become more involved in our many worthy - and fun and rewarding - initiatives.

Second, by a stronger membership I mean adding new members. I think it is very clear to all of us that there is a strong and growing demand for helping the children of the world and in our communities. So more members are sorely needed. Now I fully understand the perils of setting this as a one-year goal, given our history of steadily declining membership from hundreds years ago to 34 members for 2014-15. But I feel that in focusing on anything

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Dave Ripley, President, Rick Schafer, Treasurer,

Gary Logsdon, Secretary

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Kiwanian of the Year!

Portland Marathon

Portland Marathon (October 5th) was a fund raiser for KCOP. This year, led by Evelyn Chapman, we supplied 12 volunteers. Rick and Judy Schafer, Dave and Teresa Newton, Bob Depew, Ted Job, Sandi Page, Connie and Dave Shipley, Evelyn and Ernie Chapman and Versie Meyer volunteered. Evelyn estimates our participation will generate about \$300 for the club.

Sunday Parkways

Sunday parkways is also a fund raiser for KCOP. Rick Schafer, Connie Shipley and Ernie and Evelyn Chapman participated in this September 28th event.

else, we would be trying to “ignore the elephant in the room” Many organizations are losing members. Kiwanis is not the only one. But if it continues at KCOP for much longer, our viability will become in question. As Cleve Parker, the outgoing Secretary/Treasurer of the PNW District, recently put it, “Kiwanis, as an organization, is at a crossroads after several years of declining membership numbers and the ‘graying’ of our current members. We must do everything we can to reverse that trend or, in just a few short years, there may be no Kiwanis - at least as we recognize it today.”

Can we fix our membership problem? Maybe not. Some people say that people have so little time for such things these days. Others say that there are too many competing interests today. Yet others say that the downtown format is tired and just doesn't work anymore.

Perhaps. And yet I strongly feel that the answer is at KCOP, we can fix this problem. For example, under Sandi's administration and with Tom Wing's initiative and the Membership committee's efforts, the idea of starting a KCOP satellite club in Slabtown (north of NW Lovejoy) is being investigated. It's still early, but so far it looks promising. It looks like we'll have two charter corporate memberships to start with, after meeting with just three community leaders. And at the district convention in August, several Washington clubs showed how they have greatly increased their memberships. Also, Roger Turk, the outgoing Membership committee chairman, has recently discovered from Kiwanis International that several U.S. downtown clubs have also increased membership.

Of course this can't be just a one-year initiative. It has to be an on-going effort. And it won't be easy, or we'd have done it already. It will take all of us to think of ideas to try. For example, Carollee Donovan-Young recently mentioned to me that she joined Kiwanis because she heard about it on in a local radio spot. She wondered if we might check into resuming these. And I'm happy to report that Sandi Page and Connie Shipley have agreed to co-chair the Membership committee for this year, and I'm sure we'll be seeing more good results coming from this group - along with our members' help - in the coming months. Stay tuned!



L to R, Isaac Klemroth, Harris Christensen and Will Denneston of the Glencoe K-Kids along with KCOP President Sandi Page.

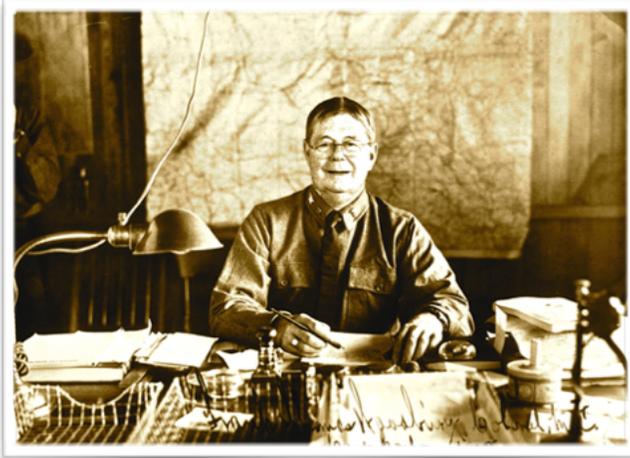
“ELIMINATE Flapjack Fundraiser”

Fun and Fantastic!

KCOP participated in a successful fundraiser for the Eliminate Project on October 4th. Applebee’s restaurant in Lake Oswego offered their restaurant for a pancake breakfast. Seventy-five hungry customers were greeted by PNW Kiwanis Governor Bob Munger and his wife Judy and served breakfast by the Lincoln High School Key club members and members of other Key clubs. Rodney Page started the coffee maker, Versie Meyer, President Dave Ripley and Barbara Jensen served up the plates of food. Out front three members of the Glencoe K-kids club sold See’s candy to help support the cause. Sandi Page, Tom Marantette and Steve Klemroth gave support to the students and Lisa Nelson from See’s Candies pitched in.

The event raised over \$1,000 in total which goes for vaccinations for maternal neo-natal tetanus. \$1,000 of vaccinations saves 555 lives of mothers of child-bearing age AND their unborn children.

A Nod to 100 Years of Kiwanis"



**Kiwanis Doernbecher
Children's Cancer Program**
Supporting Oregon Health & Science University

KDCCP Annual Brunch & Silent Auction
To recognize the very special Volunteers,
Doernbecher staff members and K Family Clubs, who have
gone above and beyond for the children of Doernbecher

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014, 10AM
ABERNATHY CENTER BALLROOM
606 15th ST.
OREGON CITY, OR

INTERCLUBS WELCOMED

\$25.00 per person
RSVP by October 12, 2014 to
Evelyn Chapman
12551 SE Bluff Dr
Clackamas, OR 97015
Phone: 503-482-5285 E-Mail: 2elc@comcast.net

Slabtown Kiwanis”

One way to increase members in Kiwanis clubs is to establish one or more satellite clubs. KCOP has embarked on an effort to establish a satellite in the Slabtown neighborhood in NW Portland. Our goal is to acquire 5 new members. KCOP's Board and officers serve as the hosts for the satellite club. Members of the satellite club pay KCOP dues and have their projects and fundraisers approved by the KCOP Board, but they can meet where, when and how they want. A team consisting of Tom Wing, Rodney and Sandi Page, Roger Turk, Dave Newton and Dave Ripley are interviewing community leaders to identify community needs and prospective members. Slabtown has Chapman Elementary School, a Branch of Multnomah County Library, Friendly House Community Center and Lift Urban Portland as targets for community service. Besides that, Slabtown has a Community Association consisting of small business owners and puts on an annual festival to enhance community identity.

Calendar

Programs	Projects & Fundraisers	Other Kiwanis Events
<p>10/15 Bruce Mangun Creatures of the Deep</p>	<p>10/23 Pear Call Sandi Page to volunteer, 503-471-0770</p>	<p>10/20 Division Counsel, 6:30PM Boy Scout Bldg., 2145 SW Naito Parkway</p>
<p>10/22 Adam Davis Many Things Are Possible When We Speak to Each Other</p>	<p>11/14-11/15 King City Holiday Bazaar, a Fundraiser for KCOP. Call Versie Meyer to help man the Kiwanis Table or to offer crafts. (C) 503-680-1145</p>	<p>11/14-11/15 KDCCP Ornament Sale at the New Hope Community Church Bazaar 10 AM to 6 PM, 11731 SE Stevens Rd. Happy Valley</p>
<p>10/29 Nancy Rogene Racial Dynamics in America Past and Present</p>	<p>11/15 Oregon Food Bank</p>	<p>11/21 KCOP Board Meeting, US Bank Building, 111 SW 5th, 6th Floor, 12:00PM</p>
<p>11/5 Scott Calhoun Oregon History</p>	<p>11/22 Meals on Wheels, Donate Dinner. At Seven Corners New Seasons, 1954 SE Division. Contact Rodney to volunteer. 503-471-0770</p>	
<p>11/12 Rodney Page The Star Spangled Banner</p>		
<p>11/19 Presentation by the Portland Art Museum</p>		