

FAQ - Kiwanis Club of Corvallis Sunrisers

What is a Kiwanis Club? A typical Kiwanis club is a snapshot of its community, with men and women members from all walks of life and at every step of the career ladder. They are unified in their belief that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved volunteers who are having fun at the same time.

What Is Expected of Sunriser Members? We are a very flexible Club, and we understand that each Sunriser has other responsibilities (jobs, families, vacations, etc). However, we believe that all Members benefit from the fellowship and interaction with other members and hope, and encourage, members to attend as many of our regular meetings.

We also hope that Members will volunteer to participate in our many Community Service and Fundraising Projects. If you do volunteer for a Project and then find that your personal schedule will not allow for your participation, we ask that you contact the Project Chair so they can make arrangements to fill your volunteer spot. By being actively involved as much as you can, your Kiwanis experience will help you to:

- Build new friendships
- Enhance children's lives
- Improve your community
- Enhance your leadership skills
- Have fun while giving back to your community

What are Members' Financial Expectations: Beyond paying the **Annual Administrative Year Dues** on a timely manner, there are no other "required financial expectations" for any Sunriser member!

Annual Dues are invoiced the first part of September and are due by October 1st (the start of a new Administrative Year). This includes all Kiwanis International and PNW District assessments as well as any Club assessments. Sunrisers 2017-18 Membership Dues were \$120.00. The Board of Directors, only with the approval of at least 2/3 of the membership, may increase or decrease the Sunrisers Club Dues amount.

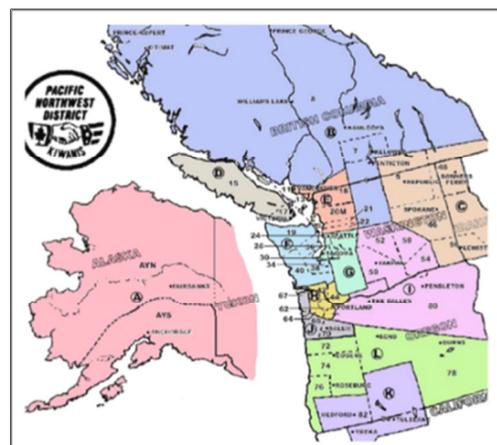
Expenses at Regular Meetings: There are no charges for attending our weekly breakfast meetings!

However, optional meals are available (catered by the Corvallis School District Catering Department) and there is an \$8.00 charge for those who want to eat a full breakfast, including coffee or juice. For those who may only want coffee or juice, there is a \$2.00 charge. Members may opt to set up a pre-pay for meals account with the Treasurer so you do not have to remember to bring money with you to each meeting.

Any donations to the Administrative Fund through Happy Bucks, Fines, Birthday or Anniversary Recognition, and bidding at Club Auctions are strictly voluntary!

Why do Sunrisers sing O-Canada? We are designated a part of Kiwanis International's Pacific Northwest District, which includes parts of Canada, as well as Alaska. So, we honor our Canadian members by singing O-Canada at our meetings. Within the **PNW District**, we are further designated as being part of Region 6, Division 72. Our Division 72 also includes:

- Kiwanis Club of Corvallis (the Noon Club)
- Albany Kiwanis Club
- Takena Kiwanis Club (also in Albany)
- Lebanon Kiwanis Club
- Sweet Home Kiwanis Club



To learn more about the PNW District visit the District web site: www.kiwanispnw.org.

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How is our Club managed? The Kiwanis Club of Corvallis Sunrisers was chartered by Kiwanis International on January 10, 1985, and became an Oregon Corporation on December 4, 1986. We are designated by the IRS as a 501(c) 4 organization. So, while we are a non- profit organization, contributions or gifts to our Club are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Like all Corporations, our Club’s operations are governed by a set of Bylaws. Under our Charter, we are required to comply with the Standard Form of Club Bylaws approved by Kiwanis International. Our administrative Year is established as being from October 1st through September 30th.

Annually, the Sunrisers elect our own Officers and Directors to serve as our Board of Directors. This Board is charged with overseeing and approving regular Club operations. The Board provides general management of the Club not otherwise delegated to the membership in our Bylaws or in our Policies and Procedures.

For the 2017-18 Administrative Year, our Board includes:

- President Cheri Galvin
- Secretary Rich Taylor
- Treasurer Milt Donelson
- Immediate Past President Les Ishikawa
- President-Elect Tim Euhus
- Director Peggy Henson
- Director Art Kobel
- Director Betty Brose

How are Club Finances handled? Our Bylaws require that funds raised from the Community must be used to fund community service projects and programs. So, we maintain at least two separate accounts:

- **Administrative Account:** This Account is for all administrative expenses of the Club. The majority of these funds come from Club Dues, meeting meals, Happy Bucks, Fines, etc. Some fundraising projects in which only members and/or their immediate family participate may be designated by the Board for deposit into either Account.
- **Service Fund Account:** Income for this account is derived from fundraising projects in which the public participates, or from designated contributions. These funds can only be used for community service projects and are not available for Club Operations. There are two exceptions approved by Kiwanis International:
 - The club’s General Liability Insurance coverage may be designated by the Board for payment from either Account.
 - The club’s Officers & Directors Insurance coverage may be designated by the Board for payment from either account

Sunriser’s Web Site: We maintain a public web site at: www.kiwanissunrisers.org This site serves as our primary interface with the public and we encourage each Member to refer their family, friends, co-workers, etc. to visit this site to learn more about what Kiwanis Sunrisers do within our community. As noted on the site, we also have a Facebook presence.

What is the Club Management System? We use a Club Management System (“CMS”); which directly interfaces with our Web Site and is designed to provide each member with easy to use online tools as well as maintaining our public website. You will be provided with a separate “Quickstart Guide” which will show you how to sign up to volunteer on Projects, email club members, view calendars, download documents and much more! The best way to learn is to explore by using this guide to learn the basics and then by clicking around to see for yourself!

If you have any additional questions, please let us know and we will try to answer them for you.

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