



THE OLYMPIA KIWANIS FOUNDATION REPORT

OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

JANUARY 2, 2012

An auxiliary of the Kiwanis Club of Olympia

2007

Serving the Children of the World, one child and one community at a time. 2012

BOARD NOTES by Jan Britt

1. CALL TO ORDER. President Russ Carstensen called the Club Board Meeting for the Olympia Kiwanis Foundation to order at 12:56 p.m. on December 22, 2011, at Community Youth Services Board Room. Board Members present: Kathleen Drew, Jane Field, DeWayne Granacki, Jon Halvorson, Matt Hornyak, Terry Kirkpatrick, Don Powell, and Lynn Urvina.

Guests: Jan Britt, Don Leaf, John Rumsey, Derek Valley

2. AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed and some changes proposed. Hearing no objections, the agenda was accepted by the President as distributed.

3. MINUTES: Foundation minutes of November 17, 2011, Board meeting have been sent by e-mail to all Board members. Hearing no objections, minutes were accepted by the President as distributed.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Finance Committee report. All transactions, bank statements and bills were reviewed and no discrepancies were found. As of November 30, 2011, the Foundation has a cash balance of \$10,315.78 and an Endowment market value of \$160,902.71. All scholarships approved have been paid out.

Jane Field noted she has a 'rewards packet' with WSEUC and can use it to make a donation of to the foundation through one or more gift cards, anticipated to be totaling several hundred dollars. Other members may have rewards based on their credit cards that can be donated to a charity, such as our Olympia Kiwanis Foundation.

Motion 1: Terry Kirkpatrick moved, DeWayne Granacki seconded, acceptance of the Finance Committee Report. Motion passed.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CONCERNS:

Garden Committee Report: Don Leaf and Derek Valley gave an annual report that the committee has not yet finished harvesting all of the 2011 crops. However, we have far exceeded our previous record of harvest for a current total of 36,225 pounds of vegetables grown and donated and have had more volunteers this year than ever before. 162 harvest events have been staffed from 250 volunteers outside of our Kiwanis club.

The Vista Village garden site will be fallowed with a cover crop for the 2012 season to renew the soil.

The Capital Campus garden has been a good addition to our garden project. The Capital Campus administration is recommending 8 garden sites plus the Governor's Mansion garden site for 2012. An amended memo of understanding (MOU) with the state is ready for signature. It adds an additional garden space and this agreement will be for 2 years (instead of 1 year).

Motion 2: Jon Halvorson moved we authorize Don Leaf and Derek Valley to sign the MOU with the State of Washington. Kathleen Drew seconded. Motion passed.

Key Club Update: There will be a program on Key Clubs at a club meeting in January. Two of our Key Clubs are not paid and are in default – CHS and WAVA Key Clubs. We need to submit applications for each at a cost of \$100 each. It was our understanding we have already reinstated WAVA, however Kiwanis International cannot find the record.

Motion 3: DeWayne Granacki moved, Jon Halvorson seconded, we spend \$100 and reactivate the Capital High School Key Club. The CHS Key club may reimburse us later. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 26, 2011 about 12:30 p.m. Jan Britt Recorder

CLUB and FOUNDATION INFORMATION

Officers:

President: **Russ Carstensen** 425-8471

President Elect: **Jon Halvorson** 456-3645

Vice President **Nancy LaPointe** 236-0312

Secretary/Treas.: **Don Powell** 491-4790

Immediate Past President: **Terry Kirkpatrick** 943-3293

Board Members: through 2013—Kathleen Drew, Chami Ro

Through 2012—DeWayne Granacki, Jane Field, Lynn Urvina

Through 2014—Mark Couey, Matt Hornyak

DIVISION 38 LT. Governor George Fisher—360-877-9109 gefisher@q.com

Board of Directors Meetings:

Normally, the fourth Thursday of each month at 12 noon at CYS.

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Division 38 Council Meetings: 3rd Wed of each month
6:30 p.m. at Taylor Station Restaurant, Shelton
(dinner at 5:30 p.m.)

The OLYMPIA KIWANIS CLUB meets every Monday at 12 noon at :

TUGBOAT ANNIES—VIEWPOINT ROOM—2100 West Bay Dr

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OLYMPIA KIWANIS GARDEN ANNUAL REPORT

By Don Leaf and Derek Valley

The season started planning with other Food Bank gardeners and planting peas with NOVA School students in late February's snow and ended by processing leeks and rutabagas in the cold, windy rain of December. In those eleven months, four gardens, totaling about 1.5 acres produced over 36,000 pounds of vegetables for the Thurston County Food Bank. We assisted the start-up of two other garden projects, Saint Mark Lutheran Church and the Department of Ecology headquarters, together harvested over 4,000 pounds of potatoes.

Olympia Kiwanis Club members were joined by the largest number of volunteers we have ever mustered for one of our community service projects. Our best estimate is that over 250 individuals helped during the growing season and at 162 individual harvest events. The four gardens provided opportunities for elementary, high school and college students to join with community volunteers from church and civic organizations and volunteers from the Food Bank to continue this valued project of supporting our neighbors in need.

The gardens' yielded:

WESTSIDE FOOD BANK GARDEN	13,281 POUNDS
CAPITOL CAMPUS FOOD BANK GARDEN	11,713 POUNDS
NORTHWEST MARKET GARDEN (GOCHE)	9,041 POUNDS
VISTA VILLAGE RESIDENCE GARDEN	2,190 POUNDS
TOTAL	36,225 POUNDS

The total budget for the Food Bank Garden Committee for 2010- 2011 was \$10,870. The principle source of funding came from the Olympia Kiwanis Club general revenue, \$6,850. In addition, grant funds were received from the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Foundation, revenue was generated from the Lacey Community Market and the Tumwater Farmers Fall Market and from donations from individuals and in-kind support from corporations in the community. The budget supported a part time employee, equipment operation, purchase of irrigation supplies, seeds and fertilizers. The total expenses and pounds of vegetables delivered yielded a cost of approximately \$.30 per pound for vegetables delivered to the Food Bank.

The Vista Village Food Bank Garden provided several varieties of cabbage, broccoli and onions. The residents and Board of the community were appreciative of the efforts and growing crops for a third year at their garden site. In the 2012 season we will fallow this field, growing a cover crop that will enrich the soils.

The Northwest Market Garden (Goche) owned by Jim Goche and family was the home to garlic, carrots, beets, rutabagas and several varieties of squash. The garden was more productive in its' second season and with more soil amendments and some ground filling should be very productive next year.

The Capitol Campus Garden, located on the east capitol campus and with a small plot of garden at the Governor's Mansion were the surprise of the year. Getting an earlier start this season and with additional raised beds to use a cadre of state employee volunteers, Kiwanis members and a variety of elementary, secondary and high school students were drawn to the work at the garden, students from the Evergreen State College, Saint Martin's University, Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB) and young adults associated with the Washington Conservation Corp all helped this garden to its full potential. There were a variety of crops grown; cucumbers, tomatoes, pok choi, winter squash, carrots, beets, beans, peas, kohlrabi, cabbage, broccoli, leeks and a variety of onions. Garlic was planted this fall for next year harvest. The success of this garden space has to do with the nature of the beds, surrounded by concrete and brick walks, a great sun profile and the parking structure below all contribute to warming the soil significantly and helping with growing produce.

The Westside Food Bank Garden, our flagship garden, produced great crops of beans, peas, broccoli, rutabagas, winter squash and cucumbers, collards, carrots, beets, parsnips, Chinese cabbage, pok choi and tomatoes. We grew a small market garden, varieties of produce to sell at the Lacey Community Market and Tumwater Fall Market events, raising revenue for garden operation. In its' first full year of operation, the Kiwanis barn worked very well. We were able store our equipment in the barn, work with students inside and out and weigh and prepare produce to for delivery to the Food Bank.

In addition to the four gardens tended by Kiwanis Club of Olympia two other organizations came to Kiwanis for assistance. The membership of Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Lacey was inspired to support the Thurston County Food Bank. Gayle Frare, member asked for assistance and by seasons end had provided to the Food Bank over 2,500 pounds of potatoes and a variety of other vegetables. At the Department of Ecology, the Sustainability committee with the guidance and hard work of Johanna Ofner, AmeriCorps and Washington Conservation Corp member, built a garden with the help of the Washington Conservation Corp and worked nearly 3000 square feet of garden space, growing over 1800 pounds of potatoes as a first year crop. These two "auxiliary" gardens added to the total of produce for the Food Bank.

The attached page provides a list of the organizations that provided help during the season for the Kiwanis Gardens but doesn't include those who worked at Saint Mark's and Department of Ecology.

The beneficiaries of the Olympia Kiwanis' work can be paraphrased from the many comments we hear from those who are in need. Regularly we hear and there are reports that the clients of the Food Bank appreciate so much the fresh, organic vegetables provided by Kiwanis. We know that children and families are getting good nutritional food and many in the community are helping with that effort.

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**The Kiwanis Club of Olympia
wishes to thank those individuals and groups listed for supporting a successful season of community service through the
Kiwanis Food Bank Gardens, raising and delivering over 36,200 pounds of fresh, organic vegetables to the Thurston
County Food Bank network.**

Kiwanis Club of Olympia members	Department of Ecology Sustainability Committee's
Olympia High School Kiwanis Key Club	Food Bank Garden and Johanna Offner
Thurston County Food Bank	Saint Mark's Lutheran Church's
Thurston County Commissioners	Christian Center students
Gleaners Project	Food Bank Garden and Gayle Frare
School Garden Projects	Thunder Mountain Farm, Dave Goff
Vista Village Retirement Condominiums	Washington Conservation Corp crews
Northwest Market Gardens, Jim Goche	THEM hiking group
Capital High School Kiwanis Key Club	City of Lacey Community Market
Black Hills High School students	United Way Day of Caring
North Thurston Kiwanis, Lacey	Intercity Transit staff
North Thurston High School Key Club	Saint Martin's University students
Timberline High School Key Club	Common Ground Farm, Julie Puich
Saint Martin's University Circle K Club	Garden Raised urban Bounty
The Evergreen State College	GRuB students
Madison Elementary School	Professor Karen Gaul's students
Office of Financial Management and Policy	Sunbreak Baptist Church
Olympia City Council members	Nova School Winterim program
Pioneer Elementary School	Department of Transportation
Lincoln Elementary School	Department of Social and Health Services
Department of Licensing	Department of Natural Resources
Office of the Governor	Department of Employment Security
Department of Enterprise Services	

And many other volunteers from throughout the cities and Thurston County
 Terry Kirkpatrick, President 2010-1011 Russ Carstensen, President 2011-2012
 Don Leaf and Derek Valley, Co-chair, Kiwanis Food Bank Gardens



POLICY 3: FIRE WOOD DISTRIBUTION:

Only persons who have been screened by and referred to the Olympia Kiwanis Club by The Salvation Army, or St. Vincent DePaul, or the Crisis Clinic, and / or the Thurston County Community Action Council staff will be eligible to receive free fire wood.

All arrangements for delivery of split wood shall be made by the Chair or Co-Chair of the Club's Community Services Committee, Fire Wood sub committee co-chair.

Olympia Kiwanis' Waterfront Satellite Kiwanis Christmas Shopping Spree

On December 10th the members and friends of Waterfront Satellite Kiwanis gathered at the Lacey, Washington, Fred Meyer Store for their 23rd annual Christmas Shopping Spree. All summer long the members, along with friends, volunteers and family members, sell hot dogs at various venues in order to garner enough money for the annual spree. Then, a week or two before Christmas, they meet their young charges for a blowout. The children were selected this year by the Tumwater/Rochester Boys' and Girls' Club, and most of them were in third grade. That's old enough to shop, according to Dean Walz, club treasurer, and young enough to believe in Santa Claus.



The most difficult part of the adventure is convincing the children that they are supposed to shop for their family's Christmas presents. Sometimes a child will suddenly develop a twin who isn't on the list, one who likes everything he or she likes. Sometimes difficulties with math crop up—one shopper had a Christmas list that would have exhausted club resources and put all its members into debt. Mostly, though, with a little math help, some discount coupons, and an occasional member opening his or her own wallet, the Christmas list is satisfied.

Then it's off to Dirty Dave's Pizza for a present-wrapping frenzy. Dirty Dave's thoughtfully lets Waterfront have a room all their own so everyone has room to spread out and do the job right. About halfway through the present-wrapping the pizzas arrive, along with pitchers of soda. (No one knows how many pizza slices have accidentally been wrapped into Christmas presents. Perhaps none.)

When the presents are wrapped and some pizza has been enjoyed, it's time for Santa Claus. The jolly old man makes an appearance every year to give the shoppers their Christmas presents. The boys usually get something like remote-control cars, the girls usually get dolls with several sets of clothing. Everyone gets a big stocking full of candy, gloves, and smaller toys.

After only three hours it's all over until next Christmas. The club members have spent more than a thousand dollars, and six to eight boys and girls (and their families) have had their faith in Santa Claus and the spirit of Christmas reaffirmed.

Above: Joanie Ward and Autumn, wrapping presents together.

To the Right: Austin on Santa's lap. Did you know Santa is ethnic? He claims to be North Polish.

KIWANIS OBJECTIVES

To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business and professional standards.

To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through the club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build a better community.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.



Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.

The only place you'll find success before work is in the dictionary.

Progress has little to do with speed, but much to do with direction.

Experience tells you what to do—confidence allows you to do it.

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2013 Kiwanis Calendar!

Do you have a 'date' you'd like on the 2013 Olympia Kiwanis calendar? If yes, let Jan Britt know by January 30, 2012. We will be producing a 2013 Olympia Kiwanis Calendar as a fundraiser. It's not too soon to start planning now!

