



Kiwaniis Kall

January, 2010
Club meets each Thursday Noon
The Red Lotus, 714 Auburn Way N.
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The signs of winter's arrival are evident. Your car is a particularly obvious indicator of the seasonal change: ice on the windshield, frozen steering wheel that leave you wondering where your gloves are, a radio display that seems to be rather lethargic, coffee in a little Styrofoam cup that has no home except all over the floor mat, and increased prayers that the brakes you have neglected to repair will not fail you in this present season.

However, winter brings something with it that is distinct from any other season-an accepted and promoted culture of getting together. There is no other holiday observance, calendar month of the year, or employer-sponsored time period like it. The approaching holidays encourage the need for gathering and excuse the possible argument that time is being wasted. We actually enjoy this kind of laid-back schedule so much that it now stretches from before Thanksgiving to the week after New Year's. It is essentially a six-week reprieve from the typical appointment-driven life that marches us through the balance of our year. What an opportunity!

This year, if you know that co-workers, family members, friends, and casual acquaintances are all hoping for the excuse to avoid their drone schedules and welcome the chance to chit-chat, have coffee, go bowling, brush off the entire day and ski...then I ask, why in the world would you not take advantage of that chestnut? Do it. Relationships are formed in the strangest of ways. Usually they are strengthened through some shared experience that further bonds the friendship. Your influence on another person may be the turning point in their life that was needed and you were not even aware of it (perhaps the same will be true of your own life), all of this simply afforded by the time of year we happened to arrive at. In the end, what else really matters but relationships and service to one another? It is the goal of Kiwanis to change lives one at a time and you are committed to that effort.

The stage is set-people around you want to get together, we are encouraged to love one another and do unto others as we would have done to us...so seize the six weeks, or the day at least. Brave the winter coldness of uncertainty and isolation by reaching out and inviting another to be a part of your day in whatever you are doing. Bring them to our club meeting for lunch, meet for coffee, go to a dinner party, deliver food to shut-ins, sponsor a family for Christmas. Examples inspire us, so put a lid on the Styrofoam coffee cup and venture out in the car to do good for those around you.



President
Michael
Winter
Words
Of
Wisdom

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Photos courtesy of The Auburn Reporter

In the News

Largo Wales Named Person Of The Year

The Auburn Reporter today pronounced Largo Wales as the Person of the Year for 2009. Largo is the Executive Director of ACAP Children's Center and is re-joining our club. ACAP has experienced monumental difficulties this past year and Largo has commandeered the agency through the travail.

Largo, of course, is returning to our club. As a former president, she is vitally remembered and especially re-



Debbie Christian With multiple Honors

Debbie has been singled out by the Auburn Reporter for her work at the Food Bank. Also bestowed Citizen of the Year by the Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce. Gail Spurrell has emailed many of our members about the significance of this for our club and wonders who will it be next year.

January Auction Donors are:

- 1/7 - Denny Swanson
- 1/14 - Ron Claudon
- 1/21 - Mike O'Brien
- 1/28 - Colleen Nichols

Saturday Food Bank Deliverers are:

The Swansons, Denny and Joann, and their family, often Barb Vance and Debbie Christian herself, always others too.



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Olympic Middle School Builders Club

By Lisa Clark

The kids at OMS are off to a great start this year! This is a group of young leaders participating in service projects for the community and school. We had elections with 12 students being nominated and running for office. The kids gave awesome speeches and had a great time. We have had guest speakers visit the club from Pacific Ballroom and the YMCA. The kids have made cards for orphans, volunteered at the Food Bank and collected for UNICEF. They decorated on December 2nd for the holidays at Auburn Regency Nursing Homes.



Susan Kindem is our teacher advisor once again this year. Kathe Ball and Susan Wraspir are also teachers at OMS who help with the club. The club also is in charge of school spirit, supporting the athletes and drama club with cheering, posters, etc.

Here are a few pictures from the Food Bank visit:



January and February Birthdays And a Happy Birthday to:

Lisa Clark
January 3rd

Cyril Van Selus
February 27th

Keith Cantwell
January 4th

Bob Spurrell
February 29th

Jack Laverty
January 25th

William Cowart
January 29th

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January, 2010 Programs

Gail Spurrel is January's Program Chair and her programs are:

Thursday, January 7th

Tuskegee Airman - William Holloman

Thursday, January 14th

Cyndi Rapier - GRCC Foreign Student program

Thursday, January 21st

Sylvester Neal - Incoming President - Kiwanis International

Thursday, January 28th

Laurie Rose, Maija McKnight & Jim Kleinbeck- Auburn Arts Program



Editor's Stuff

I'm not an overly exemplary Kiwanian for sure, but I'm a pretty good attendee. In fact I think I've rarely missed a meeting in the last five or six months except one Thursday in November when I took off for a fabulous week in New York City. Well it happened to be that week when I believe two Kiwanians were officially made members: Donna Foxley and Mike O'Brien. My *Kall* Congratulations to each of them and if I missed anything else I hope someone apprizes me of such. Then, more recently, only offhandedly did I hear of Mike Clark's and Largo Wales' entrance into our club. So nice. I'd like much more info on all of them besides the obvious: Donna and Mike's involvement in Key Clubs and Mike Clark's extraordinary work with his wife for ACAP and *excetera*. Largo, of course, has a short but dynamic history with our club, even being an unforgettable former president. All the above is great news.

Sad news though is the later this year departure of our recent past president Keith Stump who proved to be an invaluable member of our club. His dedication and enthusiasm and hard work was and is immense. So Keith says, he is off to Sitka, Alaska. Alaska is the state from whence he came. As an avid boater and sportsman, I'm sure Keith knows what he's doing.



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This is an alphabetically devised **NEW YEARS GREETING** for the Kiwanis Club of Auburn Kiwanians starting of course with Dr. Anardi who this year is our 1st vice president and Happy Bucks emissary followed by gracious Will Anderson who's not always present as we suspect he's enjoying retirement but I will not tarry so I can recall Linda Barrie or might I have to go on a trip to find Walt Bishop or look hard to seek out Jim Blanchard and I hope Hon. Pat Burns will not judge me negligent if I say it's awful that we see infrequently John Bothell and I'm sure each of you will find me Dick Brugger sweet as sugar and I'd like to dwell and say it's swell to see Keith Cantwell as often as we do and speaking of a spell surely it's been a spell or two since Chris Campbell has come into view and what's new Debbie Christian comes into view as she tallies up what we do financially speaking and what a brilliant spark is Lisa Clark and thankfully now accompanied by her husband Mike (wth the two of them nw the price is right) and for sure no doubt-en we see Ron Claudon and for sure some say to Bill thou art William Cowart and lo and behold always what fun is Jean Farrington and I'd be a wise old owl not mention now David Foxley who honest to goodness ushered in his wife Donna a nice Kiwanian presence and what der hell we have Jamelle R. Garcia whom we hardly ever see and of course none of us think wondrous Wes Gill is s pill 'cause neither his wife Lisa a piece-a work and last we saw him more we'd say certainly that Dennis Grad's a fine lad but should we mull over Roger Gulliver we'd say John Gustafson was lots of fun for I'm embarrassed to say Steve Harris comes not frequently our way while whether he's with us or not Wayne still wins the Heisserman trophy as I'm still out of kilter and verse we honor our president Michael Hursh while it's jovey and marvey to salute David Jarvey without ever ignoring Chris Knori as I hope I do not botch what I say about 1st Vice President Martha Koch though so it seems still infrequently we see Sharon LaVigne I continue to hope I not appear wrapped in drapery as I speak of our beloved Jack Laverty or hasten to mention Gene Mason and true I'd be a bum not to mention M. Todd McCrumb or Jack Miller or his wife Pat emphatically that would be bad chicanery to forget Jim Nannery or I'd be in a pickle to fail to recognize Colleen Nichols or would I be lying to say I don't know Mike O'Brien and I'm not nearly done with this questionable greeting which at first I thought would be fleeting, but son of a gun there's Bill Pierson and I'm getting number as I ask do we still have Dick Plummer but for sure I know we got the Poes, Fred and Charles and then there is Duanna Richards who she rhymes with I do not know and right now would like to flee with Rich Rutkowski as Dr. Mel Sinex's likely to put a hex on me as I jump a cliff acknowledging Pam and Greg Smith as I hope Bob and Gail Spurrell bail me out saying I'm not a Nar d'well whatever that is also want all of you to know no one finer than Chelsea Steiner or if I'm turning into a grump don't blame Keith Stump and here I'm almost done with greetings for everyone and Denny Swanson as I relish what's good for Cyril Van Selus and I'd love to trot the final dance with Barb Vance. Hopefully none of you are entirely bored including Yvonne Ward & would that I would not forget Greg Wood. There are honorary members to Greetings I'd like to bestow include Jack Miller's wife Pat and for sure Mr. Kiwanis Howie Montoure and with much array Bill McVay and to add a touch more chicanery Jim's wife Kathy Nannery and to finalize it all with a high ho hee to our own Franklin C. Yi.

The above might seem foolish and dastardly un-poetic but nonetheless I want to be inclusive, to include all of us with wishing the best for our New Year, Two Thousand and Ten. The Editor

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Please mark your calendars for the next Kiwanis Fundraising Meeting on [Friday, January 15th at 12:15 pm in the Adams Room](#). Parking passes will be arranged at the parking information booth at the East entrance.

We have cookies to bake and sandwiches to make, so please let us know if you will be able to attend.

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