



Kiwanis Club of Wenatchee

(Downtown)

Meetings are Tuesday's at noon – Eagles Lodge 1208 N Wenatchee Ave
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What Happened at This Week's Kiwanis Club Meeting

Flag Salute: [Mark Wiser](#), pulled off the flag salute like a pro!

Patriotic Song Leader: [Kyle Bruggman](#), lead us singing like a bird.

Special Inspirational Words: [Marsha Hays](#), offered us inspiring words of prayer.

Introduction of guests was handled by Dennis Stone

Guest Speaker: [Cary Simmons](#), Northwest Program Director at the Trust for Public Lands based out of Seattle.

Guests: [Cheryl](#) and [Ken Heiner](#), guests of Jim Conner.

Lucky Dog & Dice Roll Master: [Tom Irvin](#), this week give away a FAT POT of \$10 to lucky dog [Martin Ruiz](#) since last week all our tickets were locked up. Martin was generous and returned the money to our club because he is just a class act kind of a guy. Next [The Egg Man](#) pulled the ticket of [Kathleen Blauman](#) to do the [Big Yellow Dice](#) roll. Kathy didn't roll doubles so all she got was a club groan.

Happy Bucks: Eric Leonhardt, collected \$39.25 in Happy Bucks from the 22 members and 3 guests. **Awesome Job Eric!**

Announcements & Dates to Remember

HOLY WEEK REPORT: Dillis Ward and Bill Dearing reported the week attendance of 331 with collections totaling: \$1,917.55 to be distributed to: Honor Flight: \$295, Cancer Care of NCW: \$418, CASA: \$438, Women's Resource Center: \$376.55, Serve Wenatchee Valley: \$390. "Happy Easter"!

April 5th: Division Council meeting hosted by OUR CLUB. VP, Jerome Tuss will be in charge and our club will provide refreshments, coffee, raffle prizes and hopefully several members will be in attendance to support Jerome and make our club shine within Division 52. This meeting will be in the basement of the First United Methodist Church on the Corner of Washington and S Miller Streets.

April 11th: Children's Home Society of Washington's SweetHearts for Kids benefit luncheon is noon to 1 P.M. at the Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 N. Wenatchee Ave. Wenatchee. Tickets are \$40 per person or a table of 10 is \$360.

April 14th: Wenatchee Valley Senior Activity Center's Kiwanis Senior Celebration. Our club is handling the parking. The event is at the Wenatchee Senior Activity Center and will begin at 11:30 AM. There will be raffle prizes a Marimba Band and excellent food. The theme is "Pirates of the Columbia" There will be Black Beard Juice to drink and the main course will be Peg Leg Chicken. Our Club is handling Parking and some eating once the parking job is finished.

May 2nd: All Service Club Luncheon. (This luncheon runs from noon to 2 PM. It is held at the Wenatchee Convention Center's Grand Ball room. The keynote speaker will be Dan Lewis a 27-year KOMO TV New Anchor. Tickets will be available soon.

May 5th: KIWANIS APPLE BLOSSOM PANCAKE BREAKFAST. This is the biggest fundraising event of our year so please be certain your calendar is clear for this early Saturday morning event.

May 19th: Camp Zanika Spring Cleanup. From 9 AM to 4 PM lunch is provided at no cost and the fun is FREE too.

Aug. 16th, 17, 18, & 19th: 2017 PNW Kiwanis International Tri-District Convention in Spokane, WA.

This Week's Program

Tom Irvin, Program Chairman for the month of March introduced today's program presenter, Cary Simmons. Cary came to provide an update on the progress of the renovation and upgrade of Kiwanis Methow Park.

Cary grew up on his family's cotton farm in the Mississippi Delta. For fun, he putz through farmers markets, hikes, camps, pickle things, and he plays the accordion. His work is to build parks and trails across the great Northwest. Although he is based in Seattle he spends a considerable amount of time in Bozeman, Montana, and Wenatchee.

Washington 's cities are changing rapidly. There is a serious need to have facilities involving nature that are close to where people live. The Trust for Public Lands is working to build parks and or nature places with a goal of such environments and facilities within just a few minutes from where people live.

The Trust for Public Lands has partnered with the City of Wenatchee to protect land, build and renovate parks and focus on youth and children. Kiwanis Methow Park has a targeted budget of 3.5 Million dollars, which appears to be a very large number to upgrade this facility, but part of the goal is to improve the facilities at the park with quality features so that the park will serve the people for many years to come.

Cary said the project will include such sports facilities as a new soccer field with artificial turf. This soccer field will encompass over half of the sports area. They also plan to build a pavilion building to accommodate a place where park users can meet for all kinds of neighborhood events. The park will get modern restrooms and some fencing, shade shelters, and upgrades to the ally that connects to the park on Roosevelt street.

Once completed, Kiwanis Methow park will be a modern accessible facility where people can meet, exercise, visit and gather together to celebrate traditions and community identity. The Trust for Public Lands will continue to pursue more avenues for funding and promote a process that allows a sharing of ideas from residents in Wenatchee, but particularly in the neighborhoods of South Wenatchee.

Kiwanis Methow Park will continue to carry the name of Kiwanis, which will help promote and identify what Kiwanis is all about, to serve children.

A very fine program! Thank you, Tom, & Cary.

Quality programs such as this help to keep our members informed and make our gatherings first class fun

John Hook's Interclub Report

John Hook continues to do an outstanding job as our Interclub Chairman. He has however expressed to our Board of Directors that he would like to pass on the job of Interclub Chairman to another member. So, if you would like to do the inspiring job of Interclub Chair person please contact John Hook, President Doug Head or President Elect, Jerome Tuss.

NEW BOARD MEMBER ELECTED

Hugh Owen was elected to our Board of Directors to fulfill the remaining term of Jerrilea Crawford who had conflicting obligations.

Congratulations Hugh!

Thank you Jerrilea for serving on our club's Board of Directors

Baseball Ichi Robbery

ICHIRO SUZUKI turns back the clock! He's still got what it takes as he picked off Jose Ramirez's fly ball that was destined for homer status. 44 is still young enough to play "Future Hall of Fame style Baseball" at Safeco Field. Don't mess with Ichiro!

Alonso unleashes grand slam down younder

Indians first baseman Yonder Alonso is out to prove that last season was no fluke. He connected for his first home run in grand fashion the first inning of Saturday's game against the Mariners.

That is enough to make Earl Carey upset, but the game isn't over.

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