



MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER

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“Remember our Men and Women in uniform who are serving around the world to protect our freedom”.

Club's Purpose

The purpose of this association is to promote, or assist in promoting, social or civic enterprise of our locality; and to encourage and foster a home trade movement; to strengthen the business and social relations of the membership; and to promote the growth and development of our community.

“Happy St. Patrick's Day to All”

March Potluck & Business Meeting
Wednesday, March 14th, 2007 at 6:30 PM

KENMORE COMMUNITY CLUB

Please bring a potluck to share!

Arrive around 6:30 P.M.

To help set up for the potluck and a little social conversation.

Presidents Message

As we enter the 3rd month of the New Year 2007 and reflect back to the accomplishments of 2006 in both a positive and negative approach please give thought and ask yourself -

Am I as a member living up to the club's purpose?

January 2006 started with a positive based on our increased 2005 hall rentals. Our goal is to increase over the year before and that we did. We can again report that 2006 rentals exceeded 2005 and at this time if the rental trend continues in 2007 we will exceed 2006 revenues.

February 20, 21 & 22 saw the wall come down. Thanks for the time given by members of the Gospel Group, the Arts of Kenmore and the few members of the Community Club. The project started by removing the folding door and crating it for shipping, then the wall was removed, the area cleaned, trim installed and painting completed. What a positive for the club as we regained one big hall again.

The piano project, what a downer when it came to club support if it had not been for The Arts of Kenmore, 4 or 5 members of the community club we would not have upgraded the piano.

Our longtime newsletter editor, Bev. Pearson retired after 20 plus years of getting the word out to all members. She and hubby Doug who also served the club as president and board member for those 20 years were both awarded Life Membership. Thanks to Don Ivanhoe for stepping up to fill the vacancy.

The club awarded the first Honorary Membership under our new membership definitions to Plywood Supply Inc. of Kenmore. Ralph Swanson CEO of Plywood Supply has been very generous to our club and other Kenmore based non-profit organizations.

The Valentines Day Dance turned out to be the St. Patrick's Day Dance with music provided by Rusty Straw. Everyone had a good time. It is sad more members did not support the project.

The Pancake Breakfast was a success in year 2006 with only a couple short of last year's attendance. However, as with the previous year's breakfast a little more member support could certainly help out.

Even though you may not have wanted to attend either of the previous fund raiser events, as a participant or a volunteer worker, maybe in the future

some consideration might be given to the possibility of buying a ticket or two.

Club members were noting a drop in membership attendance and some said it was because of the business meeting on pot luck social night, so a motion was made and seconded to suspend business meetings except when they were needed. A discussion followed and a vote was taken to suspend the business meetings for 6 months. The vote carried. Attendance has not changed that much, even with Marty's incentive drawing. We will have to re-address this subject in the next couple of months.

In July the Kenmore non-profit clubs had the 3rd annual picnic and all who attended appeared to have a good time.

In August Standard Parking Company of California contacted us and the board executed a temporary contract for a private park-n-ride lot. Unfortunately the rider-ship did not fulfill their needs financially and after 3 months we parted ways.

The four scheduled work parties saw the same few members and sometimes nobody. Not very good when we have projects that need attention. Don't forget we do rent out our facility and if things are neglected renters are not going to return.

Hopelink contributions were kind of a disaster for Thanksgiving; thank goodness we recovered for Christmas. My hats off and a big thank you to Pat Askelson for her perseverance.

The clubs yearly rentals have continually increased from year to year. As we review the usage we find many repeat users and the continued use by the Gospel Group, plus word of mouth advertisement, have been the big factors in the increase. In looking at 2007 we are off to a good start ahead of past years in revenue and number of rents. Claudia Sakima a renter from Bothell has been our number 1 person for recommendations to other renters. Thanks Claudia.

Finally, let's not forget the loss of two members in 2006, Dave Warmuth and Frank Montgomery.

That's it in review as your president looks back, now let's look forward and make 2007 the year you get involved, be more participatory and help the club grow.

The February work party again saw the familiar faces, Ed & Kathi Straw, Marty Askelson, Annette Eaton and an extra special thank you to Sheri Baker for her extra time spent pulling the weed from the front flower beds. Good job by all.

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Managers Report

March is going to be an exceptional month, one of the highest in revenue generated and busiest for your manager.

RETIREES & MEMBERS CURRENTLY NOT WORKING DON'T FORGET THE CLUB WORK PARTY ON THE 14TH.

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Reports from Committees

Constitution Re-write Committee, work is progressing on the constitution re-write and the new by-laws. A report will be submitted to the board for review and then forwarded to the members for review and passage. Bobbie DeCoster

Audit Committee, work is nearing completion of the audit of the last several years and will be presented at the March board meeting, John Hendrickson

Pancake Breakfast Committee, Looking at a date around the second week in September. Annette Eaton

Donations for February



"The cupboard was bare"

We are grateful for the donations received throughout the year and as we are not a charitable organization for tax purposes all donations to the Kenmore Community Club are currently not tax deductible under IRS code 501 C4, however they are used to improve our facilities and operations.

Remember, the rent pays the way, so let's get out there and talk up some rentals. Pick up a brochure and give to a friend.

Happy Birthday to Those of You Born in March

Janet Benish

Kathy Miller

Jason LaTourette

John Wallace

Flo Lindstrom

Dave Baker

If we missed you please let us know so we can add you to the list

Committees

Hospitality/Sunshine – Bev Peterson

Awareness – Dennis Kroeger

Audit – John Hendrickson

Constitution/By-Laws – Bobbie DeCoster

Pancake Breakfast – Annette Eaton

Membership

Nominations

Entertainment

Manager Relations – Ed Straw & Marty Askelson