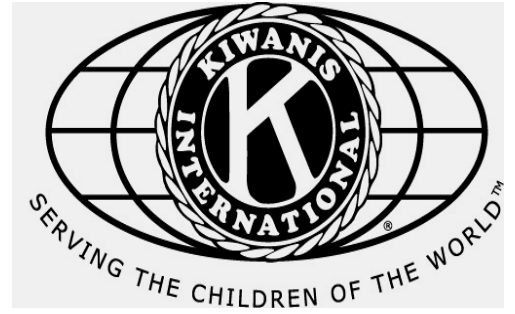


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December Programs:

Chair: Leslie Robison

- Dec 6: - Paul Sturm, Superintendent Pullman School District; "Upcoming Education Levy."
- Dec 13: - Laura Preece, VP of PRH Foundation Brd of Dir's, and Megan Guido. "Endowment for Excellence in Healthcare at Pullman Hospital."
- Dec 20: - Noel Collier, Ph.D., Education Coordinator for PRH; "Pullman Regional College."
- Dec 27: - Bill J. Druffel, Whitman Co. Senior Deputy Prosecuting Atty, "Domestic Violence; Pervasive Effect on Our Community."

Other Dates:

- Dec 1: - Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 5: - Board Meeting, Hilltop
- Dec 19: - Board Meeting, Hilltop
- Dec 25: - Merry Christmas

Basketball Home Games

- 9DEC, Portland State 5:30 PM
- 28DEC, N. Carolina A & T 7:00 PM

December Birthdays

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| William Skavdahl | Dec 6 |
| Daniel Campbell | Dec 17 |
| Robert A. Nilan | Dec 26 |
| Carl Engle | Dec 29 |
| Thomas M Lees | Dec 29 |



President's Message

by Devon Felsted

Happy Holidays, fellow Kiwanians! We just finished off our biggest fund-raiser of the year: Football Parking is over for 2007!!! Kudos to President Elect Sarah for her fine work in pulling off another great year of fun and games in the Kiwanis Football Parking world.

Thanks to all of you who put in the long hours guarding the Cougar parking lots from those unpermitted predators. Special thanks go to those of you who worked every game and/or worked double shifts.

As we print this off, our signature event is about to be held. The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. Vice President Dennis has worked hard on the breakfast this year and it should be a great success. It is the most fun event on the Kiwanian calendar. I tell everyone that the most fun I ever had as a Kiwanian was the day I got to "run the pancake breakfast." It is an amazingly well oiled machine of efficiency, fun, and holiday spirit. And, it's a great fund-raiser which helps fund all the great events and causes we support during the year. Be sure to help out in anyway you can. Special thanks go to Brenda Cox for working so hard on the Silent Auction which is a great fund-raiser in and of itself.

Which leads us to our next humongous fund-raiser: the beloved cougar Basketball Parking. Our first games are December 9th and 28th. Special thanks to Justin Rogers, Dennis McConnell, Sue Waller, and Julie Smitt for taking on the mantle of Game Captains for this season. The good thing about Basketball parking is that the shifts are only TWO hours long. If everyone signs up to park for two or three games, the basketball parking challenge will be a cakewalk. Consider it a way to help the Cougars in what looks to be shaping up as a historical season for Tony the Great and those fightin Cougs. Once again, not only does basketball bring in a lot of money, but it provides a great service to WSU and the community.

As the club decides which new projects it wants to undertake, remember the funds provided by your hard work in parking and the pancake breakfast are what will fuel the new ventures. So I want to sincerely thank all of you Kiwanians for helping out in any way you can. Please have a happy, meaningful, spiritual, and safe holiday season!

Kiwanis Brainstorming

In which projects do you most want to be involved? Vote on November 29th, 2007.

The purpose of this event is to generate ideas about service projects that will inspire member and community involvement.

Helping Children	Community Beautification	Helping Others	Fundraising	Donate \$\$ or time to existing programs
Kid's Day in the Park Fun kids activities and resource info for parents	Expand Bike trail system in Pullman – Add trails to WSU, schools	Make homes handicap accessible for those in need	Football game day breakfasts	YMCA tutoring
Develop and sponsor anti-drug workshop for teen leaders	Litter pick-up and clean up (Chipman trail, Riverwalk, Rivers, neighborhoods)	Rake leaves, shovel snow or yard care for those in need		Back to school backpacks and school supplies – Pullman Child Welfare
Bike Rodeo/Bike Safety training/ Helmets for kids (link with police dept.)	Replace Pullman banners downtown	Get wireless networks available in neighborhoods to support internet use for those who cannot afford it		PTAs have identified needs to support schools and children
Back to School Educational program – develop relationship with club in another country to learn about and support their school needs (Kisumu, Kenya??)	Identify areas in town where trees need trimming (around stop signs, signals or intersection) Work with city			Provide Picture Exchange Communication System to Kids International for kids with communication disorders in Pullman and India (see Jeff Guyett)
Reading to children	Plant trees along city streets			Buy windows for Gladish
Record children's books in audio format	Make the Kiwanis park the best park in Pullman			Thermal imaging camera for Fire Department
Build/ renovate/ replace playground equipment at day care centers	Replace/Repair street signs – identify needs			
Provide suitcases for foster children to carry their belongings when moving from one home to another	Create and install mile markers on walking trails			General Concepts Need more detail
Collect, refurbish and donate old computers to children in need	Participate in South Avenue Greenway project			Emphasize involvement with middle school -TY for pancake breakfast
Hold the BIGGEST food drive ever or a breakfast food only food drive for kids in our community				

Lincoln Middle School Students of the Month

Kiwanis Scholarship

Each month the Kiwanis Club of Pullman recognizes three outstanding students of Lincoln Middle School. October's recipients of the Kiwanis Student of the Month award were Abby Bottemiller, 6th grade; Garrett Anderson, 7th grade; and Morgaine Shannon, 8th Grade.

November Students of the Month were 6th grade: Stephanie Winchell, parents Doug/Jodi Windchell; 7th Grade: Ana Morris; parents Craig/Kay Morris; 8th grade: Vishaka Muhunthan; parents Baalasingam/Kalyani Muhunthan.

These students were selected by their peers and teachers as students who exemplify the objects of Kiwanis, which include high idealism, living the "Golden Rule", promoting high social standards and altruistic service.

They were recognized at a Kiwanis luncheon and received a T-shirt, designed by fellow student Keghouhi Bedoyan, a certificate and twenty dollars. The club requests the students donate half of their winnings to a charity of their choice.

Leslie Robison

The Pullman Kiwanis Club has a long and distinguished history of supporting projects that benefit children and college-age adults through the Circle K Club at WSU and Pullman High School Key Club. In April 2000, the Pullman Kiwanis Club established the *Pullman Kiwanis Club WSU-Pullman Scholarship*.

The market value of the scholarship has now grown to over \$40,238.38, and the total amount available for awarding is now about \$2,000 per year. Our recipients are Schyler Nichole Hect, freshman in bioengineering from Renton, WA and Alisha Maile Taniguchi, junior in nursing from Spokane, WA. Both have extensive volunteer and leadership experience, and both have either Circle K or Key Club involvement.

Thank you club members for your generous support. Lets keep moving forward with this project.

To donate to the Kiwanis Club of Pullman WSU Scholarship, please make checks payable to the WSU Foundation. Your donation is tax deductible. *For additional information, please contact Sharon Morgan.*

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Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) for Kids International Early Childhood Initiative

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) was developed in 1985 as a unique augmentative/ alternative training package that teaches children and adults with autism and other communication deficits to initiate communication. First used at the Delaware Autistic Program, PECS has received worldwide recognition for focusing on the initiation component of communication. PECS does not require complex or expensive materials. It was created with educators, resident care providers and families in mind, and so it is readily used in a variety of settings.

Diana Whitney's ideas seem simple enough: She believes every child has the right to learn, laugh and play regardless of age, race, income or developmental ability. Whitney is the founder and director of the Kerala Kids Inclusive Preschool and Early Intervention Center, in Kerala, India, a city of about 50,000 people on the country's southwestern coast. She has also recently founded Kids International Early Childhood Initiative, a US nonprofit formed as the funding base and funding source for the Indian Preschool.

Whitney calls her approach to education "reverse inclusion" --the act of introducing young children with developmental disabilities into society at a young age. Although the preschool and activities of Kids International help children and families facing developmental challenges with educational opportunities, the school and program are decidedly inclusive, with typical kids working right alongside those with disabilities. Whitney also hopes to start an internship program in which college students with interests ranging from early education inclusion to speech intervention can teach at the Kerala school to gain experience. Interns would pay to enroll and "will sustain the program."

by Jeff Guyett

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KIWANIS MISSION STATEMENT

“As a thriving organization of men, women and youth, we are dedicated to serving the children of the world and improving the quality of life worldwide. Being committed to this mission calls each of us to live by the Objects of Kiwanis.”

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EDITOR'S CORNER

by Frank Farrow

NEW WEBSITE:

I want to call your attention to our new website address for the Pullman Club. Barbara Petura has been working to update the website established by Jim Haugen. The first step was to rename the site with a name that is easier to remember. (www.pullmankiwanis.org). You can find the Bylaws, the current Officers and Board Members, check out the Upcoming Events and Activities and you can even read the Bulletin online. The website will continue to improve thanks to Barbara's efforts.

BEST THANKSGIVING EVER:

Traveled to Redmond, WA on Wednesday, ate a delicious turkey dinner on Thursday, enjoyed a Sonics game from the Microsoft box seats on Friday. Saturday it was the Nutcracker Ballet at McCaw Hall followed by watching the Cougs win the Apple Cup. On Sunday my son-in-law finished the Seattle Marathon (his first) in under five hours, then we had lunch at the Space Needle and later a great meal at Maggiano's.

As you strive to balance your holiday diet this year, always remember and never forget: “Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat.”

The deadline for articles submitted for the January Bulletin is Sunday 23DEC07. The Bulletin is published the last Thursday of each month.

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WSU Circle K also has a website: www.wsu.edu/~circlek