



Kiwanis Club of Wenatchee

(Downtown)

Meetings are Tuesday's at noon – Wenatchee Red Lion Hotel

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What Happened At This Week's Kiwanis Club Meeting

Flag Salute **John Hook**, John is no relation to Captain Hook, but he is a great Flag Salute man.

Patriotic Song Leader: **Al Smith**, *Our Man with the silver tongue & pipes too.*

Invocation & Special Words: **Dillis Ward**, Dillis does it again – an amazing man!

Guest Speakers: **Jeff Gomes**, *Mayor of the City of Cashmere.*

*Other Guests: **Tom Green**, Cashmere resident & long time Chelan County Commissioner.*

Lucky Dog Drawing Master: **Tom Irvin**, Fundraiser Dude & a man who says “Bud Light” is beer.

Lucky Dog Drawing Winner: **Steve Harvey**, (\$5) The “Open Wide” dude will now be forced into a higher tax bracket. How do I know?, “I checked with the Songsmith, CPA”

Dice Roll Game: **Martin Ruiz**. WOW - \$30 made for a VERY HAPPY day!

Happy Bucks Collected: \$ 36

Attendance: 18 members at today's meeting. Keep the member attendance rising. Everyone's attendance improves our club and the level of enjoyment.

Dates and Events to Remember

1. **October 22th: Make a Difference Day. Camp Zanika clean-up and Winterization, in preparation for a cold winter. (Lunch is on Theresa).**
2. **October 25th: Club meeting & tour of new Washington School. Be at Washington School by 11:20 because the tour will begin at 11:30 & last for about 1 hour. Lunch will be in the cafeteria at 12:30 and consist of Sandwich and Salad Bar. Price for lunch: \$10.00**
3. **November 12: Our Club will cook breakfast for between 100 & 125 folks for the United Way Opportunity Community Breakfast. Our club is paying for this food as well as preparing it. This should be a fantastic breakfast as long as we have a good egg man available to pump out some really nice scrambled eggs.**
4. **November 15th: “Good Times Luncheon” off-site meeting and fundraiser for our Children’s Christmas party. This meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church on the corner of Miller and Washington streets. The meal cost will be a donation of \$10 or more depending on what you would like to give. All proceeds will go to help defray the costs for our December Children’s Christmas party.**
5. **December 13th: Annual Children’s Christmas Party at the Red Lion. Chairman is Kyle Bruggman, our Rookie of the Year! Supervised by Ken Butte, our previous Christmas Party Chair.**
6. **December 17th: Serve Breakfast for the Wenatchee Wild Fans Season Ticketholders. Details to follow from Fundraising Dude Tom Irvin. (This is a fund raising and public service project)**

ANNOUNCEMENT

For several months I've reminded everyone on this page that our friend and Kiwanis member Ken Adam has been either hospitalized or in rehab for many months. I am again including the below information for your convenience to remember Ken and help him heal in any way you can.

Ken Adam, is mending at Colonial Vista Rehab. (Room 14) **Support Kenny!** He is improving and with additional physical therapy he will be back home and back with us at our Kiwanis meetings. "All the best to you Kenny"! KEN would love some Kiwanis VISITORS. John Reichmann visits him almost every week.

MEMBERSHIP

This membership section has gone from long to short because in order to make it work, although it isn't complicated, it does take action on our part. I strongly encourage all of us to think MEMBERSHIP to help our club maintain its member strength.

Bring a guest/prospective member to Tuesday's meeting. Our 2016-17 Goal is to bring our Membership back up to 50. If we remember to ASK we can make that goal.

Message from President, Doug Head

I wish to thank everyone in our club for signing up to participate in our upcoming projects. You folks really know how to stand up and be counted! In addition to this Saturday's Make a Difference Day Camp Zanika project, we had 8 of you signed up for the United Way Opportunity Community (families in poverty) breakfast on November 12th, plus 12 of you committed for the Wenatchee Wild Pancake Breakfast on December 17th. Another 9 members signed up for the Wenatchee Wild

50/50 fundraiser on Friday December 30th. This makes two fund raising events and a community service project and we've only just begun this new Kiwanis year. Wow, I am so proud to see the momentum and dedication that we continue to have in our great Kiwanis club! I know that some members were missing from this Tuesday's meeting who will want to sign up for these projects so I will have the sign-up sheets available again next Tuesday at our Washington Elementary School tour. It took serious effort on the part of John Reichmann to arrange this tour so I encourage every member to come to this event and see this incredible project. Thank you again my friends for showing obvious enthusiasm for keeping our club fun and strong through your participation in our projects. Doug, (The Head Man)

This Week's Program

John Reichmann, our program chairman for the month of October, introduced this week's guest speaker, Jeff Gomes, Mayor of the fine City of Cashmere. (In support of Mayor Gomes, a long time Cashmere resident, Tom Green was also with us for this meeting.

Cashmere is part of the beautiful Wenatchee Valley. The population is just slightly more than 3,000 residents, and it is known as a great place to live, and raise a family. It is truly an "All American City".

Cashmere is surrounded by the eastern foothills of the Cascade Mountains. The Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area is only about 10 miles to the West and The Peshastin Pinnacles is a historical climbing area located just a few miles west of town. Some of America's first technical climbing routes were established here by Fred Beckey and others. My son Eric is a personal friend of Fred, who is a man who has made more first ascents than any other climber. The Devil's Gulch mountain bike trail is said to be the premier downhill ride in the state of Washington, and is located just south of town. My son and daughter-in-law, who are from Kirkland, often come to Cashmere and ride this fantastic mountain bike ride. According to Mayor Gomes, this ride attracts thousands of mountain bikers from Seattle and elsewhere every year. The Wenatchee river is a very popular whitewater destination and creates the NW border of the city. This river provides challenging rapids for rafters as well as kayakers, especially during Spring runoff.

Cashmere has a rich history of tree fruit production and is the home of several unique and extra special businesses. Some of those business are: Crunch Pak, America's #1 Sliced Apple production company. Bethlehem Construction, Inc specializing in pre-cast

and pre-stressed concrete projects, as well as other specialized construction. (This company was the contractor that supplied those large concrete supports for the Seattle Light Rail construction.) Liberty Orchards, (Aplets & Cotlets Co) is a world-wide distributor of fine unique and specialty candies.

Cashmere is a city noted for having some of the finest schools anywhere. Their athletic programs always have some of the finest teams in this State. The people of Cashmere have pride in their city. This is quite evident by the way they consistently pass bonds for their schools and upgrading infrastructure such as their waste water treatment plant.

Last year the 9/11 Spirit of America memorial was built in Cashmere. The Vancouver Washington Spirit of American Foundation is responsible for the construction of this incredible memorial right next to the Wenatchee River in downtown Cashmere.

The City of Cashmere, Washington is the home to one of the world's finest Kiwanis Clubs, Wacoka Kiwanis Club of Cashmere.

Wenatchee is obviously proud to be the neighbor of the City of Cashmere. Mayor Gomes beamed with pride as he told us all about this great city.

John Reichmann has brought us outstanding programs every week of October. Thank you John for bringing Mayor Gomes from Cashmere, Washington.

John Reichmann's Final October Program

October 25th: Keith Collins, Principal at Washington Elementary School will provide us with a tour of the new Washington Elementary building. The tour will begin at 11:30 PM and lunch will be served at 12:30 PM in the school cafeteria. (Inter-clubs, please come and share this special Washington Elementary school tour with us.)

"Earl Carey's Corner"

Knock Knock - Who's there? - Boo - Boo Who? Don't cry it's only one of Earl's best Knock Knock Jokes.

Change how you See Life

Changing your attitude is really changing the way you see things. To begin the change, you must start looking for the good in every situation, rather than the negative. The wisdom here is "looking for the good in every situation". And yes, sometimes you may have to look hard to see the good, but believe me, it is there, you just have to keep looking. Once you find it, then focus on it, keep it in the forefront of your thoughts.

Attitude Determines Everything

When I was in business I had this saying posted on the wall for everyone to read.

"The only DISABILITY is a Bad Attitude"

We all know people with all kinds of physical and financial problems that overcome those troubles every day because they do not have a "Bad Attitude". Stay POSITIVE and keep on sharing your life with positive people like those fine folks in our Kiwanis Club. Often Times, it is not easy, but it works.

Al Smith's Thoughts

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

Eat a live toad in the morning and nothing worse will happen to you for the rest of the day.

Melody says, "Please remember to pay your 2016-2017 Kiwanis Dues"
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