



### Our clubhouse

Kiwanis members meet at historic Gibson Hall, 105 Newport Way SW (across from the salmon hatchery). Once a picnic shelter, the building was enclosed and finished by club members in 1949. Now owned by the City of Issaquah, Gibson Hall is lovingly maintained by the Kiwanis Club. Community members may rent Gibson Hall for weddings, meetings, family reunions, church services and more. To learn more about renting Gibson Hall, go to our website, [www.issaquahkiwanis.org](http://www.issaquahkiwanis.org).

### Our club history

Kiwanis Club of Issaquah was chartered in October 1929, at the height of the Great Depression, which created a tremendous need for human services in Issaquah.

The new Kiwanis club became a nexus for helping hands. Members organized free dental clinics and food and clothing drives. When World War II came, the club collected scrap metal. Later, polio vaccinations were encouraged. Starting long ago, Kiwanis has supported young people through college scholarships and organizations like Boy and Girl Scouts.

In the last few decades, Kiwanians supported an all-access playfield at Lake Sammamish State Park; funded the stage at The Garage, A Teen Café, joined forces with other service clubs to financially support rebuilding of a Mississippi city after Hurricane Katrina; and supported a work training facility for adults with disabilities.

The Issaquah Club has also sponsored the charters of three other Kiwanis clubs in the area, all working hard to better the lives of youths and families in their communities.

### How do I become a member?

We always welcome new faces! Please join us at a Wednesday lunch meeting, either in person or online. For a link to the online meeting, contact [president@issaquahkiwanis.org](mailto:president@issaquahkiwanis.org), or join us in person at Gibson Hall. Let the president know you are interested in learning more. You will be introduced to a member who can guide you, introduce you to others and answer your questions.

Guests must attend at least three meetings to be sure Kiwanis is a good fit for them. You will fill out an application that must be approved by the Board of Directors before your induction is scheduled. Annual dues for new members are pro-rated by Kiwanis International. The Club treasurer will contact you with the exact amount. Members are charged annual dues of \$150, payable in September. We do offer full or partial scholarships upon confidential request to the club treasurer.



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### What is Kiwanis?

Kiwanis is an international organization of like-minded citizens who care about their communities. Our focus is on children, youths and their families. Issaquah Kiwanis embraces this mission by identifying needs in the community and striving to ensure that local children have the health and tools they need to become all they can be.

Our club raises funds to support other organizations caring for kids. Kiwanis helped initiate Tools4Schools that provides backpacks and school supplies to those in need. We offer scholarships for swimming lessons, after-school activities, enrichment opportunities, leadership workshops and academic excellence. We supply nutrition bars for hungry students, hospital dolls for sick children and bicycle helmets for safety. During the pandemic, we focused on basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing for children and families most impacted by sudden unemployment.

### Making a difference in Issaquah

The work of Kiwanis Club of Issaquah does not stop with children. We cook and serve free dinners at the Issaquah Meals Program. Our club sponsors many activities to preserve and enhance Issaquah's beautiful environment, we provide holiday gifts for senior citizens, and present gift baskets of household goods to new residents at Passage Point, a transitional housing complex for previously incarcerated individuals and their families.

A recent project funded the design and permitting of a new all-access playground at Lake Sammamish State Park. The design became the impetus for state and community funding of the \$1.15 million playground, opened in 2016.

Another project funded the stage at The Garage, A Teen Café. Located in central Issaquah, The Garage offers a safe place for teens to hang out after school.



Issaquah Kiwanis also contributes to Kiwanis International world service projects which helped eliminate iodine deficiency disorders and maternal and neonatal tetanus, saving hundreds of thousands of lives per year in developing countries.

### It takes hard work

Making a difference takes hard work, and that means fundraising. But we have fun doing it! Kiwanis is known for its world-famous salmon barbeque, held during October Salmon Days. During the summer, you'll find Kiwanis members cooking burgers and hot dogs at every Concert on the Green. Our spring fundraiser is Boots, Barrels and Brews, a downhome social event featuring a western band and line dancers. Car wash tickets, auctions, and Flags on Front Street are among some of our other fund raisers.



### Our sponsored affiliate clubs

Issaquah Kiwanis is very proud to sponsor service clubs at Issaquah High and Liberty High in partnership with the Issaquah School District. Through Key Clubs and middle school Builders Clubs, students develop leadership skills and learn the value of community service.

Issaquah Kiwanis also sponsors Aktion Club of Salmon Country, a service-minded club for adults with disabilities, in partnership with AtWork!