

## Be a Part of the *Kiwanis Team*

The Issaquah Kiwanis Club is a snap shot of our community, with members from all walks of life and at every step of the career ladder. But we are unified in our belief that children and their communities benefit from the efforts of a proficient group of caring and involved volunteers. *Does that describe you?*

Please accept our invitation to join us for lunch. Any Wednesday you can find us gathering at Gibson Hall at noon for an hour of friendship, laughter, information and work related to our many interests in making Issaquah a better place to live.

***We always welcome new faces! Come and see how much fun and how rewarding it can be to be a member of Issaquah Kiwanis.***

## *Our Club House*

**Gibson Hall** is located at 105 Newport Way SW facing the fish hatchery. Local Kiwanians built Gibson Hall in 1949. Now owned by the City, but leased and maintained by our Kiwanis Club, it serves as the location for our regular Wednesday noon meetings and is available for rental.



## *Our History*

The Kiwanis Club of Issaquah was chartered October, 1929 when a cadre of Kiwanians from Seattle's University Club made the trek around Lake Washington to form a new club. The timing was fortunate because of the stock market crash and the Great Depression following shortly, creating a tremendous need for human service in Issaquah's small community. The Issaquah Kiwanis Club became a nexus for helping hands. Free dental clinics, food and clothing drives were organized. Whenever a community need arose, Kiwanis was there to meet it.

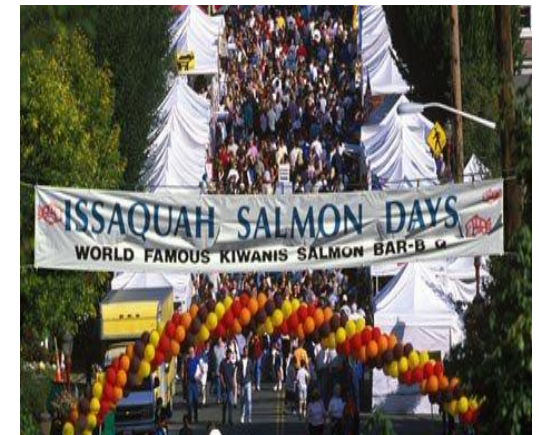


In the years since our founding, we've sponsored other Kiwanis Clubs, built a club house, starting putting on a salmon barbecue that eventually evolved into Issaquah's Salmon Days and have generally been there for the people of Issaquah with every kind of public service imaginable. Our members love working together to help wherever we can in the community. We're proud of our history and service and look forward to continuing it.

## *Kiwanis Club of Issaquah*



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**Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.**

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## ***Making an Impact***

The Kiwanis Club of Issaquah views its role in the community as a great responsibility. The money raised from our annual auction, the world famous Kiwanis salmon barbecue, and Concerts on the Green concessions and sponsorships allows us to support nearly 40 organizations and provide scholarships to deserving students.



Since our membership is so diversified, we have been able to provide volunteers and support for a multitude of needs in the community: helping children learn how to read and succeed in school; providing school supplies, back packs and Christmas gifts for needy children throughout the school district; helping the elderly; providing adults living with disabilities who need supported employment and recreation; assisting needy families and individuals through the Issaquah Food Bank, Issaquah Community Services and other programs; providing camperships for youth and encouraging the development of good citizenship through the support of leadership programs such as Girl's State and Scouting;

making music, theatre and the arts available to our community; and improving and sustaining our beautiful rivers and creeks, forests and wildlife.



Young Children Priority One is a continuing program supported by Kiwanis International and thousands of clubs around the world. Clubs identify the greatest needs of young children in their communities and develop projects to meet them. Some of the organizations that our Issaquah Club actively supports are Eastside Baby Corner, Encompass, Head Start, Children's Hospital and Kinderling Center.

## **Kiwanis Service Leadership**

Kiwanis also plays a special role in developing future generations of leaders through Key Clubs at Issaquah and Liberty High Schools, the Builders club at Pacific Cascade Middle School and our Salmon Country AKtion Club serving adults living with disabilities. Kiwanis sponsored Service Leadership Organizations provide opportunities to perform community service and develop leadership skills.



## ***World Service Projects***

The Kiwanis family has joined forces with UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 babies each year. Together, Kiwanis and UNICEF have achieved one of the most significant public health successes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in the eradication of iodine deficiency disorders. Now, they are tackling this project that will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care.