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**We now meet at: Lynnwood Fire Department, 18800 44th Ave W. Lynnwood
Thursday at 7:00 AM**

President Baker Demands One Final Newsletter from 2004 - 05 Editor!!

Ok so I said last issue was my last. For one last day (as I write this) President John Baker out ranks me and said I had to do one last issue. Since it is still my year as editor and his as president I have to obey him. Cindy is on vacation and we have not gotten together to turn over the duties.

Installation Banquet a Big Success! I will start with the September 23 banquet since it was probably my favorite night of the past year. A fine crowd, considering our club size, was on hand at the Embassy Suites. President John and First Lady Louise hosted the social hour for which we are all most grateful. The food was great, the fellowship abundant and, like all events organized by Mr. Baker, the agenda was well planned and executed. Outgoing Lt. Governor Marybeth O'Leary and her husband Peter were our guests. Certificates of appreciation were presented to each of us and perfect attendance pins went to those who earned them. John and Keith exchanged Past President Plaques, since it seems that Keith never got one last year. John gave an eloquent speech thanking us all for the great year and Keith, as usual, kept it low key as he challenged us to step up for the year ahead. Mr. Buz Eddy was announced as this year's Kiwanian of the Year and congratulated for his outstanding job of bringing us informative programs week after week and for his fine painting skills. I would be lying if I did not say that my favorite part of the evening was the surprise presenting of a Hixson award to yours truly. I am humbled by the honor and touched to be joining the list of Hixson recipients which includes Byron Gourley, Charlie Murray, Bob Olsen and, as I learned along with you at the meeting on September 29, Mr. Bill Vincent. I will wear my medal with pride.



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Kiwanis International Foundation Katrina Disaster Relief Fundraiser

Continuing on with a great Kiwanis weekend, many of our members and a couple of spouses joined up with teachers, students and families of Maplewood K-8 School to host a "Taste" of New Orleans fundraising event on Saturday, September 24. Sheryl Ramm, former Lynnwood Kiwanis member and a teacher at Maplewood, proposed the idea of providing a New Orleans meal to folks in the community and asking for cash donations for Hurricane Katrina relief. She knew that Kiwanis International would be at work helping folks whose lives were devastated by the hurricane. After a conversation with her father (me) proposing the plan, it was agreed we would seek the ok from the school and from Kiwanis to move forward quickly with the event. All parties were agreeable and the event turned from a dream to a reality as folks stepped forward to donate food and to help with set up, cooking, serving, clean up, and all the efforts needed to make it a success. The grandparents of one 8th grade student had lived many years in Louisiana and immediately made calls to find a supplier of red beans and rice that was not under water. They came up with the source and cooked enough to serve about 350 people. They made 400 pralines and the mother of the 8th grader cooked up 10 pecan pies. That is just one story of people stepping up to make the event a success. Sheryl spent most of her Friday shopping for supplies needed to make a great jambalaya. Others made pies, bought bread, plates and other needed items, at their own expense. One Maplewood teacher challenged his class to donate and said he would match all donations made by students and family members of his class. He not only matched the funds raised but his father then matched his donation as well. Two of our Lynnwood High School Key Club members were on hand making promotional signs in the morning and two more were there for clean up in the evening. The pictures in this issue show you who was on hand but does not show all the Kiwanis members who made cash donations as well. Maplewood provided much of the crowd but a brief article in the Enterprise and attendance by a few Kiwanians and their families helped the numbers as well. We can certainly be proud of the over \$1500 raised by our membership out of the fantastic total of \$4,662 raised in all. There were no expense vouchers submitted so every dollar donated went straight to the Foundation. A check for \$4662 has been sent to Kiwanis International Foundation Katrina Disaster Relief Fund. Great job and thanks to ALL!

Bakers Reign Ends!

The Thursday meeting, September 29, marked the end of a great year at the podium for Mr. Baker. Always full of surprises, the highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Hixson award to Mr. William Alfred Vincent. Bill was unable to be at the banquet so was honored at our meeting. I am sure he was as surprised and thrilled as I was a couple of days earlier. Congratulations to our past President and past Lt. Governor and long time member Bill. Bill and Kim Darby received certificates highlighting their contributions for the year. I made a special presentation to John of the \$4662 raised from the event covered above. We sang a lovely Happy Birthday to 70 year old Ralph Baggerly and then another to 83 year old Jay Rust. Keith reported on our efforts to begin a Builders Club at Alderwood Middle School. Keith, John and Larry were to attend a special kickoff dinner at the school and set up a table promoting Builders Club and our own Kiwanis. Our program was presented by Ann Cassidy, Executive Director of Edmonds Community College Foundation. The Foundation helps the college prepare our community for the challenges of tomorrow with scholarships, support for the college and its faculty and staff and advocacy for the college and its mission.

Looking Ahead

October 12 Division Council Meeting at Edmonds Seniors

Well, once again, it has been great and I think this is my last issue so good luck Cindy.

Your Editor

Larry