



## Our clubhouse

Kiwanis meets at historic Gibson Hall, 105 Newport Way SW (across from the salmon hatchery.) Once a picnic shelter, club members enclosed the and finished the building in 1949. Now owned by the City of Issaquah, Kiwanis leases and maintains the building. It is available for the community to rent for weddings, meetings, family reunions, church services and more.

## Our club history

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

The new Kiwanis club became a nexus for helping hands. Free dental clinics, and food and clothing drives were organized. When wartimes came, the club collected scrap metal. Later, polio vaccinations were encouraged.

In the last few decades, members initiated the Issaquah Public Market; started the annual town clean-up; joined forces with other service clubs to financially support rebuilding of a Mississippi city after Hurricane Katrina; supported a work training facility for disabled adults.

The Issaquah Club has also sponsored the charters of three other Kiwanis club in the area, all working to better the lives of the community.

## How do I learn more about becoming a member?

We always welcome new faces! Please join us at a weekly lunch meeting. Let the club president know you are a visitor interested in learning more. He/she will ask someone to take you under their wing, introduce you to others and answer your questions.

Be our guest. No charge for your first lunch. At subsequent meetings, the cost is \$11 for the optional lunch.

New members must attend at least three meetings to be sure Kiwanis is a good fit for them. Your application must be approved by the Board of Directors before your induction is scheduled. Annual dues are \$80 for first year members, and \$150 thereafter.

Family members of a Kiwanian can join at the reduced rate of \$66/year.



# Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>

## CLUB OF ISSAQUAH

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one child and one community at a time*

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## What is Kiwanis?

Kiwanis is an international organization of like-minded citizens who care about their communities. The primary focus is on young children and their families. Kiwanis Club of Issaquah 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 works hard to raise 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.

## 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. We host an annual Coat & Shoe Drive to restock the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. We support environmental education programs at the fish hatchery, provide holiday gifts for senior citizens, and present gift baskets of household goods to new residents at Passage Point. We sponsor blood drives, provide grants for nursing home equipment and sleeping mats for homeless shelters.

One of our most recent achievements was funding 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.



## It takes hard work

Making a difference takes hard work, and that means fund raising. But we have fun doing it! Kiwanis is known for its world-famous salmon barbeque, held during Salmon Days every fall. During the summer, you'll find Kiwanis members cooking burgers and hot dogs at every Concert on the Green. We put up American flags on behalf of merchants in the downtown

core on holidays and election days. Car wash tickets, auctions, and tent rentals are among some of our other fund raisers.



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## Global initiatives

Kiwanis Club of Issaquah works alongside Kiwanis International on world service projects. Recently, Kiwanis clubs around the world helped eliminate iodine deficiency disorders. In the last few years, Kiwanis joined forces with UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, a deadly disease that steals the lives of nearly 60,000 babies each year.

## Our sponsored affiliate clubs

- Key Club — a high school service club, active at both Issaquah and Liberty High Schools
- Builders Club — a middle school service club, active at Maywood and Pacific Cascade schools.
- Aktion Club — a service-minded club for adults with disabilities.