

## Our sponsored affiliate clubs

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

Through our merger with the Kiwanis Club of Sammamish, we now sponsor eight Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Issaquah Kiwanis also sponsors Aktion Club of Salmon Country, a service-minded club for adults with disabilities, in partnership with AtWork! Aktion Club members participate in Concerts on the Green, the Salmon Days BBQ and the annual Club holiday party.

## 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. The new Kiwanis Club became a nexus for helping hands. Members organized free dental clinics and food drives. During World War II, the Club collected scrap metal. In the 1950's, we encouraged polio vaccinations. Today, we help families still effected by the COVID pandemic. Recently, we merged with Kiwanis Club of Sammamish, extending our service area north to the Pine Lake Plateau. The needs of our community have grown and changed, but Kiwanis has always been there, ready to help.

## How do I become a member?

We always welcome new members! Please join us any Wednesday at noon, either in person or online. Currently, in-person meetings are held at Gibson Hall, 150 Newport Way SW in downtown Issaquah, across from the Issaquah Fish Hatchery. Gibson Hall may soon be remodeled, so email [president@issaquahkiwanis.org](mailto:president@issaquahkiwanis.org) to confirm the meeting location. For an online meeting link, please contact [president@issaquahkiwanis.org](mailto:president@issaquahkiwanis.org).

To join the Club, guests must attend at least three meetings to be sure Kiwanis is a good fit. You will complete an application that must be approved by the Board of Directors before your induction is scheduled. Members are charged annual dues of \$200, payable in October. Annual dues for new members are prorated by Kiwanis International. The Club treasurer will contact you with the exact amount. We do offer full or partial scholarships upon confidential request to the club treasurer.



Issaquah High Key Club



*"Dedicated to changing the world  
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. In Issaquah, we focus on supporting children, youths and their families. Issaquah Kiwanis embraces this mission by identifying community needs and striving to ensure that local children have the right tools to grow and succeed.

Our club also raises funds to support other organizations caring for kids, such as the Schools Foundation's Tools4Schools program, providing backpacks and school supplies for students in need; Issaquah Community Services, providing rental assistance and other help for families facing eviction; or KidVantage, providing diapers, formula, cribs and bedding for babies and toddlers. Four times a year, we prepare and serve free dinners at the Issaquah Meals Program for families and children experiencing homelessness.

## Making a difference in Issaquah

Our work doesn't stop with children. The Club participates in activities that enhance Issaquah's parks, streams and forests. Each year, we produce the only local televised Candidates Forum for the fall election, in partnership with the City of Issaquah and the Association of University Women. The Kiwanis Club of Issaquah funded the design and permitting of an all-access playground at Lake Sammamish State Park. The design led to 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. On average, about 100 students per day visit the Garage to meet friends, play games, finish homework, enjoy free snacks, and access free behavioral health services.



## Putting the “fun” in fundraising

Kiwanis Club of Issaquah hosts three major fundraisers:

- Boots Barrels and Brews, held in early spring, is a western dance social that brings hundreds of people to “a good time for a good cause.”
- Our hotdog and hamburger stand, in partnership with the City of Issaquah's Concerts on the Green, has been a summertime treat for over 20 years. Sun, grass, hotdogs and rock-n-roll, yeah!
- The granddaddy of them all, our Salmon Days BBQ, has been held for 55 years at Gibson Park next to Gibson Hall during Issaquah's famous Salmon Days Festival. An army of volunteers serve thousands of delicious salmon meals to hungry Salmon Days attendees. Generations of regional attendees return year after year for the food — and the memories. And, you can't leave the BBQ without the Issaquah Kiwanis Famous Salmon Secret Spice. Sold in special tins all year round, the spice that makes the salmon great is another regular Club fundraiser.



The stage at the Garage