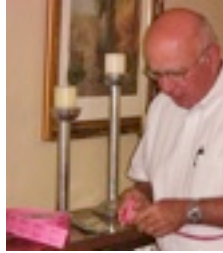


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Last Week



George, the ticket man

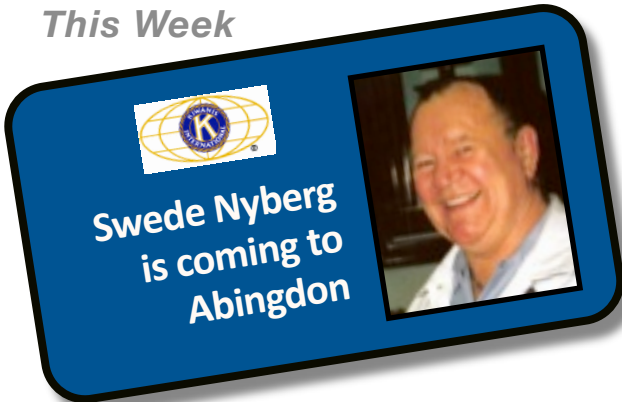


Dave & his guest won!



Jack has his book signed

This Week



One of the best club revitalization and growth people we know in Kiwanis will present our program.

We need to do a better job of attracting and retaining members, and Swede will share some of his time-tested methods.

Swede joined his first Kiwanis club in Texas and now lives in his hometown of Astoria, Oregon. He comes to us directly from the Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville to present his classic program:

“Make Your Club the Club of Choice”

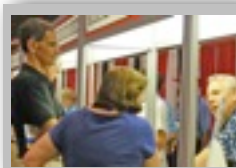
This program has been given all over the Pacific Northwest District, but this is Swede’s first visit to our District.

This man truly walks the walk, having helped his first Kiwanis club grow from 18 to 84 members. Retiring to Astoria, he found a club literally on its deathbed. Today it has 45 members, a Key Club, Builders Club, and is alive.

This remarkable Kiwanian has personally recruited almost 250 new club members. Learn how he has helped dozens of clubs revitalize and grow so they can perform greater service to children and their communities.

NASHVILLE

Kiwanians worldwide gathered in Music City last week. We sent our President-Elect, and this is his report.



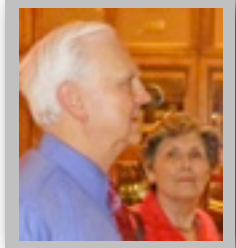
Registration & Meetings



Lunch with new KI Pres. Paul Palazzolo



Delegates Vote for New Leaders



Our District's Jerry Peuler Won Election to the KI Board

It was a great time, great training sessions and, of course, great people. But what was relevant to our club in Abingdon?

- We plan to form a Club Satellite and they were the talk of the convention. Some called them the most exciting new thing Kiwanis has introduced in years. We are definitely on the cutting edge with this.
- Everyone was talking about the service projects their clubs were doing, while little was said about fund raising. People today want to get involved – with kids and their communities – while younger members and prospects tell us they want to *meet less and do more*. In fact, CEO Rob Parker used those exact words at one of the large delegate sessions.
- Technology will play an increasing role in running Kiwanis and its clubs.

This convention was the first with automated voting. Delegates were given hand-held devices like remote controls that were used to cast votes in the arena. The screen showed numbered choices and you clicked the numbered button for your

choice. Within 60 seconds the totals were displayed on the screen. Slick!

- My overall impression was of a vibrant and increasingly relevant organization with a clear mission and great people.
- Plan now: The 2010 meet will be in Las Vegas and 2011 in Geneva, Switzerland.

– Jack White, President-Elect

Last Week Attendance was down: Just **30 members** and **5 guests** heard the excellent program by **Rebecca Pepin**.

Membership Secretary **Carol Brunty** says the club began this year with **74 members** and now has **70 members**. However, a new member application was received.