

KIWANIS MINUTES (BUSINESS) – May 5, 2010 – submitted by Loraine Martinez /
Attendance: 12 Kiwanians; 2 Eastlake Key Club, 2 Skyline Key Club; 1 Guest (Kent);

Kiwanis Calendar:

May 12th - MEETING: 7 – 8 AM (Business) - Breakfast: Chip

May 19th - MEETING: 7 – 8 AM Speaker: Randy Hutson, Amer. Red Cross - Breakfast: Loraine
May 19th – Monthly DIV.28 MEETING: (6:30) 7 – 8 PM @ Gibson Hall in Issaquah

May 26th - MEETING: 7 – 8 AM Speaker: TBA - Breakfast: Dean

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June 2nd - MEETING: 7 – 8 AM Speaker: TBA - Breakfast: Nicky

Key Club's Corner:

Eastlake Key Club working with ARAS, Postal Workers Food Drive, Habitat
Skyline Key Club working with Mountain to Sound, Postal Workers Food Drive

Old Business:

Issaquah Parks and Recreation Middle School Dance - Net \$413.50

New Business:

> ARAS Foundation needs donations & volunteers for **Bikes For Africa Drive** set for May 15th at the City. Please help by mouth and muscle---come break bikes down for transporting. Contact: Mary Trask; mary@arasfoundation.org

> The **Bi-weekly Summer Schedule** starting the end of June is posted on our website calendar. (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in July & August)

- The **Summer Ice Cream Sales** events are shaping up. Key Club will have their own cart on **July 4th City Celebration**. Please let Warren know if you can help.
- One Summer Night Park Performances in August [5th; 12th; or 19th] we want to have a **Kiwanis picnic social** while we work the ice cream stand---looking for a chairperson.
- There was a proposal to consider adding The Snowman Foundation to our 2011 budget's annual support commitment in the form of Ten Grand concert tickets. These tickets could then be raffled or awarded to members to enjoy. To be discussed.

- June 4 Issaquah Parks and Recreation Dance – Kathy and Warren to work the event
- Sammamish Farmers Market to begin Wednesday, May 19th
- Scholarship Deadline was April 30th. Received one application (from Miles)

Speaker: **Harry Terhanian, Director, Vedic Cultural Center in Sammamish**

Harry is the Director of the Vedic Cultural Center (VCC) of Sammamish. He moved to the Eastside in 1991. During the last 19 years he has attracted a large community of Eastside Hindus, who have built a new cultural and spiritual meeting place that is the hub of the India-American community. The VCC is open to all people to experience the various traditions of India's ancient culture.

Harry graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968. He traveled and studied language, cultures and traditions in Europe, the Middle East and India. He met His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), in 1971 and became trained as a Brahmin priest. Harry opened the first temple in Paris, France of ISKCON. During the period of 1979 to 1987, Harry helped develop the dynamic growth of ISKCON in France. He organized the translation of many authentic Vedic texts into Arabic, Turkish, Armenian, Urdu and Farsi and financed the publication and distribution of these books throughout the Middle East. He also financed the publication of Vedic texts in Swahili and Bengali.

Harry is married and has 6 children and 6 grandchildren. He is the owner and CEO of Uncle Harry's Natural Products which manufactures and distributes health and beauty products throughout the USA to Health Food stores and over the internet. Beside his business activities, Harry manages the VCC and oversees other centers in Portland, San Francisco, and Vancouver, Canada. He is one of the thirty members of the Governing Body of ISKCON international. Harry founded "My Sweet Lord," a free vegetarian restaurant that serves wholesome hot meals five days a week at its location in the U-district of Seattle. He opened the free restaurant in 2002. He has published many articles and lectures frequently at the VCC and other venues as a guest speaker.

A premium is put on educational and cultural activities that are beneficial for the individual and society. The Vedic Cultural Center offers many free (or voluntary donation) courses on language, music, dance, arts and crafts, drama, communication skills, philosophy, children's programs, seniors programs and yoga. The center also provides extensive free food distribution through the Food for Life program.

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