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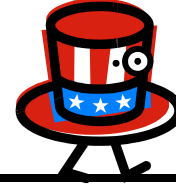
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Meets 12:00 p.m.
Thursday
Eagles Club Eugene

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Future Programs

- 7/13/06** Invocation: Lee Wahlstrom Host: Don Lown
All About the Eagles - Jim Rose, Board President
- 7/20/06** Invocation: Bob Sabin Host: Dick Basic
Northwest Christian College - David Wilson, Pres.
- 7/27/06** Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Don Lown
Campfire - Camp Wilani - Barbara Utt, Director
- 8/3/06** Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Don Lown
Biking the World - Curt and Cathy Bradner
- 8/10/06** Invocation: Steve Goulart Host: Don Lown
TBA

President's Corner Jason Steele

I want to be the first to say Happy Birthday to our club this month. We are celebrating our 52nd birthday on the 17th of this month once again. For the last 52 years this club has been involved in so many projects that have helped our community. Many of these projects were before my time with the club, however I have heard of so many of these projects, programs and events from some of the senior members in the club. I am proud to be a new member of such a great tradition. I know as someone that has started something new before in life, that it is the goal of any founder to keep their project going in the future on an ongoing basis as long as possible over the years. I know the founding group of the Emerald Empire were an adventurous and pioneering group. They must of had a lot of tenacity and accountability to want to start something new that was probably at the time a little controversial with the new club wanting its own identity. If they knew now that their efforts would pay off for 52 years of ongoing service in helping people around the world, I know that any of their apprehensions would be put at ease. I hope that this club is still here in 52 more years serving our community, and it will be with members like us building for its future. This is a great club and I wish you a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming Events

- July 13 Member Birthday and Club Birthday celebration.
- July 13 Division Council meeting @ Kowloon's Restaurant, Roseburg. 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting.

- July 17 Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club 52nd Birthday.
- July 17 Soup Kitchen, 2 p.m., 280 W 8th.
- July 18 Membership Committee meeting, 12 p.m. @ County Parks office, Armitage Park.
- Aug. 1 Stamp and mail Berry Claim Checks, 9: a.m.
- Aug. 3 YCPO Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Aug. 4 Community Service committee meeting @ Countryside Pizza and Grill on River Road, 7:30 a.m.
- Aug. 5 Highway cleanup, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. W. 11th and Beltline Rd.
- Aug. 10 Member Birthday Celebration.
- Aug. 10 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Aug. 10 Division Council Meeting, Fish Hatchery Oakridge. Barbeque 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14 EEK Board Meeting, 12:00 p.m., @ Eagles.
- Aug. 17 - Aug. 20 District Convention @ Lincoln City.
- Aug. 24 Berry Delivery, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 24 Berry Delivery party, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 26 Berry Delivery late delivery @ Food for Lane County, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.
- Sept. 7 Club Picnic @ Armitage Park 5:30 p.m.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Members' Birthdays

Bill Pottker	7/1	Gerry Keener	7/4
George Matheson	7/11	Don Lown	7/14
Bob Sabin	7/28	Fred Towne	7/29

Spouses' Birthday

Eleanor Cone	7/8	Nancy Johnson	7/20
Vickie Goulart	7/26		

Member Anniversaries

Leo & Stephanie Steele	7/14/1968
Estley & Alicia Schick	7/4/1981

International Convention Highlights

- Nelson Tucker from Chatsworth, California was elected International President.
- Lori Bryant, incoming Governor, reported it was a wonderful convention with even the delegate sessions fun. Positive changes were; shorter sessions, more entertainment, less speeches and NO parades of the Heads.
- The following By-laws amendments were passed.
 - Changed the Board of Trustees office of Vice President/Treasurer to Vice President. The plan is to hire an outside advisor to take over the duties of Treasurer. The Vice President will report to the Board the financial condition of Kiwanis International.
 - Broadened the persons covered by policy on conduct unbecoming a member from just the Board of Trustees to all Kiwanis International officers.
 - Added a section that relieved clubs of its obligation to pay International dues for 1 year if they increase club membership by 25%.
 - On January 6, 2006 the International Council made minor wording changes in Article VI of the By-laws to clarify the wording on: the minimum number of club meetings need to be held per month, how to transact business by remote methods, minimum and maximum number of members on a committee and the wording on dates and locations of Conventions.

Board Meeting Notes

On July 10th the EEK Board meet and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed the Treasurer's report: Project fund, \$106,016.02; Project fund, \$5,252.67; Lunch fund, \$41.00. The Project fund balance does not reflect the costs of the berries or fully reflect the club costs associated with the sale. Since June 30, the closing date of the Treasurer's report, Hugh has paid Oregon Fruit \$47,378 for the fresh strawberries. The cost of the fresh strawberries was \$.93 per pound for 15 pound buckets and \$.90 per pound for 30 pound buckets. Costs in 2005 were \$.95 per pound for 15 pound buckets and \$.90 per pound for 30 pound buckets.
- Discussed the proposed amendment to the District By-Laws to impose a \$50 assessment on clubs to help pay for the District Convention. See separate article for a discussion on this subject.

- Approved leave of absences for Carl Ihle from July 10 to August 11 and for Carolyn Hult from June 11 to September 30.
- Learned that the Adopt-a-Highway clean-up will be August 5th and that the Club picnic will be September 7th.
- Jason and the House Committee were directed to look into obtaining an adequate microphone for the speaker system and possibly a cordless one. A few weeks ago the one for our speaker system disappeared.

District By-laws Changes

The purpose of the District convention is to conduct necessary District business, including election of new leadership, conduct necessary training and discuss and act upon changes in governance and By-laws. A good Convention also needs to promote fellowship and exchange of ideas between Kiwanians and clubs. The bottom line is that Convention is a fixed cost. The costs of the District Conventions are covered by fees paid by convention attendees. Even though all clubs are expected to send delegates to the convention, not all do. In order to provide more stable funding for the convention and encourage clubs to send delegates, the 2005 delegates directed the District Secretary & Treasurer to present to the 2006 District Convention an amendment to the District By-laws to institute a club assessment of \$50 to help cover convention expenses but the money would be refunded if a club sent a delegate to the convention. Details are on the PNW District web site.

The proposed By-law change being presented at the 2006 Convention does not contain the assessment refund incentive if a club sends a delegate.

The EEK Board feels that the proposed By-law change does not reflect the intent of the Administrative resolution passed by the 2005 delegate assembly. In its present form, it is just an increase in District dues to help cover convention expenses, with no incentive to get more clubs to send delegates to the convention. **The Board therefore passed a resolution to instruct the club delegates to oppose the proposed amendment unless a refund incentive clause is included.** Mel Mead suggested the assessment refund be returned to the club and not go directly to reduce delegate registration costs since it is the clubs that are assessed. It would then be up to the club to decide if it wanted to help delegates with their registration costs.

Service projects

We all know that there are more needs in the community than we can cover with the time and money that we have. A new year will be on us before long and it is not too early to be thinking about what we really want to spend our time and money on. We have a very successful fund raising project and want to make the best use of our money. In the next couple of months, look around the community and see if you can find some new and exciting "hands on" projects for us to do.