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Future Programs

1/12/12 Invocation: Tom Stocks Host: Don Lown
Greeter: Joe Murray

Program: Middle East Events – Fred Ferdowsian

1/19/12 Invocation: Jim Osborne Host: Carl Ihle
Greeter: Barbra Utt

Program: Meet Maxine Proskurowski

1/26/12 Invocation: Joe Murray Host: Don Lown
Greeter: Earl Koenig

Program: A Way of Thinking – Tom Talaba

2/2/12 Invocation: Jim Osborne Host: Don Lown
Greeter: Helen Baxter

Program: Heritage Photography Leaves a Legacy Worth More Than a Thousand Words – Mary Harsch, World Traveler and Photographer

2/9/12 Invocation: Brooks Durham Host: Don Lown
Greeter: Frank Day

Program: Babu Custom Crafts – Robert Waling

2/16/12 Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Don Lown
Greeter: Jim Osborne

Program: TBA

From The Chair – Jon Derby

Well – December came and went just as fast as any of us could have imagined. I trust it was filled with loads of laughter as each of you spent time with friends, family, and loved ones.

I'm joyful as I think of the last month and what we all were able to experience: the holidays with family, travel around the country, and an epic bowl win by our local Rose Bowl Champions (sorry Van). But I'm greatly grieved to say goodbye to a great Kiwanian, Jim Funkhouser. I was personally unable to attend the memorial service, as I was still in Maryland with my in-laws, but I heard a great report from all who attended the service. I, like many of you, had no idea he was such a poet! We will deeply miss Jim's friendship and heart for this club.

Off the heels of the holiday season, it's important that we all re-focus on what it is that we as Kiwanians are trying to accomplish. Simply put, our goal is to deeply affect our community and our world in a positive and powerful way. Just to reiterate, we have highlighted 3 specific and measurable goals for EEK in this year. First, we cited membership growth of 20%. We seem to be on task with this goal, with 3 new members already, and potential for 3 more in the near term. Second, we would like to have 6

distinguished members (there are a few criteria for this honor, which will be described in next month's newsletter). Lastly, as a "loose" goal, we are determined to have more of a presence, and a positive presence at that, in the media this year.

Happy New Year EEK!!

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 12 Member birthday celebration.
- Jan. 16 Dining Room, @ 280 W 8th 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Jan. 19 PR. Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 23 Youth Services Committee, 12 noon, Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Jan. 26 Salvation Army Baby Needs collection.
- Feb. 3 Community Service Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m., Marie Callender's.
- Feb. 6 Youth Services Committee, 12 noon, Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Feb. 9 Member birthday celebration.
- Feb. 9 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after the club meeting.
- Feb. 9 Division Council meeting, Creswell, Dinner 6:00 p.m., meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13 EEK Board meeting, noon at Izzy's Pizza in Springfield.
- Feb. 16 PR Committee meeting after club meeting.
- Mar. 15 Red Cross Everyday Heroes Luncheon, noon Valley River Inn.
- Mar. 17 Zone Conference, Grants Pass.
- April 19 Student Recognition Banquet @ Shadow Hills, 6:30 p.m.
- April 28 Past Lt. Gov. Meeting, 8:30 a.m. @ Eileen's.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Member's Birthday

Ted Brown 1/9 Estley Schick 1/29

Spouse's Birthdays

Carolyn Keener 1/3 Stephanie Steele 1/9

Anniversaries

Ted & Lindy Brown

1/9/1963

Board Meeting Notes

On January 9th the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the December 12th meeting.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 69%. Administrative hours-54. Service hours-222. 70 of those hours were for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in which there were 24 members that participated and \$1,720.55 was collected.
- Heard the Treasurer's report: \$314.52 spent for books to read to the Pearl Buck and Head Start children. \$14.50 for dump fee for Camp Wilani cleanup day. \$500 to Krystina Sevits for her trip with the Cascade medical team. \$100 to the Churchill choir who sang at our meeting in December. There is \$4,728.34 available for use in the operating account without incurring a bank fee.
- The club is buying a vendor table at the American Red Cross Everyday Heroes Luncheon on March 15th. We will be able to display information about Kiwanis and 9 members will be able to attend the luncheon. Details of information to be presented and who should attend has been referred to the Membership and the Publicity Committees.
- Accepted Virginia Brooks resignation, with regrets and a big Thank You, from the club and as a Board member. A nominating committee of Tom Stocks (chair), Mel Mead, Phil Jaspers, Nancy Reed and Fred Ferdowsian will find a replacement for her to be voted on by the club.
- Approved a Leave of Absence for Fred Platt from February 1st through March 31st.
- It was noted that every project should have a large base of knowledgeable members so that if one person leaves or is unable to continue, the project can go on uninterrupted and we do not have to start from scratch.
- Approved Maxine Proskurowski as a new member.
- Heard and approved the projects being planned by the various Key Clubs.
- Heard that the Salvation Army Baby Needs will be collected on January 26th.
- Heard that the Youth Recognition Banquet will be April 19th at Shadow Hills Country Club at 6:30 p.m.

Welcome New Members

In the next few weeks we will be welcoming 3 new members; Lin Hirst, Don Hirst and Maxine Proskurowski. Be sure to **welcome** them and sign their hats.

Lin Hirst



Lin was born and grew up in Omaha Nebraska graduating from high school there. She met Don her future husband, on a blind date in high school (there were from different high schools) and married March 21, 1964. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Lin graduated from the University of Omaha (now part of the University of

Nebraska). She has worked in library technical services and is now retired. She has lived in many places including Vreeland North Holland. She and Don moved here from Palatine Illinois (near Chicago) in October 2006. Her interests include sewing, camping and cooking.

Don Hirst



Don was born in Council Bluffs Iowa and grew up there graduating from Abraham Lincoln High School where he met Linda Marley on a blind date, who was not only from another school but also from "that town" across the river, Omaha Nebraska. They married March 21, 1964 and have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Don went to the University of Iowa for a degree in physics and then on to Michigan State University for a MS. He must have then seen the light and went to the University of Chicago for an MBA. Don's profession was as a Network Architect which took him many places around the world including Vreeland Netherlands. He and Lin moved here from Palatine Illinois in October 2006. He enjoys reading, classical music, computer, photography, cooking (he is a renowned bread maker), travel, hiking and camping.

Maxine Proskurowski



Maxine was born and grew up in Mexico City. She got a BA from Mt Holyoke College Massachusetts and a Masters of Social Science from the University of Stockholm in Stockholm Sweden and a Bachelor of Nursing degree from Creighton University in Omaha Nebraska. She married Andrzej Proskurowski on June 18th 1972. They came to Eugene in 1975 and she is a nurse presently employed by the 4J School District as Program Manager, Health Services. You may know her as the Lady who we collect socks for in November. She enjoys knitting, cooking and Flamenco dancing.

Salvation Army Baby Needs Drive

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a time of the year that everyone counts their blessings and many people think about others and are generous in giving to them. By the end of January many of the items that were donated are used up but the need is still there. So, each year we take up a collection of baby items for the Salvation Army. The items that they need the most are diapers, in various sizes, and baby wipes. Ray Hull will be collecting the items on January 26th and will get them to the Salvation Army. You are welcome to bring them any meeting before that if you like.