



# THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB

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

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### Future Programs

- 2/9/06** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown  
**Early Flowering Plants of Lane Co - Dave Wagner**
- 2/16/06** Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Don Lown  
**Adventures as Santa - Ron Green, Professional Santa.**
- 2/23/06** Invocation: Jack Naff Host: Don Lown  
**Student Health Services - Maxine Proskurowski,  
Director Student Health Services for 4J School District.**
- 3/2/06** Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Jason Steele  
**Meet Buck Rosselli.**
- 3/9/06** Invocation: Joe Murray Host: Don Lown  
**Senior Companions - Jean Jordan, Dir. Senior  
Companion Program of Lane Co.**
- 3/16/06** Invocation: Bob Kingsbury Host: Don Lown  
**Relief Nursery - Emily Olsen.**

### President's Corner

As the season of Saint Valentine is upon us, we are reminded of those dear to our hearts. Our loved ones that keep our day to day monotony worth living and keep inspiring us to live life and develop relationships with our fellow human beings. I have seen such a diverse group of dynamic individuals come to our meetings over the last few years as guests of our members. Some are family, some are friends, but all have had a great story to tell. These people are important to us and I want to recognize their importance to our Kiwanis family. Please let the group know of those people in your lives that are important to you. It may be through a Happy Buck, or bringing them in as a guest speaker, but let us know of them. It is always great to hear of an addition to a family, great (great?) grandchildren, or a child graduating school. We try to recognize members' and spouses' birthdays and anniversaries, but we need the members to speak up about the other great people and great events in their lives. We are a great group of people that perform important services in our community. Let's be proud of the things in our lives that keep our lives worth living well.

### Upcoming Events

- Feb. 9 Members' Birthday Celebration.
- Feb. 9 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. 9 Division Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. dine, 7:00 p.m. meeting @ Sizzler Restaurant, Gateway.
- Feb. 9 Governor's visit to Division at Division Council meeting.
- Feb. 13 New member orientation, 12 noon @ Sanders.
- Feb. 14 Publicity Committee meeting 12 noon at County Parks Office, Armitage Park.
- Feb. 15 Strawberry Committee meeting 2:00 p.m. @ Carl's house.
- Feb. 20 EEKF Board meeting 12:00 noon @ Eagles.
- Feb. 21 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon @ County Parks Office, Armitage Park.
- Mar. 2 YCPO Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 3 Community Service Committee meeting 8 a.m. @ Countryside Pizza and Grill on River Road.
- Mar. 6 Youth Services Committee Meeting, 12 noon @ Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Mar. 9 Members' Birthday Celebration.
- Mar. 9 Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 9 Division Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. dine, 7:00 p.m. meeting @ Sizzler Restaurant, Gateway.
- Mar. 13 EEK Board Meeting, 12 noon @ Eugene Eagles.
- April 15 Zone Conference, 8 a.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.
- April 20 Youth Recognition Banquet, 6:30 p.m. @ Eagles.

# Welcome New Members

## Ed Johnson

Ed is a returning member. He first joined in February 1999. He resigned in 2003 when personal matters took all his time. Things have settled down and he once more joined our club. Ed was born in Vallejo CA and spent his early youth in California. Seeing the light, he moved to Eugene in time to attend the old Eugene High School. Being a well rounded individual he attended Willamette U., U of Oregon and the College of Idaho in getting his BS degree and then U of Oregon again for a MS. Ed spent 9 years teaching in Idaho before, once more seeing the light, and coming to Eugene to teach at Sheldon until his retirement in 1998. He is married for 33 years to Nancy and has 2 grown children, Daniel, and Derek. He enjoys golf, snow skiing, hiking, western history (especially logging and Native American) and Blues and Jazz music.

## Dick Busic

Dick Busic was born in 1940 in Portland and lived for his first 7 years in St. Johns Oregon. The family then moved to Milwaukee Oregon and he lived there until he graduated from high school. He then went to Northwest Christian College for a bachelors degree and finally ended up with a Doctor of Divinity degree from Drew University in Madison NJ. He spent 27 years as a minister, most of the time in Salem and then Albany. In 1986 Northwest Christian College called him back where he served as their Development Officer until his retirement in October 2005.

Dick married his wife Ginny, in 1962 and they have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren. He enjoys snow shoeing, back packing, bicycling, running and canoeing on the Willamette.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Members' Birthdays

Joe Murray	2/3	Jim Lane	2/5
Eileen Sanders	2/10	Jason Steele	2/19
Phil Jaspers	2/21	Loralyn Osborne	2/26

### Spouses' Birthdays

Polly Fedje	2/10	Dave Brooks	2/25
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## Board Meeting Change

As noted in other parts of this newsletter the Board has changed its meeting day. We will now meet **at the Eagles on the Second Monday of the Month, at 12 noon**. We are changing the meeting day to insure we have a quiet room to meet in.

## Board Thank You Award

Hunger is a fact in our community. Starting during the Great Depression, soup kitchens have been used to help alleviate some of this hunger. Food for Lane County runs a soup kitchen called "The Dining Room" at 280 W. 8<sup>th</sup> in down town Eugene. The soup kitchen serves dinner Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday every week except holidays. Two

days are for single adults and two days are for families. Our club provides help on food preparation every third Monday of the month. Helen Baxter is our long term organizer of this effort. She is the one who makes sure we have enough members to staff the shift and helps out herself. For all her fine work in insuring that this is a long term project that we can be proud of, the Board awarded her our "Dish It Up" February Board Thank You Award.

## Everyday Hero Award

Maxine Proskurowski was recently described by one of her coworkers as a "Mother Theresa" among children in schools of this area. Maxine coordinates health services for hundreds of children and in the process also works directly with many of the children and their parents.

Maxine asks, "How can we expect a child to learn in the classroom if his or her mouth hurts or the child cannot see?" Her work has taken her to Washington D.C. to testify for children's health programs. Her commitment to children's health needs also means that she has spent many evenings and weekend hours in "grant writing" so programs for local children's health needs can survive. In spite of this schedule, Maxine will also take time to listen attentively to a parent, who may not speak English, explain a child's problem with allergies. She will take time to listen sensitively to a child who is running low on medication for a chronic cough. Maxine cares deeply for children in our community. She is highly effective in working with them. We salute Maxine as our EVERY DAY HERO for February.

## Board Meeting Notes

On February 8, 2006 the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the January 11, 2006 meeting.
- Reviewed the December monthly report. Attendance 90.2%; Service hours 202 with 35 members participating; Administrative hours 94 with 45 members participating. There was 1 interclub.
- Reviewed and approved the financial report. Balances are: Project fund, \$16,321.54; Administrative fund, \$9,334.31; Lunch Fund, \$216.75.
- Voted to award its "Dish It Up", February Board Thank You Award for her long time service in insuring we fully staff our shift at The Dining Room (soup kitchen).
- Voted to award Maxine Proskurowski an Everyday Hero Award.
- Voted to pay Virginia conference expenses to Kiwanis University if she attends.
- Voted to change the meeting day for the EEK Board meeting. By changing it to the second Monday we can get a separate meeting room at the Eagles.
- Hugh reported we submitted our Income Tax form 990 to the IRS.
- Discussed how to better serve members in the Club. Voted to refer it to the Human and Spiritual Aims Committee to look at present policies and traditions to see how we could better respond to members' joys sorrows and events in their and their families' lives. The idea is to make us a better supportive family.