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Eagles Club Eugene

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Future Programs

- 1/12/06** Invocation: Steve Goulart Host: Don Lown
Meet Lee Wahlstrom
- 1/19/06** Invocation: Mel Mead Host: Don Lown
Better Health With Nutrition - Bob Pearson
- 1/26/06** Invocation: Lee Wahlstrom Host: Don Lown
Marble Madness - Joe Murray
- 2/2/06** Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Don Lown
Where the Buffalo and Camel Roamed: Oregon's High Desert Occupants - Dennis Jenkins, U O Archeologist
- 2/9/06** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown
Adventures as Santa - Ron Green, Professional Santa

President's Corner Jason Steele

I want to give our club a big official "THANK YOU" for this last holiday season. On one hand it seems like things slow down at the club this time of year with the cold wet weather. Some of us may focus on our families during the holidays, getting presents under our trees, or getting the xmas lights set up and running every night. Some of us may use left over vacation days at work before they expire with the new year. Some of us are paying attention to bowl games or following the Ducks somewhere for the holidays. And for some, the holidays are a sad time of retrospective loss of friends and family. In the end, it seems like the time of year when volunteering just can't fit into our busy lives. We, as a club, contributed an amazing amount to our community during this holiday season. Our members were ringing bells for Salvation Army, or helping with the Relief Nursery. Our two Key clubs are going strong and with Frank and Carolyn's guidance they helped out our community in several projects from food baskets to gifts. Virginia helped by getting her "Backpacks for Foster Kids" program started with a little help from Wal-Mart. We have a project right around the corner with the Salvation Army baby collection. Station 7 and the Relief Nursery are always in need of any contributions available. We did a lot, we have a lot more to do, and once again, thank you.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 11 EEK Board Meeting, 12 Noon @ Eagles.
- Jan. 12 Members' Birthday Celebration.
- Jan. 12 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 12 Division Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. dine, 7:00 p.m. meeting @ Sizzler Restaurant, Gateway.
- Jan. 16 Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m. 280 W. 8th.
- Jan. 17 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon @ County Parks Office, Armitage Park.
- Jan. 24 Public Relations Committee meeting, 12 noon @ Appleby's restaurant, Gateway.
- Jan. 26 Salvation Army baby drive. Bring items to Club meeting.
- Feb. 2 YCPO Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. 3 Community Service Committee meeting 8 a.m. @ Countryside Pizza and Grill on River Road.
- Feb. 6 Youth Services Committee Meeting, 12 noon @ Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Feb. 8 EEK Board Meeting, 12 noon @ Eugene Eagles.
- Feb. 9 Members' Birthday Celebration.
- Feb. 9 Division Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. dine, 7:00 p.m. meeting @ Sizzler Restaurant, Gateway.
- April 15 Zone Conference, 8 a.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.

New Meeting Place Fine Tuning

1. When getting your badge, check off your name on the attendance sheet so we have a record of your attendance. We need this to figure our attendance percentage and follow up on members that are not attending. Also, Mel needs it to see who to mail our newsletter to. We only mail the newsletter to persons who were not in attendance on the day it is published.

2. Be sure to take your order sheet and pay at the Bar when you leave. I know from personal experience that it is all to easy to just walk out.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

C. B. Koch II 1/25 Estley Schick 1/29

Spouses' Birthdays

Carolyn Keener 1/3 Stephanie Steele 1/11

Sharon Hull 1/11

Club Recognition Awards

The Club has three appreciation awards it gives out. They are to Sponsored Youth, club members and the public at large. We give Youth Recognition Awards at our spring Youth Recognition Banquet. Each month we try and give a club member a Board Thank You Award, and recently we have been giving Everyday Hero Awards to persons in the community. Each of these awards has a common thread. I think the wording on the Everyday Hero certificate says it best. We recognize the person *"for rendering service beyond what is ordinary or expected and for doing so without regard for attention or receiving in return; but rather because it was the right thing to do and needed to be done."* In all three awards we strive to pick persons who might otherwise be overlooked. In fact, officers and committee Chairs are not eligible for a Thank You Award for doing their job as an officer or Committee Chair. These persons are recognized at the annual installation banquet.

Board Thank You Award

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita had a devastating effect on the Southeastern part of our country. One of our members, Joe Murray, left his family behind and spent a month in Lufkin Texas helping with disaster relief for the Salvation Army. He had the title of Chief financial Officer but he also did logistics, meals, kept statistics and other jobs necessary to insure disaster and refugee relief in the area was successful. The Board voted to give Joe the "Helping Hand" January Board Thank You Award for being willing to go and help others. Thank You Joe.

Everyday Hero Award

When we launched our Backpacks for Foster Children Program we met Florence Blas. Her job is a trainer for Foster Care providers for the State of Oregon. However, her caring for these children extends far beyond just training Foster Care Providers. She has taken on our Back Pack project and in addition secured a grant from the 20 - 30 Club to build bunk beds. She has donated her garage to be used as a workshop where volunteers are constructing them. She is also looking for a bigger place. Some of these children have never had a bed of their own. For her work with Foster Children we voted to Award her an "Everyday Hero Award" for the month of January.

Board Meeting Notes

On January 11, 2006 the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the December 14th meeting.
- Reviewed the December monthly report. Attendance 88.9%; Service hours 149, with 42 members; Administration hours 110 with 48 members; the Club now has 47 members. Bell ringing for the Salvation Army was our main service project with Don Lown also contributing many hours of service at the Condon and Natural History Museums.
- Voted to award the January Board Thank You Award to Joe Murray for his service to Katrina and Rita victims in Texas and Florence Blas for her work with foster care kids
- Voted to approve Ed Johnson application for membership upon receipt of dues.
- Directed the Human and Spiritual Aims Committee to set up procedures so that any member who needs a ride to the meeting will get one.
- Learned that Salvation Army Baby Needs drive collection will be January 26th at the club meeting.
- Approved the selling of Entertainment books and authorized our Berry sale as fund raising projects.
- Learned we collected \$1,330.50 for the Salvation Army with our Bell Ringing.

Member Transportation

Some of our members are no longer able to drive to our meetings. Up to now, we have not had a formal way of insuring that no member needs to miss a meeting because they don't have transportation. In the past, people have stepped forward to take on that responsibility. To insure that no one is missed, Bob Kingsbury and the Human and Spiritual Aims Committee will be in charge of coordinating arrangements so that persons needing a ride to the meeting are connected to persons who are willing to provide that service. There are many members that are willing to help others out and no one should be afraid to ask for help. Please, do not be shy about letting them know you need a ride. Call Bob at 344-4570 or Jason at 606-8356.

Zone Conference

I know it is a ways away but members need to start thinking about Zone Conference. It is scheduled for Saturday April 15th at the Cottage Grove Community Center. Zone Conference is a good place to meet other Kiwanians in the Area from Albany to Gold Beach and get a bigger picture of what we are all about. It is also the time we will Elect a new Lt. Governor and Lt. Governor Elect. If you haven't been to one, think about attending. It will be worth your time.

Salvation Army

We collected \$1,330.50 will our bell ringing. Thanks to all who helped. Remember the Baby Needs Drive collection on January 26th. Bring diapers and baby wipes to Club meeting.