THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB

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

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Future Programs

12/15/05 Invocation: Jack Naff Host: Ralph Ettel
Black Dolls and Memorabilia - Jean Ettel

12/22/05 Invocation: Bob Kingsbury Host: Chuck Leighter
Pleasant Hill HS choir - Kris Kasten director

12/29/05 Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Don Lown
LULAC - Maria D. Rodriguez-Salazar

1/5/06 Invocation: Bob Sabin Host: Jason Steele
Work in Cambodia - Tamra Steele

1/12/06 Invocation: Steve Goulart Host: Don Lown
Meet Ed Johnson - New Member

1/19/06 Invocation: Mel Mead Host: Don Lown
Better Health with Nutrition - Bob Pearson

President's Corner
Jason Steele

The value of time. As the holiday season comes upon us we are once again inundated with the commercialism of the season. We all go about the process making sure we thank those close to us, as well as not forgetting anyone along the way. I'm sure we all wish we could provide everyone around us with all their holiday wishes, but we find our limitations tied to our budget. Can we afford this gift or that one? How are we all going to make it work in the end? Please remember that when your wallets and purses are empty, you still have the most valuable gift to give, your time. As working citizens we all tie time to money, but often forget that instead of money, we can give our time which is also just as important. Please find a way this year to give without opening your pocket. Find a project, or go ring a bell, but one way or another give your time to someone and know that in the end you gave the most powerful gift of the season, the value of time.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17 Bell ringing for Salvation Army at Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.

Dec. 19 Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m. 280 W. 8th.

Dec. 22 Christmas music, Pleasant Hill High School Choir at Club meeting.

Dec. 27 Public Relations Committee meeting, 12 noon, Appleby's Restaurant, Gateway.

Jan. 5 YCPO Committee meeting after club meeting.

Jan. 6 Community Service Committee meeting, 8:00 a.m., Countryside Pizza on River Road.

Jan. 9 Youth Services Committee meeting 12 noon @ Abby's Pizza, on River Road.

Jan. 11 EEK Board Meeting, 12 noon @ Papa's Pizza, on Coburg Rd.

Jan. 12 Members' Birthday Celebration.

Jan. 12 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries
Members' Birthdays

Carol Mead	12/9	Ralph Ettel	12/24
Don Johnson	12/28	Carl Ihle	12/29

Spouses' Birthdays

Nancy Pottker	12/12	Arlene Ihle	12/12/05

Member Anniversaries

Van & Peggy Vandehey	12/29/1947
Steve & Vickie Goulart	12/12/1988

Board Thank You Award

Service to the community also includes service to our members. Recently George Matheson found it was imprudent for him to drive unless in an emergency. This meant it would be difficult for him to attend our meetings. Jim Lane immediately stepped forward and offered to pick up George and drive him to and from meetings. This is what being a Kiwanian is all about, seeing a need and stepping forward to help solve it. For this, the Board voted to award Jim Lane its Step Forward Board Thank You Award for the Month of December.

Everyday Hero Award

The Everyday Hero Award was instituted several years ago to honor those people in the community that do the things that need to be done without expecting anything in return. The Board voted to give this award to Heather Duncan for her work with the car seat program in Lane Co. She started working on this project when she was a Lane Co. Public Health nurse and organized a car seat clinic once a month so parents had a place to have their car seats checked to see if they were properly installed to keep their children safe. After she started this program, she was transferred to Lane County Healthy Start, where a lot of her time spent on the program was as an unpaid volunteer. Employed now as a school nurse at Pleasant Hill, Heather continued to support the program and helped at the monthly clinics as a volunteer after work. With recent budget cuts, this very important program has run out of money and the last clinic was held in November. Heather is still committed to this program and she plans on being at the Fire Station #2 site the last Wednesday in January to make sure that if parents show up there will be someone there to help them. Thanks Heather for your dedication to keeping children of Lane County safe. You are an Every Day Hero.

Board Meeting Notes

On December 14th the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the November 2 minutes.
- Reviewed the November monthly report. Attendance 84.1%; Service hours 299 with 26 members; Administrative hours with 53 members; 3 Interclubs.
- Awarded an Every Day Hero Award to Heather Duncan and the Board Thank You Award to Jim Lane.
- Laurie Vohs submitted a letter of resignation to the club.
- Learned that students at the U of O are still trying to organize a Circle K Club.
- The Lt. Governor made an Official visit to the Club Board.
- The Club Salvation Baby drive will be in January.

Reading is Fundamental - What Happened

For the past 12 years or so, one of our most popular service projects has been reading to Head Start children. Lately we have been reading three times a year at the Whitaker School Head Start site. Sadly, it appears that this year it is not to be. Carol had tried to contact the Whitaker Head Start people and they did not responded before we had to get the proposal in to Reading is Fundamental. In the past few years the paperwork has also exploded exponentially. We are reevaluating the program to get new partners but probably not be able to get it reinstated until next year.

Club Web Site

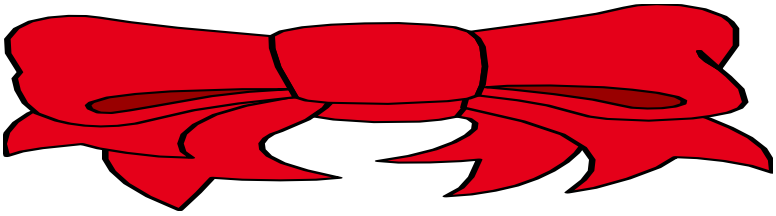
This past few months we have been trying to upgrade our Club Web site to make it more useful to you members. We now have the current newsletter and calendar up on it. I (your news letter editor) plan to change the calendar every week so you can always be looking 6 weeks ahead. If you see things missing let me know and it will be included on the next calendar update. Just send anything you want in the newsletter or on the calendar to:
newsletter@eekinwais.org
To get to the Web Page:

1. Open up your Web browser.
2. In the address line in your Browser type in the Web Page Address www.eekiwanis.org.
3. When the Web Page comes up, from the Main Menu on the left, click on the place you want to go.
4. There will be several calendars and newsletters so when the screen comes up click on the one you want. The latest one will be at the top.
5. When done reading a newsletter or calendar close the window and select another option from the Main Menu or exit the web page.
6. If you get a “can’t find page screen” click on refresh the page. That usually works to get things working again.

Simplified Club Communications

We have tried to simplify getting messages to club members and officers. We have set up the following E-Mail addresses. You can use them if you want to contact the following people. We will try and keep them up to date if you send me and the Secretary changes to your E-mail address:

Club President	president@eekiwanis.org
Club Secretary	secretary@eekiwanis.org
Club Treasurer	treasurer@eekiwanis.org
Newsletter Editor	newsletter@eekiwanis.org
Entire membership	members@eekiwanis.org
Lt. Gov	lt.gov@eekiwanis.org

If you want to reply to an E-mail sent to all members who have an E-mail address on file, check the “To” box on the reply to message. Normally the only name that will appear there is the original real sender. If you want to send your reply to all members, you need to have the members@eekiwanis.org E-Mail address appear in that box. In outlook Express if you click on Reply to All the “members” mailing list will appear. You should then delete the senders name.

If you have not given us your E-mail address, please send it to our Secretary (Phil) and me. That way we can keep you informed of happenings of the club. We will not sell your name to outside sources unless you request us to do so. Personally, if they offered me a six digit amount I might sell my E-mail address to them.