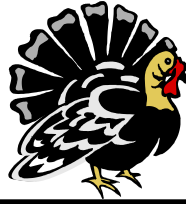




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THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB



President Jason Steele
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Meets 12:00 p.m.
Thursday
Red Lion Hotel Eugene

Future Programs

- 11/3/05** Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Don Lown
The North American River Otter - Judy Berg
- 11/10/05** Invocation: Mel Mead Host: Don Lown
Travels with Google - Bob Sanders
- 11/17/05** Invocation: Lee Wahlstrom Host: Don Lown
Reptiles and Amphibians of Oregon - Tom Titus
- 11/24/05** No meeting, Thanksgiving
- 12/1/05** Invocation: Joe Murray Host: Don Lown
Common Edible Mushrooms: A Discussion of Our Favorites - Molly Widmer, Botanist, BLM
- 12/8/05** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown
TBA
- 12/15/05** Invocation: Jack Naff Host: Ralph Ettel
Black Dolls and Memorabilia - Jean Ettel

President's Corner Jason Steele

These last couple of days have gently reminded me that Fall is back in Oregon. Not only do we see an abundance of leaves across the landscape, but we get to experience going from summer to the fall in one week flat. The weather change is something that I deal with in my day to day work in labor management. My work volume can be cut in half when it starts to rain considering so many customers are in construction, landscaping, and other outdoor professions. Generally, the mood around my office gets depressing due to the lack of work, and the lack of paychecks going home to families. This is the time of year I have learned to work my hardest to get jobs for these people. I will go out in the rain and mud for hours every day trying to find work in our community, only to return to the office in the afternoon looking like a soaked cat, but hopefully with some good rewards. My tenacity has paid off the last couple of years, as I have been able to keep my office working through the rain just by a little self sacrifice. Those people that need help across our community are also seeing this time of year as their most challenging. School has begun only to put extra financial strain on families in need. Jobs in our area dry up with the seasonal return of the student work force at the local colleges. The change in weather cuts back working hours in a lot of low income non-skilled jobs. On the horizon are the official holidays that go to remind people of loved ones they have lost in the past, and the potential of lonely days to come.

Please remember that as Kiwanians we have the greatest chance to help people or put a smile on their face. Please go out of your way to help someone, maybe someone you may not normally help. When you are at the grocery store, buy a couple of extra cans of food for Food for Lane County. When you are buying toys for the grandkids, buy one extra for a child you may never meet. Remember Station 7 and all the little needs from diapers to toothbrushes. If you can only give your time, please find a soup kitchen, bell ringing, or mentoring activity to do. Together and one by one we will get through the rainiest of days in our community. If we all are able to inspire people of the good things to come, we can change someone's future into a world with endless hope.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 4 Community Service Community Meeting, 8:00 a.m. at Countryside Pizza on River Road.
- Nov. 7 Youth Services Committee meeting 12:00 p.m. @ Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Nov. 10 Member Birthday Celebration.
- Nov. 10 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Nov. 15 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon @ County Parks office, Armitage Park.
- Nov. 21 Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m., 280 W. 8th, Eugene.
- Nov. 22 Public relations committee 12 noon @ Appleby's
- Nov. 23 Interclub with Eugene Club.
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving-no club meeting.
- Dec. 1 YCPO Committee meeting after club meeting
- Dec. 2 Community Service Committee meeting, 8:00 a.m. at Countryside Pizza on River Road.
- Dec. 5 Youth Services Committee meeting, 12 p.m. @ Abby's Pizza, river Road.
- Dec. 8 Members Birthday Celebration.
- Dec. 8 Division Council meeting, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting, Sizzler, Gateway.
- Dec. 15 EEK Board meeting, 12 noon @ Papa's Pizza, Coburg Rd.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

Jim Funkhouser	11/23	Jim McDonald	11/19
H.P. Hendershott	11/24	Van Vandehey	11/26
Tom Talaba	11/26		

Spouses' Birthdays

Mary Towne	11/2	Peggy Vandehey	11/9
Toni Rosselli	11/25		

Member Anniversaries

Don & Martha Johnson 11/17/1942
Helen & Galen Baxter 11/8/1952

Highway Cleanup

October 29th was highway cleanup day. Jim Lane and his crew of Al Fedje, Chuck Leighter, Leo Steele, Jim Funkhouser, Don Johnson, Jason Steele, Frank Day, George Matheson and Don Lown spent the morning cleaning up the first mile of the Beltline Express Way by W. 11th street.

The clean-up started about 8:30 a.m. and was all done by 10:30. There was more debris than normal. We picked up 16 bags while the normal is 10 - 12.

Pauline was away for this pickup but she had prepared sticky buns, cheese and crackers, grapes, juice and water which Jim brought. Thanks again Jim and Pauline for that after pickup snack.

Metropolitan Choir Festival

On Tuesday, October 25th, 600 high school students from 10 high schools from the metro area participated in the Metro Choral Festival at Willamette High School. The festival has been sponsored by EEK for the last seven years. The event attracted over 1200 spectators and was video taped for the first time by Comcast Cable. Broadcast dates have not been announced. Approximately 20 of our club members assisted with the event along with another 11 Key Club members from Churchill High School. Special thanks to the Springfield Utility Board for donating bottled water, Comcast Cable, Willamette High School janitorial and food service staff, and the Springfield School District Print Shop for their support of the event.

Homeless Shelter Program

Starting in September and running through the school year, St. Vincent DePaul Coordinates the Interfaith Shelter program. This allows families with children temporary shelter (up to 30 days) in local churches. The families must vacate the shelter during the day. Some go to First Place where they can shower, wash clothes and have child care so they can look for work, permanent housing or go to a job. It is a vagabond existence because they live in church rooms (usually Sunday school rooms), must leave during the day including weekends and move all their belongings and mattress every two weeks. For the past 2 weeks, Jim Funkhouser, Gerry Keener and his wife Carolyn, Bob and Eileen Sanders, Bob Sabin and Don Leslie have been working at Central Presbyterian church. The help included preparing breakfast and dinner, providing evening activities for the adults and children and providing overnight supervision. St. Vicent DePaul provides a social worker for the evening. It is a good opportunity to see persons caught in a homeless situation up close and personal.

Board Thank You Award

Twenty club members participated in the Metropolitan Choir Festival. But so did 11 Churchill Key Club members. They were the main labor in preparing the dinner meal for the singers and provided critical help in the take down after the event. Their help knocked ½ hour off the take down time

and provided needed strength and heft. Members helping were Kyra Buckley, Kelly Dyer, Corey Glidden, Lauren James, Erica Long, Katie Parker, Allison Beard, Courtney Ogle, Katie Ogle, Poul Stephensen and Patrick Tutt. At our Nov. 2nd Board meeting, the Board voted to give them its "Singing Out Of The Rain" Board Thank You Award for the Month of November.

Board Meeting Notes

On November 2, 2005 the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the October 12 minutes.
 - Reviewed the October monthly report. Attendance 79.3%, Service Hours 358 - 51 members, Administrative hours 137 - 54 members, 1 interclub.
 - Voted to give Jerry Keener a leave of absence from November 24 to April 13.
 - Discussed and voted on a new meeting place (see following).
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Meeting Place Change

We have been meeting at the Red Lion for over 10 years. They have been very good to us. After holding the cost of meals constant for 3 year they informed us that the cost of lunch would go up to \$11. We inquired if they only gave us a sandwich bar, would they give us a better price. They said they could only decrease the price to \$10.50. An evening meal would cost \$13.50. The House Committee, headed up by Jim Funkhouser, went on a search for a suitable meeting place that would give us lower meal costs. We looked at LCC, West Bro's (old Black Angus), Hilton, Veterans Building, Wild Duck Catering (Old Spaghetti Factory on 2nd), Elks on 11th and the Eagles at Irving Rd. and N.W. Express Way. All except the Elks and Eagles either cost the same as the Red Lion or were not available on Thursday.

At either the Elks or Eagles, we could order off a special menu based upon what members liked best. For both places, lunch costs would generally range from \$5.00 to \$7.00 including meal, drink, tip and room charge. Evening meals would cost from \$8.00 to \$9.50 for a buffet like the Red Lion (but not as fancy a dessert). Tables are 3 to 8 foot long with no table cloths. Evening meetings would have table cloths. We would probably have to provide decorations.

After a long discussion, the Board voted to move to the Eagles. Wednesday several Board members and other interested parties made a final inspection. There was some concern about smoke since the Eagles is outside of Eugene and has smoking areas. The room we will have is smoke free although you have to walk by the smoking area to get to the meeting room. There is no contract required, so if we find it is unsatisfactory we can still look for other accommodations with no penalty. **We plan to move to the Eagles on November 17th.**

To get there is easy. The Eagles is located at the junction of the N.W. Expressway and Irving Rd. This is the first stop light northbound on the N.W. Expressway and about 1 mile north of the Beltline Rd. Turn right on Irving Rd. The Eagles is right there on the left. If coming from River Road you can take Irving Rd. to just before the N.W. Express Way and turn right into the Eagles.