



THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB

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

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Future Programs

- 2/15/07** Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Jack Naff
Read Theater
- 2/22/07** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Phil Jaspers
Missions in Peru - Dave Jaspers
- 3/1/07** Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Virginia Brooks
Meet The Meads - Carol and Mel Mead
- 3/8/07** Invocation: Joe Murray Host: Bob Kingsbury
Word From an Aeronautical Engineer - Jim Sampson
- 3/15/07** Invocation: Bob Sabin Host: Virginia Brooks
LEAD (Leadership, Education, Adventure, Direction)

President's Corner Virginia Brooks

Happy Valentines Day, President's Day and any other special occasions you may have up your collective sleeves. Although this is typically a happy time for all you hopeless romantics, we indeed have to take time to reflect on the loss of Al Fedje's beloved Polly. She was a lovely lady who thought of Al first in her time of last reflection and epitomizes what we all strive to be throughout our lives and that is to love selflessly. We will miss not only seeing Al here each week, but both of them as they took part in our many activities.

I'm very happy to see the progress you all are making in reaching some of our goals this year. Even though we are losing some members, it seems that there are some waiting in the wings as we speak. Hooray for you leaders who are showing us it can be done with some effort. Loralyn is making progress with new ideas for membership and we are working on reviving the PR committee as we have lost some members. If any of you would be willing to help, there is room on that committee. Joe is starting the Inter-clubbing and so be prepared for a little hobnobbing with our Kiwanis Club neighbors and enjoy the fellowship of sharing their club activities with them. As Mae West said "It's not the men in my life, but the life in my men" and so as I look out upon all you men in my life, Thank You!; and of course you ladies to whom they would be nothing without you in THEIR lives.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 19 Soup Kitchen, 208 W. 8th St., 2 p.m.
Feb. 20 Membership Committee meeting @ County Parks Office, Armitage Park. 12 noon.

- Feb. 22 Station 7 Collection Day.
Feb. 28 U of O Circle K meeting. 7:30 p.m.
March 1 YCPO Committee meeting after Club meeting.
March 2 Community Service Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m., @ Country Side Pizza and Grill on River Road.
March 5 Youth Services Committee meeting, 12 p.m. @ Abby's Pizza on River Road.
March 8 Members' Birthday celebration.
March 8 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after club meeting.
March 8 Division Council meeting at Izzy's on Seneca between Home Depot and Fred Meyers, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.
March 12 EEK Board meeting @ Eagles, 12 noon.
March 19 Soup Kitchen, 208 W. 8th St., 2 p.m.
March 20 Membership Committee meeting @ County Parks Office, Armitage Park. 12 noon.
April 19 Youth Recognition Banquet @ Shadow Hills Golf Course, 6:30 p.m.

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 Spiro	2/26

Spouses' Birthdays

Dave Brooks	2/25
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Board Meeting Notes

On February 12th the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 83.9%. Administrative hours-112 with 66 members. Service hours-140 with 23 members.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report: Project outflow \$1,926 with a balance of \$22,233.45. \$4,322 is still available for new projects. Administrative outflow \$280.09 with a balance of \$8,546.34 (we'll be paying International dues in April from this fund).
- Voted to give Phil Jaspers the Board Thank You Award for being Santa, for many years, at the Rainbow Village Christmas Parties.
- Voted to give Ross Penhallegon an Every Day Hero Award for his commitment to taking pruners to Kyrgyzstan.

- Joe Murray has volunteered to be the chair for the Interclub Committee. Let's all volunteer to go to Interclubs and make his job easy.
- Set the Annual Club and Foundation meetings for May 3rd. Jason Steele is chair of the nominating committee.
- Youth Recognition Banquet will be April 19th at Shadow Hills Golf Course.
- Approved 2 new projects-Meals On Wheels and an Adopt A Park (Camp Lane) partnership with Lane County Parks.
- Accepted the resignation of Ed Johnson.
- Frozen Berry delivery will be August 23rd. Fresh Berry date is to be determined by Oregon Fruit at a later date.

Station 7

Station Seven is a service under Looking Glass Youth & Family Services. They provide 24 hour crises intervention, family reconciliation and emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth ages 11-17. These services help youth get their lives back on track and provide the chance to reunite with their families. Older homeless youth, without families, can prepare to live on their own. Services offered include housing assistance, education and basic life skills training.

We are having a needs drive for them on Feb 22nd. They need items like sweat pants and shirts, personal and toiletry items, board games, new twin bed sheets etc. A detailed list is on the table by the sign-in sheet.

Meals on Wheels

Assisting the Red Cross in delivering meals to housebound seniors is a new Kiwanis project spearheaded by our community service committee. We will learn more about this new project when Linn Crooks, the Red Cross coordinator of Meals On Wheels, is our guest speaker at the EEK noon meeting on April 12th. In the meantime, if you can participate once a month or more (11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.) or just want more information about Meals On Wheels, please contact Don Leslie (688-3934) or Carl Ihle (342-6777), or go to the Red Cross web site at www.OregonPacific.RedCross.org.

Sharon Hull Update

As most of you know, Sharon fell on the ice on January 16th and broke the three main bones in her foot. She is healing up and the cast is off, replaced by a boot. She cannot put weight on it yet but is hopeful that in a couple of weeks she will be able to start physical therapy.

Polly Fedje

We have learned that Polly Fedje, Al Fedje's wife, died Sunday morning February 7th. She had been recovering from extensive cancer surgery done the week before. Her service will be 1:30 p.m., Tuesday February 27th @ the Wesley United Methodist Church, 1383 Oakway Rd. Al is doing all right and has indicated he would like to stay in Eugene but his son Scott and daughter Chris would like him to move to the Portland area where they both live.

Board Thank You Award

Ho Ho Ho. Every year our club plays Santa to children at Rainbow Village, an 80 unit low cost housing complex at Rainbow Drive and Centennial Blvd. in Springfield. Phil Jaspers is Santa, and has been for many years, using a suit provided by C. B. Koch. The Children all get a small gift and a picture of them with Santa. Phil has a knack with these kids and helps make this a Merry Christmas for them. For this the Board Awards him its Ho Ho Ho Board Thank You Award for the month of February.

Everyday Hero Award

Ross Penhallegon is a member of the horticulture faculty of OSU and is stationed in the Lane County Extension office. Incredible as it seems, there are peoples in Eurasian countries who have been farming for thousands of years who do not know how to tend and maintain their orchards. Ross is in Kyrgyzstan at this time (his third trip) teaching the local people how to prune their trees to increase production. He is also trying to introduce trees that are more disease resistant so the local farmers can get more for their fruit in local and far away markets. He is invited to communities where he goes out into the orchards to teach them to prune, graft, spray, etc, fruit trees to increase production. We have helped him get pruning shears to these farmers. He could just stay here and be a local extension agent but instead, has chosen to spread his expertise to people who desperately need it. For this we have chosen to award him an Every Day Hero Award.

Strawberries

Even though May seems far away it will come all too soon. The Strawberry committee has met to get organized and do the preliminary planning. Oregon Fruit will be our fresh strawberry supplier with Stahlbush Farms supplying our frozen berries. The frozen berry delivery is set for August 23rd. The fresh berry delivery date will be set later when we will have a better estimate of when they will be ready. We NEED some people to step forward and learn the ordering program so they can take over for a few days while Bob and Eileen are helping out their son and daughter-in-law at the birth of their new baby. It means being at the Sanders' most week days during the month of May to learn the ins and outs of the ordering process. Most days take about 4 hours of your time. A good share of the orders come in just about the time that Bob and Eileen may have to be gone. Talk to Bob or Eileen for more details. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Adopt A Park

Adopt A Park is a program where an organization can adopt a Lane County Park and get a nice sign recognizing that they have adopted it. This is a lot like the Adopt a Highway program. To be recognized you have to do 2 work projects at the park per year. We already do this at Camp Lane so it was a no brainer to adopt it. We are already planning on a work day in the spring to clean it up for the camping season. If you remember last year, we had a bonfire bigger than one at a homecoming celebration.