



# THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB

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

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### Future Programs

- 5/17/07** Invocation: Jack Naff                      Host: Frank Day  
**Viet Nam Today - Rich and Jacquie Litchfield**
- 5/24/07** Invocation: Mel Mead                      Host: Van Vandehey  
**4-H Camp-Carolyn Ashton, Youth Development facility**
- 5/31/07** Invocation: Gerry Keener                      Host: Virginia Brooks  
**Meet Mel Mead - Phase 2**
- 6/7/07** Invocation: Joe Murray                      Host: Frank Day  
**My Recent Experiences in Baghdad - Clair Wiles**
- 6/14/07** Invocation: Phil Jaspers                      Host: Don Lown  
**Project Impact: Dedicated to Reducing and Preventing Sexual Abuse - David Victor**

### President's Corner Virginia Brooks

As they say, April showers bring May flowers and it also brings our annual Strawberry sale front and center! We are running full speed ahead to making this even better and bigger than last year and it promises to be a great sale once again. If you haven't picked up your share of flyers and posters for your church, doctor's office, barber or beauty shop, Senior center and anywhere else you may or may not frequent, well time's a wastin'! If you snooze you will loose and so will all of our projects once it's said and done.

We are seeing a changing of the guard in certain areas and I'm happy to see that some of you are stepping in to fill the gaps left from some of our chairs having to either leave us, or cut back because of their jobs or personal situation. As they say, change is the only constant and we need to roll with the changes as they come at us. I have such confidence in all of you that you have shown to be what is our greatest strength; and that is that you close in the ranks and take up the banner and keep going forward. This is what makes EEK the most active, viably effective club in our district; and that is our membership.

Keep up the great work and together we will make a difference in children's lives in our community and the world.

### Upcoming Events

- May 17 Berries in the field With the Press, 10 a.m.
- May 20 Wild Flower Festival - Mt. Pisgah.
- May 21 Soup Kitchen, 280 W. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- May 23 Interclub Eugene 12 p.m.

- May 29 Churchill Key Club thank you dinner for Club.
- June 1 Community Service Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m. @ Country Side Pizza and Grill, River Road.
- June 4 Last day to order berries.
- June 7 YCPO meeting after Club meeting.
- June 11 EEK Board Meeting @ Eagles, 12:00 p.m.
- June 14 Fresh strawberry delivery 2:30 p.m.
- June 18 Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m. 280 W. 8<sup>th</sup>.
- June 19 Membership Committee meeting.
- July 3 - July 7 Kiwanis International Convention, San Antonio TX.
- Aug. 9 Frozen Berry delivery, 3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 23 - Aug 26 District Convention Tacoma, WA

### Birthdays and Anniversaries Members' Birthdays

Jack Naff	5/17	Virginia Brooks	5/23
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### Spouses' Birthdays

Birgit Foley	5/9
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### Member Anniversaries

George & Nancy Matheson	5/5/1958
Joe & Florence Murray	5/27/1972

### Highway Clean Up

On April 28<sup>th</sup> 9 Kiwanians gathered at the end of the Belt Line to clean up our section between mile posts 3 and 4. Actually the rumor is that Jason Steele, Leo Steele, Don Leslie, Jim Funkhouser, Gerry Keener, Chuck Leighter, Don Lown and Frank Day heard that Pauline Lane would be out there with her great refreshments. Jim was a task master and insisted they clean the highway before they could partake in the goodies. Eleven bags of trash were collected.

### Tote Them Bones

On May 11<sup>th</sup> it was time for the Bones exhibit to go to make room for a new exhibit on energy sponsored by EWEB. Bob Sanders, Tom Stocks, Don Leslie, Jim Funkhouser, Bob Sabin (and Charlotte), Tom Talaba and Gerry Keener (and Carolyn) took it down and got it ready for shipping. If it wasn't for us it would not have gotten done. Great work!

Joyce Berman, Science Factory director again expressed thanks for the computer assisted microscope we bought for them.

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## Everyday Hero Award

Food For Lane County is a key player in keeping hunger at bay in our local area. They also store our undelivered berries until they can be delivered to persons who could not make our main delivery. A couple of years ago Food for Lane County was in trouble. They had a beautiful new facility but poor management. The manager was let go and Pat Farr stepped forward to put the house in order. He succeeded...and now Food For Lane County is once again a bulwark against hunger in our local. For this, our Club is awarding Pat an **Every Day Hero Award** for the month of May.

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## Board Thank You Award

Inter-clubbing is a good way to get to know the other clubs in the Division and learn from their experiences. For the last couple of years we have been unable to get a chair for this committee. Joe Murray has stepped up and reactivated and revitalized this committee. Since he took over in January we have had interclubs with all clubs in the Division at least once. For getting this important function going again the Board awards him its **Step Right In** Board Thank You Award for the month of May.

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## Strawberries

The Berry Sale is well underway. Originally 3000 flyers were order and another 1,000 have been printed. Carl Ihle and Gerry Keener have been spending many hours getting flyers out to various places. Everyone should be helping in this part of the sale. Just keep flyers in your car to have available to take into businesses, hair salons, Dr.'s offices, grocery stores or any other place you frequent. You'd be surprised how many places have still never heard of our Berry Sale and are pleased to hear about it. The last day to order is June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are getting toward the critical ordering time. Eileen and Bob Sanders need your help. When you have a morning with nothing to do, or even if you normally have something to do, please plan on helping with the processing of the orders. The first couple of weeks of order processing is fairly slow, but from now on the orders should increase each day. Help now to learn the process and when the crunch comes you can jump right in and know what to do.

Thursday morning there is a media event being held in a local strawberry field and information about our sale will be on TV later that day. Watch for it! Following this event, the orders usually increase.

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## Board Meeting Notes

On May 14<sup>th</sup> the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 85.1%. Administrative hours-171 with 67 members participating. Service hours-168 with 36 members participating.

- Received the Treasurer's Report: Project fund, \$10,839.76; Administrative fund, \$4,081.40; Lunch fund \$211.50.
- Voted to give Joe Murray the May Board Thank You Award for his work getting inter-clubbing revitalized.
- Voted to give Pat Farr an Everyday Hero Award for his work with Food For Lane County.
- Accepted Vic Green's resignation from the Board. Someone will be elected to fill the rest of his term. (1 year and 4 months).
- Accepted Bob Keefer's resignation from the Club. Will put him on Leave of Absence (LOA) until September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved a LOA for Steve Goulart until September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved the Emerald Valley Reading Council as an approved YCPO project. \$200 will be donated and special book collections, led by Buck Rosselli, will be held throughout the year.
- Don Leslie and Ralph Ettel will be co-chairs of the Metropolitan Choral Festival.
- NCC CKI Club should be ready to be chartered in September.
- Inter-clubs have been going great.
- The West Eugene Club has disbanded and several members are looking for another club to join.
- The web site includes berry information and pictures of the Youth recognized and the Banquet.

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## Driving for Cancer

Do you have a couple of hours a week that you could drive cancer patients to their radiation treatments? The American Cancer Society (ACS) is always looking for more drivers. You can drive as many times a week as you would like. A volunteer calls you and asks if you are available to drive the following week. You tell them IF you are available and which days. They then give you the name and address of a person for you to drive. They ask that you call the person the day before and let them know who is picking them up and ask what time they want you there. Most patients go to the Cancer Center on Country Club Road, but occasionally you are asked to take someone to Sacred Heart or the Cancer Center in Springfield. Radiation treatments take less than 10 minutes so you usually don't have to be there long. At times, the patient also needs to see their Dr. and those appointments take longer. Sometimes the volunteer knows this and other times she doesn't. They are never pushy and if you say that you are not available it's "Thank you for the time you do drive" and, the patients are very appreciative! Some weeks they call and some weeks they don't. If you are interested, call the ACS at 484-2212 and tell them you would like to volunteer. They would love to hear from you. Any questions, ask Eileen Sanders (686-8477).

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## Election Results May 3

Club President, Joe Murray; President Elect, Phil Jaspers; Vice President, Nancy Reed; Treasurer, Hugh Foley; Board Position 1, Buck Rosselli; Board Position 2, Ralph Ettel. Foundation Board Position 3, Hugh Foley; Board Position 4, Dick Busic.