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THE EMERALD EMPIRE

KIWANIS CLUB

WINTER

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

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Future Programs

- 12/14/06** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown
St. Vincent DePaul - Terry McDonald
- 12/21/06** Invocation: Lee Wahlstrom Host: Chuck Leighter
The Eugene Mission - Ernie Unger
- 12/28/06** Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Don Lown
Meet Dick Busic
- 1/4/07** Invocation: Bob Sabin Host: Don Lown
Eugene Photographic Soc. - Wayne Harrison
- 1/11//07** Invocation: Joe Murray
TBA

- Dec. 14 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after Club meeting.
- Dec. 14 Division Council meeting @ Izzy's on Mohawk in Springfield. 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.
- Dec. 16 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.
- Dec. 18 Membership Committee meeting, 12:00 p.m., County Parks office, Armitage Park.
- Dec. 18 Soup Kitchen, 280 W. 8th, 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Santa at Rainbow Village.
- Jan. 4 YCPO Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 5 Community Service Committee meeting @ Countryside Pizza, River Road, 7:30 a.m.
- Jan. 8 EEK Board meeting @ Eagles, 12:00 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Member Birthday celebration.
- Jan. 13 Past Lt. Gov. meeting @ Izzy's in Springfield. 11 a.m.
- Jan. 15 Youth Services Committee meeting @ Abby's Pizza on River Road, 12:00 p.m.
- Jan. 15 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon, County Parks Office, Armitage Park.
- Jan. 15 Soup Kitchen, 280 W. 8th. 2 p.m.

President's Corner Virginia Brooks

Once again as a reminder, I ask that you keep in mind the words of our International President, Nelson Tucker, when he said "The time has come to open our doors". He was referring to our goal of one million members by 2015 and it is a necessary goal as we are failing in our efforts to attract and maintain new members. Please keep those thoughts in the forefront of your efforts to attract people that you meet to join us in our service work and be a part of helping their community.

This is his thoughts on being a Kiwanian;

I AM JUST A KIWANIAN

I am just a Kiwanian, just like you, you see
I get up every morning to find a new reason to be.

To be someone special to a shut-in or a kid,
To make the world a better place because of what I did.
You and I are no different; we share the same belief.
That living by the Kiwanis Objects, we give much needed relief.

We strive to live by the Golden Rule, believe in our fellow man.

We have faith in our future, that Kiwanis has a plan.
A plan to rid our world of famine, grief and strife,
To give to every human being, a better way of life.
So, lets all work together for every boy and girl,

The future of Kiwanis is serving the children of the world.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 14 Member birthday celebration.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

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

Spouses' Birthday

Arlene Ihle	12/12/06
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Member Anniversaries

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

Salvation Army

This Saturday, Dec 16th is our last day of bell ringing for the Salvation Army. We ring bells at the Rite Aide Drug Store at 29th and Willamette. If you give Donations to the Salvation Army, stop by and put you donation into the Pot. That way the club also gets credit for the collection. Our pot is usually in the top two for collections for them.

Get Smart

At the November meeting, the EEK Board approved SMART as a Club project, taking the place of RIF. What is SMART? The acronym stands for "Start Making A Reader Today." SMART involves a commitment of one hour per week, wherein one would read to two kindergarteners (a half-hour with each) for several weeks. The time involvement would be greater than with RIF, but the impact on the child would also be greater. The Kiwanian would develop a mentoring relationship with each child - something not possible in the RIF format.

To participate, one would submit a volunteer application. When approved, the volunteer would be given a brief training to acquaint him or her with how SMART works, be assigned two kindergarteners, and begin to meet once a week to read with the children.

Is SMART really needed? Definitely! Research indicates that one out of three 4th-graders in Oregon has fallen below grade level in reading. The importance of what volunteers are doing is demonstrated by the fact that SMART is now operating in 231 schools in 32 of Oregon's 36 counties. So, be thinking about your role in this new project, and be ready to "Get SMART!" (P.S. Kids in SMART get free books, too - two books each month.)

Board Meeting Notes

On December 11th the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the November 14th meeting.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 87.2%. 85 service hours with 17 members participating. 79 administrative hours with 54 members.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report: Balances are: Project Fund \$27,850.41. Admin Fund \$8,571.43. Lunch Fund \$105.
- Voted to give Carl Ihle, Don Johnson & Jim Lane Board Thank You Awards for their extra effort in getting members, that need assistance, to the Club meetings.
- Asked that Committees get information and/or pictures about their projects to Bob Sanders to get in the newsletter and/or on the website.
- Will send \$250 to the Lt. Governor expense Fund.
- Discussed the Administration Fund---Out go is more than income. Voted to transfer the profit from berries sold to members from the Project Fund to the Admin Fund.
- April 7 2007 is "Kiwanis One Day of Service". International is asking that all of the Kiwanis Family do service on that day. We'll see if other clubs in the Division would like to do a joint project.
- Decided to drop selling Entertainment Books as a Fundraiser.
- January 18th will be the Salvation Army Baby Needs drive.
- Approved adding \$200 from new project money to the Youth Services budget to
- Buy a microscope for the Science Factory.
- The Berry committee will meet in January. Send Carl Ihle any comments or suggestions to him in writing. A person or persons is needed to learn the computer ordering process.

- Suggested that someone from the house committee be assigned to make sure all members attending the meeting get their name check off on the attendance sheet and greet visitors.
- From the proceeds of the Metropolitan Choral Festival, a gift was purchased for Tom Coats and the evening custodial staff at Willamette High School. The rest, about \$694, will be given to the Metropolitan Choral Directors Fund.

Elmer Cone

Elmer R. Cone, a long-time E. E. Kiwanian, passed away December 11. He will be remembered by members who have been in EEK a long time. Elmer has in recent years been an Honorary Member; he has been unable to attend meetings for the past ten or twelve years.

Elmer, who retired from First Interstate Bank as manager of the University Branch, joined Emerald Empire Kiwanis on May 13, 1965. He was sponsored by Virgil Cameron, another First National and First Interstate officer. Elmer served as Club President for the 1983-84 year. As health began to fail him, he took Senior Member status in 1988, and was later elected to Honorary Membership.

After his service as Club President, Elmer took the lead in the formation of the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Foundation, chairing the committee that brought the Foundation into being. His name is one of five past and current members who have been recognized as Grand Kiwanians, having donated \$1,000 or more to EEKF's endowment fund.

Elmer was born June 19, 1921, in Portland, but lived nearly all his life in Lane County, first in Cottage Grove and then in Eugene. He will be missed by his many friends, Kiwanians and others. Arrangements are pending with Rest Haven.

Socket to Me

It is difficult to imagine that some school children actually show up at school in the winter without socks on their feet. But they do. And we can understand how kids with cold feet do not receive maximum benefit from school. In response to this situation, the EEK Community Service Committee provides hundreds of socks each year for needy school children. This month we delivered 150 pair of warm, new, socks to the School Based Health Centers.

Board Thank You Award

Serving the community is the foundation of Kiwanis but so is the fellowship and support we give our fellow club members. We have some members who find it difficult if not impossible to attend meetings on their own. Carl Ihle, Don Johnson and Jim Lane are making sure Jack Naff and George Matheson have transportation to our meetings. For that service they are receiving our Taxi Service Board Thank You Award for the month of December. Service to the community also means service to our members.