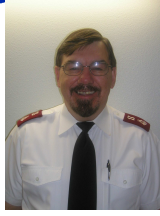




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THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB



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November 2007

Future Programs

- 11/15/07** Invocation: Jack Naff Host: Don Lown
4J Student Mentor Program - Rob Stein
- 11/22/07 Thanksgiving - No meeting**
- 11/29/07** Invocation: Gwen Hershiser Host: Don Lown
Victory Outreach - Trisha Reed
- 12/6/07** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown
Greenhill Humane Society - Katie Dyer, Director of Marketing and Development
- 12/13/07** Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Don Lown
TBA

President's Corner Joe Murray

If you are like me, you might agree that October went by much too fast. Now Thanksgiving and Christmas are peeking around the corner.

One of the highlights for October was the Metro Choral Fest. It was a real treat to hear the choirs perform from the ten participate high schools. When Churchill performed, the Vice President of the Key Club, Hillary, played the Cello along with the choir. Following the concert Key Club members Hillary and Rachael assisted with the cleanup. I applaud all of the Kiwanis members who assisted with this wonderful event. The MC for the evening thanked Kiwanis several times and introduced Ralph as the point man. Well done!

During the month of November I would like to give opportunity for members to review the list of Committees and decide if they would like to move from one committee to another or sign up for a new one. Our members and working committees represent the strength of our club.

November is the month designated for observing thankfulness. One of the things that I am Thankful for is the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club, and I am thankful to be able to say that I am a member.

Wishing all EEK members and their families a blessed Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 19 Soup Kitchen 208 W. 8th 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Membership Committee meeting @ County Parks office, Armitage Park, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

- Nov. 21 Interclub Eugene Club 12 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- Dec. 3 Youth Services committee meeting, 12 p.m. Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Dec. 6 Sponsored Youth and YCPO meeting after Club meeting.
- Dec. 7 Community Service Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m. Countryside Pizza and Grill on River Road.
- Dec. 8th, 15th, and 22nd Salvation Army bell ringing. 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. @ Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.
- Dec. 10 EEK Board meeting, 12 noon @ Eagles.
- Dec. 13 Members' birthday celebration.
- Dec. 13 PR and Spiritual Aims committee meetings after club meeting.
- Dec. 13 Division council meeting @ Izzy's Pizza, Springfield, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting.
- Dec. 15 Salvation Army bell ringing 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. @ Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.
- Dec. 17 Soup Kitchen, 280 W. 8th, 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Membership Committee meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. @ new County Parks office, Delta Highway.
- Apr. 25 Club Leadership Education @ Cottage Grove.
- Apr. 26 Zone Conference @ Cottage Grove.

Board Meeting Notes

On November 12th the Board met and conducted the following Business:

- Approved the minutes of the September 10th and 17th and October 8th meetings.
- Reviewed the monthly report: 79.5% attendance. 64 administrative hours with 38 members participating. 255 service hours with 51 members participating.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report: Project Fund \$35,874.25. Administrative Fund \$7,933.45. Lunch Fund \$120.50.
- Voted to give Ralph Ettel the November Board Thank You Award for his work on the Metropolitan Choral Festival.
- Heard there will be a Baby Needs Drive for the Salvation Army in January.
- The sign up sheets for Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be passed around.

- An Interclub is planned for November 21st with the Eugene Club.
- A Welcome Induction will be held on November 29th for the members that have transferred from the Springfield and West Eugene Earlybirds Clubs.
- A greeter will be present at the sign in table at each meeting to welcome visitors and members and remind members to sign in.
- The Sponsored Youth Committee paid ½ of the cost of tickets to the Messiah that Tom Talaba provided. They were given to the Choir Directors to distribute to students.
- Moved the January 17th noon meeting to an evening meeting. 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles for a special program. A Round Table will be held at noon.
- Cancelled the meeting on November 22, Thanksgiving.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

Fred Platt	11/14	Jim Funkhouser	11/23
Van Vandehey	11/26	Tom Talaba	11/26

Spouses' Birthdays

Mary Towne	11/2	Peggy Vandehey	11/9
Susan Platt	11/20	Toni Rosselli	11/25

Members' Anniversaries

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

Board Thank You Award

This was a year of transition for the Metropolitan Choral Festival. Bob Keefer who headed up the project was resigning from our club because it was too far a distance from the Willamalane Park office to our current meeting place. Ralf Ettel became our lead Kiwanian. It was a difficult job, somewhat like herding cats, the cats in this case the various Choir directors. Due to his efforts, and working with Mike McCornack, it all came together for an enjoyable evening of music put on by our local high school choirs. For this the Board awarded him our Sing Out Board Thank You Award for the month of November.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

One of my childhood memories of Christmas was the Salvation Army Kettle and people ringing bells beside it. Our Club carries on this tradition. We will be ringing bells at the Rite Aid drug store at 29th and Willamette on December 8th, 15th and 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sign up for a 2 hour shift. A reminder that if you are going to give a year end donation to the Salvation Army put it in the bucket. We are always one of the top collection buckets and your donations into the bucket helps that along.

Metropolitan Choral Festival

This year's Metro Choral Festival was in many ways a rousing success. We did the publicity, got the tickets,

posters, and programs printed, provided food and water for the participants, set up and took down the gymnasium transforming it from a gym to a concert hall. It was not without stress as we had to set up a new team because Bob Keefer, our old leader, had to bow out because his office moved so far away that he could no longer attend our meetings. We estimated that the crowd size was as good or better than last year. We need to study ways of counting how many actually come to this event in future years.

Audience behavior seemed better. Choral Director, Mike McCornack announced to everyone that there should be "no changing of seats or leaving while a choir was on stage and performing." There was less moving about. The upper tier of seats seemed to be filled even more, too. We were pleased with all the Kiwanians who packed lunches and handed them out to students. This included Pauline and Jim Lane, Leo Steele, Virginia Brooks, Nancy Reed, Carol and Mel Mead.

Loralyn Spiro got an early message out to the media telling them of our event. We're pleased to recognize her efforts. This may have accounted for the greater attendance we think we had. Of course, poster distribution does much to promote the festival as well.

Churchill, Sheldon, South Eugene, Springfield, Thurston, Willamette, Junction City, presented a full program singing two songs and then participated in the combined choir. Creswell and Elmira only participated in the combined Choir. The special conductor, Sharon Paul, held at least two rehearsals with the participating schools earlier in the week to prepare the mass choir to perform well together. Four students from Willamette High School helped us Kiwanians set up the stage, the sound shell, and the chairs. Their help was appreciated. Four students from Churchill help take down the stage and clean up the gym after the event. Jason knows who these were and he will pass on our thanks.

Many thanks to club members for the work hours they gave in continuing this worthwhile service to high school choirs.

Special January Evening Meeting

Don Lyons will present **The Faces of Islam** at a special evening meeting on Jan. 17, 2008. This will be a 1 hr and 15 minute slide show of photos that Don has taken on his many travels. Don operates Close-up Expeditions photographic adventures. He has traveled in over 100 countries and led expeditions in over 40 countries. It will be an interesting presentation, so plan ahead to be there and enjoy the evening.

Sponsored Youth North West Christian College CKI

In the final stages of being chartered. They have the required 15 persons signed up, officers elected and in the final stage of having a chartering banquet.

Churchill Key Club

Taking on a Shoe Box project in conjunction with Camp Fire to get a shoe box of needed items to students. Working on setting up a Builders club.