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

12/13/07 Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Jim Lane
That's My Story - A Story of a Man Who Fell 15,000 Feet without a Parachute and Lived to Tell About It.

12/20/07 Invocation: Bob Kingsbury Host: Don Lown
The Beginnings of Christmas - Fred Towne

12/27/07 Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Bill Pottker
Score: Counselors to America's Small Business - Bill Sarnoff and Jim Fortrann

1/3/08 Invocation: Mel Mead Host: Don Lown
From the Road - Ray Hull

1/10/08 Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Down Lown
Mt. St. Helens - Dave Kretzing

1/17/08 Invocation: Bob Sabin Host: Don Lown
The Face of Islam - Don Lyon. Close-up Expeditions Photographer, Guide This is a special evening program.

President's Corner

Season's Greetings fellow Kiwanis members;

Hopefully you are enjoying the Christmas season in the midst of all the rustle and bustle. Most of us have a dozen parties to attend, and maybe several to host.

Just the other day I was hosting the Salvation Army Advisory Board Christmas lunch. Gabby attended along with her parents. She had a great time hugging the figures in the inflatable manger scene that was in the hallway. She also did something I had never seen done before in all my years as a minister. She gave a *high-five* to baby Jesus. This is a different way to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, but it works. We have cause to celebrate because of the great gift that the Lord gave to us. Christmas is a love story.

So, during this busy season let's remember to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, because He is the Reason for the Season. Merry Christmas.

Blessings, C Joe

Upcoming Events

Dec. 13 Members' birthday celebration.

Dec. 13 Division Council meeting @ Izzy's Pizza, Springfield, 6:00 p.m. dinner 7:00p.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, 3015 N. Delta Hwy.

Dec. 18 Santa Claus @ Rainbow Village.

Dec. 22 Salvation Army bell ringing, 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. @ Rite Aid 29th and Willamette.

Jan. 3 YCPO Committee meeting after Club meeting.

Jan. 4 Committee meeting at Countryside Pizza and Grill on River Road. 7:30 a.m.

Jan. 7 Youth Services Committee meeting @ Abby's Pizza River Road. 12 noon.

Jan. 10 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims committee meetings after Club meeting.

Jan. 10 Division Council meeting @ Izzy's Pizza, Springfield, 6:00 p.m. dinner 7:00p.m. meeting.

Jan. 14 EEK Board Meeting, 12 noon @ Eagles.

Jan. 15 Membership Committee meeting, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. @ new County Parks Office, 3015 N. Delta Hwy.

Jan. 17 Special Club Evening meeting - Program, The Face of Islam 6:30 p.m. @ the Eagles.

Jan. 23 NW Christian University CKI Chartering meeting. 6:00 p.m. All Club members invited.

Apr. 25 Club Leadership Education @ Cottage Grove.

Apr. 26 Zone Conference @ Cottage Grove.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Members' Birthdays

Brooks Durham	12/1	Carol Mead	12/9
Ralph Ettel	12/24	Don Johnson	12/28
Carl Ihle	12/29		

Spouses' Birthdays

Arlene Ihle 12/12

Members' Anniversaries

Tom & Katie Stocks 12/18/1976

Board meeting Notes

On December 8th the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of November 12th meeting.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 86.5%, 68 administrative hours with 35 members participating, 55 service hours with 21 members participating.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report: Project Fund \$34,613.45. Administrative Fund \$8,367.55. Lunch Fund \$144.75.
- Voted to give Loralyn Spiro the December Board Thank You Award for her behind the scenes work on various committees even though she is unable to attend many of the meetings.
- Approved a donation of \$500 from the new project fund to Ross Penhalligon for his Kyrgyzstan Fruit Tree project. There was no budgeted amount this year but we have given in the past. He sent a letter requesting for more funds for pruners for his next trip.
- Discussed a book drive for the Emerald Valley Reading Council probably in March.
- Heard there would be a work day at Camp Lane in January. Possibly the 12th.
- Approved the list of projects.
- Expecting to have a chartering party for Northwest Christian University CKI Club on January 23rd.

Christmas With Santa

On December 18th Santa will once more visit approximately 80 children at the Rainbow Village Christmas party. Rainbow Village is a low cost housing project that our club and the division has had a continuing relationship with. We provide Santa every year and the Division provided seed money to fund a short term loan fund for people to draw on to help them get short term money to help out in an emergency. We are talking \$20 to \$30 here but it can be a real help in a pinch. Phil Jaspers will once again don C B Koch's Christmas outfit and visit with the children.

Emerald Valley Reading Council

Reading is Fundamental was an old ongoing project that emphasized reading to children at Head Start and sending them home with books for their parents to read with them. Our relationship with Head Start has broken down and we have dropped it until we can reestablish the relationship with them again. In its place we have added the Emerald Valley Reading Council as a project. They are a Chapter of the Oregon Reading Association whose mission statement is to "Promote Literacy and a Life Long Love of Reading". As part of that mission, the local chapter is working to get parents to read to their preschool children. They have found out that children who have been read to before they enter school are much more ready to learn to read and retain that love of reading the rest of their lives. The Council holds classes that teach parents the importance of reading to their children and provides books to them so they can read to their children at home. They get the names of these parents from state and local social agencies whose clients may not know how important it is to read to their children. As part of our support

for this organization we are planning to hold a book drive in March. We will be looking for both new books and used book in good condition. We might have books that we still have when our children were young or that our grand children have out grown or grown tired of and will be replaced this holiday season. Start thinking about it now so the March collection can be a huge success.

Board Thank You Award

The Board Thank You Award is given not only to members who are always out there leading the club and its activities but also to members who are always there and work behind the scenes to insure our projects move ahead to success. For the month of December the Board Awarded its Behind the Scenes Thank You Award to Loralyn Spiro. Due to cut backs in county funding Loralyn has been given more and more responsibilities and has found it difficult to attend our weekly meetings. However she has continued working on the PR Committee to get our name before the public, on the membership committee to insure we get new members and they are properly inducted and on our adopt Camp Lane project. For all this behind the scenes work we award her our Behind the Scenes Board Thank You Award for the Month of December.

Special January Evening Meeting

Don Lyons will present **The Faces of Islam** at a special evening meeting at the Eagles on Jan. 17, 2008. This will be a dinner meeting with a 1 hr and 15 minute slide show of photos that Don has taken on his many travels. It will cover an array of Muslim countries around the world. 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 bring a friend and/or a family member for an enjoyable and informative meeting.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

There are two Saturdays left for ringing bells and taking collections for the Salvation Army. Last Saturday, December 8th, we took in \$329. If you plan to donate to the Salvation Army this year, do it through our bell ringing pot. That way our Club gets credit for the donation and we can keep up our reputation for being one of the top collection sites. There are two time slots open. This coming Saturday, December 15th we need one person to help Buck Rosselli from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday December 22 we also have a slot from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. to work with Estley Schick.

Quotes and Pearls of Wisdom

Silent gratitude isn't very much use to anyone - G.B. Stern.

The squeaking wheel doesn't always get the grease. Sometimes it gets replaced - Vic Gold.

My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: Those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there - Indira Gandhi.