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Future Programs

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| 2/14/08 | Invocation: Dick Busic
Mentor Program - Rob Stein | Host: Don Lown |
| 2/21/08 | Invocation: TBA
Friendship with Cambodia - Jackie Van Rysseberghe | Host: Don Lown |
| 2/28/08 | Invocation: Ted Brown
First Place - William Wise | Host: Don Lown |
| 3/6/08 | Invocation: Tom Stocks
Mt. St. Helens - Dave Kretzing | Host: Don Lown |
| 3/13/08 | Invocation: Bob Kingsbury
Dragonflies and Damsel Flies | Host: Don Lown |

President's Corner

A few days ago Bob Sanders said to me, "We need some words of wisdom from our fearless leader for the newsletter." Wow, *words of wisdom* – now there's a challenge.

George Carlin said, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away." On Tuesday, 2/12, six of us traveled by mini van together to Roseburg for an Interclub Meeting. As we traveled, my breath was taken away several times by the beauty of the sunny day and the lovely landscape. Speaking for myself, I enjoyed the company of Bob, Eileen, Nancy, Phil, and Tom.

A few days earlier I had the opportunity to attend the Churchill Key Club and I had my breath taken away during the meeting. Five new members were scheduled to receive their membership pins, and Jason suggested that the Emerald Empire President present the pins (and pin them on). That was unexpected and a real privilege for me.

Another wow for me was the number of people who attended the early morning Berry Committee Meeting on February 8th. As I sat through the meeting I had a sense of amazement that this big fundraiser seems to move smoothly like clockwork. Carl and Virginia are doing a fantastic job, and the total club membership faithfully supports this fundraiser.

Well, these are just a few experiences that I have had this month. Some say that experiences contribute to a person's wisdom. If that is true, each of us has many opportunities to become wiser. For the most part, I find that I get my wisdom from others. So, here are some words of wisdom from Pablo Picasso that I can agree with, "*Everything you can imagine is real.*"

Happy Valentine's Day. Have a great month.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 14 Members' birthday celebration.
- Feb. 14 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. 18 Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m. @ 280 W. 8th.
- Feb. 19 NWCC CKI meeting, 12 Noon.
- Feb. 20 New Member orientation @ Sanders, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Division Council meeting @ Snak Shak in Creswell, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting.
- Mar. 3 Youth Services Committee meeting, 12 noon @ Abby's, River Road.
- Mar. 4 NWCC CKI meeting, 12 noon.
- Mar. 6 YCPO and PR committee meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 7 Community Service Committee meeting, 7:30 a.m. @ Countryside Pizza, River Road.
- Mar. 10 EEK Board meeting, 12 noon @ Eagles.
- Mar. 13 Members' Birthday celebration.
- Mar. 13 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after Club meeting.
- Mar. 13 Division Council Meeting, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting. Izzy's Pizza, Springfield.
- Mar. 17 Soup Kitchen, 2:00 p.m., 280 8th.
- Mar. 19 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon @ County Parks office 3050 N. Delta Hwy.
- April 2 EEK Foundation Board meeting, 7:30 a.m. @ Salvation Army.
- April 5 Camp Lane Cleanup.
- April 17 Youth Recognition Banquet.
- April 25 Club Leadership Education @ Cottage Grove.
- April 26 Zone Conference @ Cottage Grove.
- April 29 Strawberry Mailing, 9 a.m. Salvation Army.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

Joe Murray	2/3	Jim Lane	2/5
Eileen Sanders	2/10	LeRoy Hershiser	2/13
Billy Nickell	2/17	Jason Steele	2/19
Phil Jaspers	2/21	Dee Harbison	2/21
Loralyn Spiro	2/26		

Spouses' Birthdays

Dave Brooks	2/25
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Board Meeting Notes

On February 11th, the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the January 14th meeting.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 84%. 65 administrative hours with 44 members participating. 191 service hours with 38 members participating.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report: Project Fund \$30,783.03. Administrative Fund \$8,700.55. Lunch Fund \$144.75. International dues will be paid in March.
- Voted to give Mel Mead the February Board Thank You Award for all of his many behind the scenes support for the Club.
- Set the Annual meeting for April 24th. The nominating committee was activated.
- Set a EEK Foundation Board meeting for April 2nd.
- An audit of the books will be scheduled.
- The Community Service Committee is trying to get a representative from the organizations they give money to to attend a meeting to let us know what they do.
- The paperwork for NWCC CKI chartering has been sent in. A chartering party will be scheduled when we know we have the pins, banner, etc.
- Heard that the "in-kind" donation of baby items to the Salvation Army was estimated at \$265.
- Heard a proposal for a donation of 100 service hours to the Science Factory. See story to follow.

Board Thank You Award

All clubs have members that have been around for many years and continue to support the club in various ways. Our club is no exception. The Board voted to award Mel Mead the February Involved in Everything Board Thank You Award. Mel's service started 46 years ago in 1962 when he joined our club. In 1969 - 1970 he became President and in 1972 Secretary. He served in that position until 1995 and earned the District's outstanding Secretary every year. During that period he also earned the International's Outstanding Secretary award 5 times. To get that award your club and club president must also have earned and outstanding President and Outstanding Club Award at the International level. In recognition of his excellence as club secretary, for 1991-1992 he received the District's Mel Dennis Award for Outstanding Secretary. During that time period he also found time to be Division 74 Lt. Governor in 1988, District Education Chair from 1989 to 1990 and Assistant Circle K administrator from 1991 to 1995. Mel is now the Club's Assistant Secretary, Club Historian and serves on

the Membership, Human & Spiritual Aims, House and Interclub Committees. Member recruitment has been a strong point of his. He has recruited 17 members with 8 still active in our club. He has also been on our Foundation's Board since it was formed and is presently its Treasurer. If you want to know anything about Kiwanis or our Club just ask Mel. Thanks Mel, we appreciate having you around.

Berry Sale Update

Yes, it is Barry Sale time again. The committee met and discussed several things. The decision was made to stay with Oregon Fruit for the fresh strawberries and Stahlbush Farms for the frozen berries. There is a possibility that Stahlbush Farms can supply us with frozen red raspberries. If they can, we will add them to our list of frozen berries. Virginia Brooks will be manning the hotline this year. On April 29th we will be stuffing the envelopes for the mailing to customers who have ordered in the last 3 years. We will start at 9 a.m. at the Salvation Army and with all of your help we will be done in about 2 hours. The sale has been so successful the way it is set up that there isn't any major changes to be made.

Science Factory Project

Our club has had a long term relationship with the Science Factory. Ray Hull was the executive director when it was still called WISTEC. In the past we have built a storage shed, helped turn over exhibits, worked on the original landscape in front of the museum and helped plant the trees and install the benches on the entrance sidewalk. Ray and Don Lown also spend many hours a month volunteering general support for their programs. Buck also did the mowing of the lawn for the first 3 years after we installed it.

The Science Factory is submitting a grant proposal to the Eugene Neighborhood Matching Grant Program. The proposal will seek funds from the city to create an area with an information kiosk, benches and landscaping at the parking lot entry to the Science Factory walkway. This is a matching grant program with the grant matching dollars raised by the Science Factory. Volunteer labor can go toward amount the Science Factory needs to raise. The grant program calculates the value of volunteer labor at \$16.00/hour. A request was presented to the Board through the Youth Services committee to support this project by providing volunteer labor. Ray Hull, who is our liaison with the Science Factory, requested we pledge 100 hours to this project. The Board concurred with this recommendation. EEK's pledge of 100 hours will generate \$1,600.00 in matching funds. Volunteer hours will be spread over the duration of the project and could involve construction, installation, landscaping, and maintenance of the proposed information station. An initial draft of the Science Factory's proposal will be submitted to the city for review on Feb. 25. The final proposal is due on March 31. If the Science factory receives this grant, this will be a spring/summer project. Stay tuned for further developments.