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Thursday
Eagles Club Eugene

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Future Programs

- 11/16/06** Invocation: Dick Busic Host: Don Lown
Metamorphosis at the Science Factory - Joyce Berman, Director of Marketing
- 11/23/06 Thanksgiving, No Meeting**
- 11/30/06** Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Don Lown
McKenzie Willamette Medical Center - Rosie Pryor
- 12/7/06** Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Don Lown
My Seasons...Sports and Life - Bob Welch
- 12/14/06** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown
St. Vicent DePaul - Tim McDonald
- 12/21/06** Invocation: Lee Wahlstrom Host: Chuck Leighter
The Eugene Mission - Ernie Unger

President's Corner Virginia Brooks

November, the time to get serious about Old Man Winter, setting your watches back, and stuffing, not only the turkey, but ourselves. I'm very pleased to see more of our chairs coming up with ideas for attracting new members. This should be the primary focus for our club as we can't afford to let this year go by without bringing in some fresh faces, ideas, and attitudes. I encourage you; Ask and ye shall receive; perhaps a confirmation from a friend who, also, wants to be part of an organization that helps the children of the world, as well as dedicate themselves to our goals and to our many successful projects.

The Choral Festival was once again wonderful, thanks to Bob Keefer and all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this wonderful project even better than the year before. Thanks Bob for all your hard work. We look forward to next year when we will be able to take part again.

Elections come and go, and I have to admit I'm happy this one is over. It should bring change to our country and even though it will be a struggle, change can be a good thing if it has the right focus. I'm pleased to see Measure 48 did not pass as it would have stretched our already labored government agencies to the breaking point. Well, as they say in the working person's world, "Another day, another fifty cents". I guess that should be \$1.50 as the rate surely has gone up by now! See you next meeting; and I'll be the one with bells on.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 20 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon, County Parks Office, Armitage Park.
- Nov. 22 Interclub Eugene Club, Hilton Hotel, 12 noon.
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving, no Club meeting.
- Dec. 1 Community Service Committee meeting, @ Countryside Pizza, River Road. 7:30 a.m.
- Dec. 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.
- Dec. 4 Youth Services Committee meeting @ Abby's Pizza, River Road. 12 noon.
- Dec. 7 YCPO meeting after Club meeting.
- Dec. 9 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.
- Dec. 11 EEK Board Meeting, 12 noon @ Eagles.
- Dec. 12 Rainbow Village Christmas with Santa. 6:p.m.
- Dec. 14 Member Birthday Celebration.
- Dec. 14 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after Club meeting.
- Dec. 14 Division Council meeting @ Izzy's on Seneca between Home Depot and Fred Meyer.
- Dec. 16 Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Rite Aid, 29th and Willamette.
- Dec. 18 Soup Kitchen, 280 W. 8th, 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon, County Parks Office, Armitage Park.

Salvation Bell Ringing

On December 2nd, 9th, and 16th we will continue an old tradition, the ringing of bells for the Salvation Army at the 29th and Willamette Rite Aid Drug Store. We plan to enlist help from our 2 Key clubs. Participate, sign up starts Nov 16.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Members' Birthdays

Jim Funkhouser	11/23	H. P. Hendershott	11/24
Van Vandehey	11/26	Tom Talaba	11/26

Spouses' Birthdays

Mary Towne 11/2 Peggy Vandehey 11/9

Toni Rosselli 11/25

Member Anniversaries

Helen & Galen Baxter 11/8/1952

Don & Martha Johnson 11/17/1942

Board Meeting Notes

On November 13th the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Received the Treasurer's Report: Service Fund \$30,156.69. Administrative Fund \$7,342.47.
- Voted to award Bob Keefer the November Director Extraordinaire Board Thank You award for his "directing" the work for the Metropolitan Choral Festival.
- Voted to award Mike McCornack an Everyday Hero Award.
- Talked about building a Kiwanis Float in conjunction with other clubs in the Division to use in parades or other events that Clubs might have. All Clubs would be able to use it.
- Cancelled the meeting on Thanksgiving Day.
- The Committee Service Committee would like to institute inviting a representative from an organization that we donate money to, to come to a meeting and tell about the organization and accept the donation. They are also looking into projects with Seniors as part of the Governor's Project. Perhaps focusing on grandparents raising grandchildren.
- The Youth Services Committee is planning on recognizing the custodial staff at Willamette High School for their work following the Choral Festival. The Les Calder sign at Camp Lane has been replaced.
- The Human and Spiritual Aims Committee evaluated their program of keeping track of members who are absent several meetings in a row and checking up on them. It seems to be working. Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will be the first 3 Saturdays of December.
- Interclubbing was discussed. There seems to be a lack of interest in doing this. Ideas will be looked into.
- The Sponsored Youth Committee asked to have an additional \$150 added to their budget to support the Key Club Lt. Governor who is a member of the Churchill Key Club. And ear mark \$1,100 of the New Project funds to be used for a second CKI (Circle K) if it gets started.

Emerald Empire Foundation Notes

- On November 13, 2006 the Foundation Board met and conducted following business:
- Approved minutes of member meeting of May 11th, Board Minutes of May 18th and September 7th, and member meeting of September 28th.
- Received the Treasurer's report. Total assets \$33,528, \$600 earmarked for the Back pack project and \$32,928 in the endowment fund. The \$600 earmarked money came from grants from Labor Ready and Wal-Mart.
- Authorized a letter to EEK members on year end donating to the EEK Foundation. Money would be put in the endowment fund. Only interest from this fund can be used for projects to supplement club project funds in lean years and providing scholarships to outstanding graduating Key Club members.

Major Service Projects Metropolitan Choral Festival

The event is over and what an event it was. Twenty two members contributed 89 hours. Five Key Clubbers from Churchill HS and 5 Key Clubbers from North Eugene High helped out with serving meals and help take down. There were about 450 students from 10 high schools. This was down slightly from prior years, a reflection of school funding cuts. Attendance appeared up and as always the choirs were outstanding.

Interfaith Shelter

Homeless families are a problem in the community. A few years ago Saint Vincent DePaul, in conjunction with local churches, established an emergency shelter for homeless families with children. For 30 days families can stay at local churches while more permanent housing is arranged. Every two weeks they move to a new church. This is truly an emergency shelter project with volunteers providing all the supervision, food and shelter. While at Central Presbyterian Church, 7 members put in 142 hours on the project.

Everyday Hero Award

The annual Metropolitan Choral Festival does not just happen. For the past 10 years Mike McCornack has been the main coordinator of this project. He does this above and beyond his duties as Choir and Tech director at Willamette HS. For all his leadership over the years, we have awarded him an Everyday Hero Award. Thanks Mike for your dedication to the kids.

Board Thank You Award

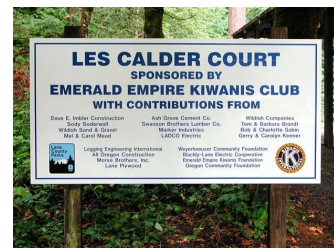
Eight years ago Bob Keefer's daughter was in the Springfield Choir. The area Choral Directors were putting on an area choral festival for local high schools. Bob thought it could be made better if we could help them. The rest is history. Each year since we became associated with the festival, it has become better and better. For all your good work and leadership, the Board voted to give you its November Director Extraordinaire Board Thank You Award.

Les Calder Sign

The Pictures say it all!



Before



After

Thanks to Frank Day for getting the new sign and Leo Steele for helping install it.