

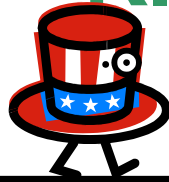


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Meets 12:00 p.m.
Thursday
Eagles Club Eugene

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Future Programs

- 7/17/08** Invocation: Dee Harbison Host: Bob Kingsbury
Uganda Children's Fruit Tree Planting Project - Allen Walugembe
- 7/24/08** Invocation: Phil Jaspers Host: Don Lown
BLM Old-Growth Clear Cutting Proposal - Jay Lininger, Cascadia Wildlands Project
- 7/31/08** Invocation: Dick Basic Host: Tom Stocks
Register-Guard Corporate Public Relations - Bridget Baker, Director
- 8/7/08** Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Joe Murray
Culture of Alaska - Joe Murray
- 8/14/08** Invocation: Bob Kingsbury Host: Tamra Steele
Tamra's Father

- Aug. 1 Community Services committee meeting, 7:30 a.m. @ Countryside Pizza, River Road.
- Aug. 2 Highway cleanup, 8:30 a.m. West 11th and Beltline.
- Aug. 7 YCPO committee meeting after club meeting.
- Aug. 11 EEK Board meeting, 12:00 at Eagles.
- Aug. 14 Spiritual Aims committee meeting after club meeting.
- Aug. 14 Member birthday celebration.
- Aug. 14 - 17 PNW District Convention, Tri Cities WA.
- Aug. 18 Dining Room, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ 280 W. 8th.
- Aug. 20 Membership committee meeting, 12:00 p.m., County Parks Office, 3050 Delta Highway.
- Aug. 21 Frozen Strawberry delivery at Valley River Center, 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21 Berry Sale Completion celebration, 7:00 p.m. @ Papa's Pizza on Coburg Rd.
- Sept. 4 Annual Club Picnic @ Richardson Park, Fern Ridge Lake, Site 3, Start 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m.

President's Corner

Congratulations on a job well done! I would like to thank everyone who helped with the 2008 Berry Sales, and the fresh berry distribution. Even though we still need to distribute frozen berries on August 21st, and some loose ends may need to be tied up, we can be sure that our Berry Sale was a great success. Those dollars we earned will make a big difference in the lives of children and adults who receive service from organizations that we support. In my book, you all deserve a club award.

Well, if I dwell on this subject any longer I might be compared to the missionary preacher that Mark Twain wrote about. Mark was visiting a church where a missionary preacher was appealing for money to evangelize people in a foreign country. "After 10 minutes of description about their unhappy plight, I wanted to give \$50.00. The preacher kept on another 15 minutes and that gave me time to realize that \$50.00 was an extravagance, so I cut it in half. At the end of another 10 minutes, I had reduced it to \$5.00. When at the end of an hour of speaking the plate finally was passed, and I was so annoyed that I reached in and helped myself to a quarter."

Have a great summer.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Members' Birthdays

Bill Pottker Sr.	7/1	Gerry Keener	7/4
George Matheson	7/11	Don Lown	7/14
Brooks Durham	7/21	Bob Sabin	7/28
Fred Towne	7/29		

Spouses' Birthdays

Katie Stocks 7/21

Members' Anniversaries

Billy & Nancy Nickell	7/19/1949
Leo & Stephanie Steele	7/14/1968
Estley & Alicia Schick	7/4/1981
Don & Hyde Lown	7/14/1989

Upcoming Events

- July 17 **The Emerald Empire Club 54th birthday.**
- July 31 PR Committee meeting after club meeting.

Board Meeting Notes

The Board met on July 14th.

- The minutes of the June 9th Board meeting were reviewed. No changes noted

- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 88.2%. Service hours 65 with 18 members participating. Administrative hours 484 with 88 members participating. 400 of those hours were spent on the Berry sale.
- Received the Treasurer's report: Project fund \$130,028.53 bills not received for strawberries and delivery. Administrative fund \$3,838.07. Lunch fund \$169.50. Donations and expenses for the month of June include Habitat for Humanity \$500, Halfway House \$350, Local Aid-Junction City \$250, Mt. Pisgah \$500, school nurse support \$69.59, Senior Respite care \$250, Shelter Care \$500, Camp Kiwanis-Mt. Hood \$500.
- The Community Service Committee was directed to consider a donation of \$1,000 to Food For Lane County. If they were unable to find that amount of money in their budget, they should return to the Board for approval of additional funds.
- Delegates to the District Convention was revisited. They are Tom Stocks, Phil Jaspers and Virginia Brooks. Alternates are Nancy Reed, Joe Murray and Carol Mead.
- Put George Matheson on a Leave of Absence from June 12th through September 12th.
- Heard that the YCPO Committee, in conjunction with the Emerald Valley Reading Council, is working on finding a venue where we can read to preschool children several times a year.
- A solar blanket for the pool at Camp Wilani has been purchased.
- Set the Installation of Officers for September 25th at Shadow Hills Country Club. 6:30 p.m.

Proposed amendments to be voted on at District Convention

The first one is in regard to increasing the District dues by \$1 to cover the cost of printing and distributing the Builder.

The second one deals with changing the District Bylaws to conform with the International Bylaws. Several years ago International did away with the age requirement when members that joined Kiwanis had belonged to a Service Leadership Program (Key Club, CKI, etc.) having to pay dues for 2 years after they joined. Until now, the District Bylaws said they did not have to pay dues if they were less than 30 years old. They are proposing that the Bylaws be changed to conform with the International Bylaws with no age requirement.

The third one is a much more serious one to consider. There is a movement afoot to change the governance of the District. At the Board meeting in March, the Executive Committee was given permission to study the feasibility of changing the District governance by changing to a smaller Trustee system. The Lt. Governors would not be considered Trustees. The Trustees would be elected separately from larger Zones rather than from Divisions and would probably serve for a three term. The Executive committee is to report their findings to the Board of Trustees at the Board meeting which meets Friday morning at the District Convention. What is coming before the Board is not just an investigative analysis but a full fledged Bylaw amendment. If the Board of Trustees approves of the proposal, it would come before the

delegate body on Saturday to be voted on. Details of the feasibility plan have not been provided but the proposed amendment is being circulated as if it would be voted on at the delegate session at the District Convention. Instead of having a Lt. Governor from each Division on the Board of Trustees there would be a trustee elected to serve on the Board of Trustees to represent each Zone. That would leave the Lt. Governors to "deal effectively with the Clubs and not be *bothered* with attending Board meetings". It looks like there would just be another layer of bureaucrats that the clubs would have to go through to have any say about what happens in the District. Instead of having a Board of Trustees of 54 Lt. Governors there would be a Board of Trustees of 15-18 Trustees. Those in support of this amendment say that it would be cheaper and they could more easily and in a more timely manner deal with the business of the District because they could meet more often.

Supposedly there is a fact sheet coming in the near future to explain how it would work, but at this time I (Lt. Governor Eileen Sanders) see no way of being able to vote on this as an informed voter.

When a fact sheet is available it will be forwarded to all members and the Club Board will review it again at the August Board meeting. All thoughts and concerns should be forward to someone on the Board of Directors so they can be discussed and the delegates informed as to how they should vote at the Convention.

A fourth amendment is a housekeeping amendment to bring the District Bylaws in conformity with the International Bylaws. This change basically removes the word Constitution from the District Bylaws to be in conformity with Kiwanis International Bylaws as they no longer have a constitution and reference to it in our Bylaws is unnecessary.

Highway Cleanup

On August 2nd we will be doing our quarterly highway cleanup at the south end of the Belt Line Highway. The fun will start at 8:30 a.m. The more that sign up the faster it goes. After the cleanup there will be the famous sought after refreshments provided by Pauline Lane.

The Dining Room

At 280 W. 8th lies a unique Eugene Restaurant. It is a restaurant where low income people can get a free dinner. It is called the "Dining Room" not the Soup Kitchen. Food For Lane County runs it and we help by doing food preparation from 1 to 3 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. Food service opens at 3 p.m. and runs until 6 p.m. four days a week. The atmosphere is one of a buffet dinner, not a depression era soup line. People are screened at the door and go through a buffet line and take their food to a table where servers offer them water, drinks and a selection of desserts. Tables are cleaned by more servers. Both families and singles are served with families usually coming later. This is an important program for low income Lane County residents and a worthy project for our club. Please consider volunteering for it.