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Eagles Club Eugene

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Future Programs

- 10/11/06** Invocation: Joe Murray Host: Jason Steele
Club Officer Installation
- 10/19/06** Invocation: Mel Mead Host: Don Lown
Population Connection - John Seager
- 10/26/06** Invocation: Jack Naff Host: Don Lown
Education in Oregon - Senator Vicki Walker
- 11/2/06** Invocation: Gerry Keener Host: Don Lown
Public Info on Tax and Charter Initiatives - Doug Harclerod and Assistants
- 11/9/06** Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Don Lown
Lane Transit District - Andy Vobora, Dir. Of Service Planning, Accessibility and Marketing
- 11/16/06** Invocation: Dick Busic Host: Don Lown
Metamorphosis at the Science Factory - Joyce Berman, Director of Marketing
- 11/23/06** Thanksgiving - **No Club Meeting**

President's Corner Virginia Brooks

The leaves are falling and that can only mean one thing; time to haul out those leaf blowers and get to work on another year in Kiwanis service. We have a lot of challenges before us in the coming year as Kiwanians, some not so difficult and others more so. The first challenge is to retain old members and attract new ones as more and more service organizations are losing members and not attracting younger people to their clubs. Through our work with Circle K and Key Clubs, we will lay the groundwork for new energetic young people who want to give back to their communities, and that is where our future lies. But for now, we need to consciously ask "Would you like to come to our Kiwanis meeting and find out how you can give back to your community and have fun doing it?" No one will come, if you don't ask.

Another is the Governor's Project for service programs for the senior population and in particular, Alzheimer patients. Governor Laurie wants to promote fundraisers for Alzheimer research, but also will leave it up to each club to develop their own senior projects, perhaps for shut-ins, or senior program volunteers. Let me know what is going on in your neck of the woods for opportunities for service work.

Thank you for your confidence in me and together we will continue to carry on with our many worthy projects you have developed and successfully carried out for many years, and look for new opportunities; because in order to grow, we have to change the way we do things just a little more each year.

Board Meeting Notes

On October 10th the EEK Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the September 11th Board meeting.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance-76.6%. Service hours-47 with 17 members. Administrative hours-31 with 13 members.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report: Fund balances are: Service Fund \$28,623.67. Administrative Fund \$5,623.41. Lunch Fund \$120.50.
- Voted to give Pauline Lane an Everyday Hero Award for her work with Local Aid in Junction City.
- Voted to give Don Leslie its Step Right Up October Board Thank You Award for all of the projects that he has suggested for the Club and the volunteering that he does for all of our present projects.
- Our Club hosts the Division Council meeting at the Sizzler at 6 pm on October 12th.
- Approved a Leave of Absence for Tom Talaba from October 10 through November 10th.
- Approved a working budget with the understanding that committees could raise their budgets by approximately 20% if they felt they needed more money for some of their projects or new ones. We have an excess of approximately \$4,000 that could be used and still have some left for new projects that might come along during the year.
- Reviewed and accepted the list of Approved projects with the addition of Nearby Nature and the SMART program.
- Canceled the noon meeting on October 12th and approved a Round Table at noon at the Eagles for those who could not attend the Officer Installation dinner on October 11th.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 11 Officer Installation dinner. 6:30 pm at the Eagles.
- Oct. 12 No noon meeting. Round Table at noon at the Eagles.

- Oct. 12 Division Council meeting, 6 pm dinner, 7 pm meeting, @ Gateway Sizzler Restaurant. EEK hosts.
- Oct. 16 Soup Kitchen. 280 W 8th. 2 pm.
- Oct.17 Membership Committee meeting, 12 noon, County Parks office, Armitage Park.
- Oct. 21 Adopt a Highway cleanup. 8:30 am West 11th and Belt Line.
- Oct. 24 Metropolitan Choral Festival @ Willamette High School, 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 2 YCPO Committee meeting after club meeting.
- Nov. 3 Community Service Committee meeting @ Countryside Pizza and Grill on River Road, 7:30 am.
- Nov. 6 Youth Services Committee meeting, 12 noon @ Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- Nov. 9 Member Birthday Celebration.
- Nov. 9 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after club meeting.
- Nov. 9 Division Council meeting @ Sizzler Restaurant Gateway, 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm meeting.
- Nov. 13 EEK Board Meeting, 12 noon @ Eagles.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

Vic Green 10/5 Don Leslie 10/12
 Dick Busic 10/12

Spouses' Birthdays

Lorraine Naff 10/7 Hyde Lown 10/15

Jean Ettl 10/20

Members' Anniversaries

Virginia & Dave Brooks 10/4
 Jason & Tamra Steele 10/9

Board Thank You Award

The Step Right Up, October Board Thank You Award goes to Don Leslie.

Dedication --- to Kiwanis ---

is the thought that should come to all us when thinking about Don Leslie's many contributions to Kiwanis over the years. First and foremost is his **regular** participation in everything we do as a Kiwanis club. Don is always there when work is to be done, and he has sponsored many of our

projects past and present - Half Way House, Shelter Care and the Santa Clara Park Project, to name a few.

Recently Don "stepped up" when asked to chair the Community Services Committee upon Don Johnson's retirement.

As many of you know, Don has spent countless hours in volunteering on numerous agencies involved in improving the mental health climate in our community.

THANK YOU, Don.

Everyday Hero Award

Our new Kiwanis year starts with the selection of Pauline Lane, Executive Director of Junction City Local Aid, as our first Every Day Hero Award recipient for 2006/07. Pauline, and many dedicated volunteers, serve 220 low income families in the Junction City area by providing food boxes, clothing and other basic needs such as assistance with utility bills, rent, prescription drugs and bus tokens. Recent new programs include funding for non prescription drugs and de-lice kits for school children, as well as a new underwear and sock program, and a bicycle helmet program.

In order to try and break the "poverty cycle", if only one family at a time, Junction City Local Aid is attempting to establish new "pro-active" programs. The first of these is a cooperative effort with LCC, in which Local Aid would pay the testing fee for the final exams required for a General Education Degree for people who qualify through JCLA. Local Aid is currently in discussion with the JC School District about funding of an "emergency" dental program for students in pain.

Pauline is no stranger to our club and very much enjoys her role in serving us fresh cinnamon rolls as part of our Adopt A Highway brunches. She also supervised our Italian Dinner fund raisers for Habitat for Humanity.

Metropolitan Choral Festival

The count down has begun and we are in the last phases of the planning. The advertising is out or set up. The meals for the participants is arranged and the setup and cleanup crews are be organized. The day of the event should be like the strawberry delivery, an all club participation event. We need people in the morning to set up the stage and seating. At 5 pm people are needed to help pack the lunches for the Choral participants and cleaning the cafeteria. People are also needed to stick around and take down the stage and put away the chairs after the concert. All of these jobs can be done quickly and efficiently if we all turn out and help.

The most important thing though, is to come and hear this great group of kids sing music everybody will enjoy. It is a showcase of the good news of what our high school students can and do accomplish. The final mass choir is an awe inspiring event.

