

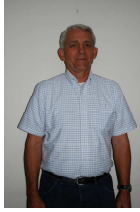


THE EMERALD EMPIRE KIWANIS CLUB

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

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Future Programs

1/15/09 Invocation: Dee Harbison
Meet Tamra Steele

1/22/09 Invocation: Joe Murray
Meet Bill Riley

1/29/09 Invocation: Dick Busic
Meet Kate Vessey

2/5/09 Invocation: Mel Mead Host: Don Lown
Darwin Day, Evolution in Infections and Wildlife Management - Kevin Emerson, Center for Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, U of O

2/12/09 Invocation: Fred Towne Host: Van Vandehey
County Extension - Steve Dodrill, Lane Co. Staff Chairman

2/19/09 Invocation; Jack Naff Host: LeRoy Hershiser
Helping Hands and Good Samaritan street People and homeless ministry

Jan. 21 Membership committee meeting, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., @ 3050 N. Delta Highway, County Parks Office.

Jan. 29 Salvation Army Baby Needs Drive.

Feb. 2 Youth Services Committee 12 noon @ Abby's Pizza, River Road.

Feb. 5 Community Service Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m. before Club meeting.

Feb. 9 EEK Board meeting, 12 noon @ Eagles.

Feb. 12 Members' Birthday celebration.

Feb. 12 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.

Feb. 16 Dining Room, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 208 W. 8th.

Feb. 18 Membership committee meeting, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., @ 3050 N. Delta Highway, County Parks Office.

April 25 Zone Conference in Cottage Grove.

President's Corner - Phil Jaspers

It is nice to start the 2009 year with all the activities we will bring to the special year that we have planned. It was fun to follow Bob Kingsbury's leadership for the Salvation Army bell ringing on Saturdays, even if the coolness was good enough to give Bell Ringer, Jack Naff, some blue, bell ringing fingers. Our work helped, member Joe Murray, have some "Happiness" that will help many people at the Salvation Army station.

The Emerald Empire and the Eugene Club's, Foundations, have indicated that they are interested in gathering the money this year for the SIGN (The Surgical Implant Generation Network) project and that we have additional help by all the Clubs in Division 74. It will take a lot of help and some time to accomplish this big project but children in the world will "gain" by the project.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15 YCPO committee meeting after Club meeting.

Jan. 15 Division Council meeting. 6 p.m. for dinner at the Snak Shak, in Creswell. 7 p.m. meeting.

Jan. 19 Dining Room, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., 208 W. 8th.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Members' Birthdays

Ted Brown 1/9 Estley Schick 1/29

Spouses' Birthdays

Carolyn Keener 1/3 Stephanie Steele 1/9

Sharon Hull 1/11

Members' Anniversaries

Ted & Lindy Brown 1/9/1963

Board Meeting Notes

On January 12th the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the December 8th meeting as written.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 88.2%. Administrative hours 56 with 26 members participating. 166 service hours with 34 members participating. The majority of the hours were for Habitat for Humanity, knit scarves for Special Olympics and Salvation Army Bell ringing.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report. Administrative Fund \$7,692.12. Received \$102.40 from the ink cartridge recycling program. Paid \$250 to the Past Lt. Governor

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

On Saturday December 13th and 20th our Club rang bells for the Salvation Army from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year we added the Bi-Mart store on W 11th and Chambers. This was the place the West Eugene Club used to ring at. Saturday December 13th was cold while the 20th was warmer but dreary. No matter what the weather was, the shoppers were pleasant and even with the economy not doing well we were able to collect \$1,855.25. Twenty six member put in 83 hours ringing bells. Both Key Clubs and Northwest Christian University CKI also helped out.

Our Projects

Our club has 93 approved projects. Some of these are big projects with many members participating and others smaller with only 1 or two members participating. All are reviewed every year to see if they are still relevant. Every month we plan to describe some of them so you can better know what we do and invite you to join in if they interest you.

Food For Lane County and Dining Room

Once every month four or five EEK members volunteer at the Dining Room. They wash, peel, slice and cut vegetables to make three salads which are put in large containers. Other people prepare the desserts, pies, cakes, muffins, etc and put them on the plates. We also roll up silverware in the napkin, put flower vases, newspapers, salt and pepper shakers on the tables. We have been known to sweep the floors. Also, we talk a lot.

EEK contact person: Helen Baxter
EEK donation: \$1500.00

Habitat for Humanity

EEK provides hot water heaters for each unit built. A name tag designating the Emerald Empire Kiwanis as donor is placed on the heater.

EEK contact person: Gerry Keener
EEK donation: \$750.00

Local aid- Junction City

For the past several months, we have helped fund the dental program. Through cooperation from the school nurse and counselors at the schools, students in pain from tooth decay and those who do not have funds for treatment are offered care. Drs. Foshay and McNeil are providing the children with excellent care and are doing so in a kindly manner, no matter how many children are treated. We consider this a very worthwhile endeavor.

EEK contact person: Jim Lane
EEK donation: \$750.00

Women's Space

Working to end Domestic Violence by empowering women and children. Provides refuge and support for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

EEK contact person: Tom Stocks
EEK donation: \$500.00

Association for Lt. Governor support. Project Fund \$39,495.97. Paid \$286 to the Churchill Key Club as their share of berries sold. Donated \$500 to the Emerald Empire Reading Council, \$350 to Halfway House and \$1,250 to the 4J School Nurse support.

- Hugh Foley was able to finish the income tax return without having to consult a professional accounting service.
- Approved the purchase of a new honors banner to replace the one that has been lost.
- Voted to award Bill Riley the January Board Thank You Award for always being at the meeting early to help set up the room.
- Heard that the House Committee really needs more members to be willing to help set up for the meeting and be greeters. It really makes guests, speakers and even members feel more welcome if someone is there to greet them when they arrive.
- Heard that 26 members rang bells for 83 hours and raised \$1,855.25 for the Salvation Army.
- Approved Fred Ferdowsian for membership.
- Heard that the Public Relations Committee needs a new chairperson.
- The Baby Needs Drive for the Salvation Army will be collected on January 29th.
- Heard that \$300 will be donated to the Choral Directors from the gate receipts of the Metropolitan Choral Festival.
- Approved the transfer of \$500 to the Youth Services Committee for the Science Factory to buy a new printer.
- Agreed that the following were eligible for a free lunch: Speakers, prospective members on their first visit, award recipients (Everyday Heroes, representatives from organizations there to receive donations, Key Club and CKI members, and others that the Club invites to a meeting). The Board Thank You Award recipient gets a ticket for a free lunch also.

Salvation Army Baby Needs Drive

The needs for babies never ends! They go on whether they are met or not and sometimes parents have a real problem meeting those needs. Organizations frequently get many donations during the Holiday Season when people feel more generous, but by the end of January the supply can be depleted. To help meet these needs, we will be collecting items for the Salvation Army on January 29th. The greatest need is for diapers and diaper wipes. Money is always accepted. Items will be accepted anytime this month, but Joe will be here on the 29th with his van to haul the items back to the Salvation Army.

Board Thank You Award

Setting up the room for our weekly meeting is an important job that most members take for granted. Many of our members come to the meeting soon after 11:30 and behold, the room is mostly up, ready for the meeting. Bill Riley is the one who week after week, comes early, and starts the room setup. For this service the EEK Board voted to give Bill our January Set 'Em Up January Board Thank You Award. Your efforts get our meeting off to a good start every week.