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KIWANIS CLUB

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

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Future Programs

- 3/12/09** Invocation: Bob Sabin Host: Bob Sanders
Station 7 Crisis Intervention For Youth - Kirstin Lee Program Supervisor
- 3/19/09** Invocation: Bob Kingsbury Host: Don Lown
SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) – Liz Degner
- 3/26/09** Invocation: Bill Riley Host: Phil Jaspers
Meet Helen Baxter
- 4/2/09** Invocation: LeRoy Hershiser Host: Don Lown
Oregon Youth Authority/Foster Home Care – Kelly Crain, Foster Home Certifier
- 4/9/09** Invocation: Brian Nelson-Munson Host: Helen Baxter
Pearl Buck Center – Dena Amend
- 4/16/09** Invocation: Joe Murray Host: Phil Jaspers
Youth Recognition Banquet @ Shadow Hills Country Club 6:30 p.m.

- March 12 Spiritual Aims Committee meeting after Club meeting.
- March 12 Division Council meeting @ Eagles, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. meeting.
- March 16 Dining Room, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 208 W. 8th.
- April 2 YCPO meeting after Club meeting.
- April 2 Station 7 needs collection.
- April 3 Community Service Committee meeting @ Marie Callender's, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. This is a change.
- April 4 Kiwanis One Day of Service cleanup day at Camp Wilani, 9:00 a.m. – noon.
- April 6 Youth Services Committee meeting, 12:00 p.m. @ Abby's Pizza, River Road.
- April 9 Member Birthday celebration.
- April 9 Sponsored Youth and Spiritual Aims Committee meetings after Club meeting.
- April 11 Camp Lane Spring Cleanup, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- April 13 EEK Board Meeting @ Eagles, 12 noon.
- April 16 Round Table @ Eagles, 12 noon.
- April 16 Youth Recognition Banquet, 6:30 p.m., Shadow Hills Country Club.
- April 25 Zone Conference in Cottage Grove.

President's Corner – Phil Jaspers

As we visit other clubs in our Division we hear how they are helping children with projects that are easy and some difficult to accomplish. I read a three-page list of actions for other kids/people that were completed by the Knights of Columbus at many places around the world. I think our club's list of actions compares very favorably with theirs, both at the local level around here and the world too. We "Greet" our members with a smile. "Activities for Children" took place by reading to the kids last week. "Funding Specialties" of the Knights of Columbus are like our whole list of help for kids who receive better socks or diapers or toothpaste or other needs. Their "Music Extravaganza" is like our Metropolitan Choral Festival. The Knights of Columbus have an "Anniversary Endowment" of \$100,000 which is a little more than we have in our EEK Foundation endowment but we are both using the funds to help children. We have provided "Tree Trimmers", "Quality Events", "Special Donations", "Young Scientists" (we have helped set up the activities at the Science Factory). Our "Medical Mission" has been donating to IDD and working toward the S.I.G.N project for traumatic bone injuries in third world countries. A "Garage Sale" has been used by our club to raise money for IDD. It is encouraging to see how many people share many of the same goals.

Upcoming Events

March 12 Member Birthday celebration.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Members' Birthdays

Tom Stocks 3/2 Hugh Foley 3/3

Spouses' Birthdays

Lynn Green 3/2 Shirley Kingsbury 3/22
Linda Ferdowsian 3/22

Member Anniversaries

Buck & Toni Rosselli 3/18/1972

Board Thank You Award

One of the good things about our club meetings is that we have interesting and informative programs. Frequently the presenters need a laptop computer and/ or a projector to use for their presentation. Thanks to Past Lt. Governor Larry Buck, the Division has a laptop and a projector that any club

can use. It seems to reside at the home of Bob Sanders and he brings it to our meetings and other club meetings when needed. Sometimes the projector is not compatible with a laptop and Bob spends time, and sometimes much frustration, getting them to work together so the presenters can show their program. For his effort and frustration the Board voted to give him the Audio Visual Guru Board Thank You Award for the month of March. Thanks Bob, for all of your persistence and expertise.

Board Meeting Notes

On March 9th, the Board met and conducted the following business:

- Approved the minutes of the February 9th meeting.
- Reviewed the monthly report: Attendance 85.6%. Administrative hours-101 with 55 members participating. Service hours-218 with 14 members participating.
- Accepted the Treasurer's report. Administrative Fund-\$7,967.54. International dues will be paid this next month. Project Fund-\$36,216.06. Donations included \$500 to Women's Space, \$300 to the Fruit Tree Project and \$600 to the Science Factory. \$163.90 was spent on books for Read Across America. \$448 was spent to pay NCU CKI's International dues.
- Voted to award Bob Sanders the March Board Thank You Award for all of his persistence, and at times frustration, with getting the laptop and projector working together for our program presenters.
- Agreed that it would be a good idea to ask our presenters if there is someone in their organization that would be a good candidate for an Everyday Hero Award.
- Heard that the Community Service Committee changed their meeting to a 7:30 a.m. meeting at Marie Callender's on the first Friday of the month.
- Approved a Leave of Absence for Don Johnson from March 1st through April 30th.
- Billy Nickell has been deleted from the roster and Fred Ferdowsian's information has been sent to International.
- A thank you to all the members that have volunteered to be a "greeter".
- Learned that there will be a cleanup at Camp Wilani on April 4th which is Kiwanis One Day of Service.
- Camp Lane spring cleanup will be April 11th.
- A collection for Station 7 will be held April 2nd.

Station 7

Our community has a non-profit organization called Looking Glass. Its mission is to build a better future for youth and families by helping navigate the challenges of childhood, adolescence and young adulthood. They have 10 innovative programs to accomplish this. Our Club directly supports one of these programs, Station 7 on Roosevelt Rd., just east of Four Corners. (The building is an old fire station.) They provide 24-hour crisis intervention, family reconciliation and emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth, ages 11-17. Open 24 hours a day 365 days per year, they have a 20 person staff to work with these youth and are licensed to temporarily house 12 individuals. However, they never turn away a first night stay for any youth. The dorm area has 24 hour supervision.

Their first priority is family reconciliation. If that does not or cannot be worked out, they work to get them into a stable environment. This can include residential treatment for alcohol, drug and behavior abuse. During the last quarter of 2008 they served 53 youth housing them for 249 nights. They operate a 24 hour crisis line and it is this area that has seen an increase in recent months.

One of our support projects is to conduct a needs drive. This year we will conduct a drive for the rest of the month of March. The final day is at the April 2nd meeting. You can bring items to any meeting until then. Items they need are personal items for both male and females such as:

Deodorants, Shampoo; Conditioner; Lip balm; Socks; Male and Female Underwear, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Sunblock, Lotion, Combs, Small tarps; Sanitary Pads/Tampons; Hair Spray; Wash Clothes; Handkerchiefs; etc.

Community Service Projects

In this issue we highlight **Labels for Education**. For many years we have saved can labels from the Campbell Co. We have given the labels to the Whitaker and River Road schools. Most labels are redeemed for playground equipment. Look for the red or yellow seal that says "**Labels for Education**" on Campbell or Swanson Cans. They may also appear on other brands from Campbell.

EEK contact person: Don Johnson

Notes From the District Board of Trustees' Meeting - Virginia Brooks

I attended the Mid-Winter Conference and it was not boring! The Board was in session from 6:30 p.m. until after 11 p.m. and still facing a lot of controversy regarding the Trustee Governance system. We voted to put it on the agenda and vote on it at the delegate session at District Convention in Medford. We will have a pro/con presentation on the proposed changes at our Zone conference so our convention delegates can make an informed vote reflecting our Club's position. Our District is going through a painful process in trying to keep tradition alive and still stay solvent. We need, more than ever, to grow members as we are losing them at a fast rate due to a number of things; death, money, and not pushing to recruit. More than ever before, we need to grow so please ask someone to join Kiwanis to help the children. With all the things going on this year, sign up and go to our Zone Conference, April 25th in Cottage Grove, as it will be a great program and you need to learn more about what is happening beyond Division #74.

Read Across America

It is always more fun doing a project when the recipients are really excited about what you are doing for them. This was how it was on March 3rd when 10 members and one spouse read to the Ross Lane Headstart School. Dr. Seuss books were read to 29 preschool children. They each made a bookmark and received a book to take home. Thanks go to Tom Stocks, Pauline Lane, Ray Hull, Bob Kingsbury, Nancy Reed, Phil Jaspers, Don Lown, Chuck Leighter, Ralph Ettel, Ted Brown, Bob and Eileen Sanders. I think it was just as much fun for us as it was for the kids. Unfortunately 8 kids were absent that day, but books were left for them.