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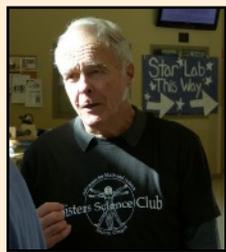
Kiwanis Club of Sisters January 2016

Winter forecast: More Snow - High See's Level

It is almost over but its not, sorry Yogi! The See's Candies project was a huge success again this year thanks to our able Candy men **Tom Kopec**, **Gary Kutz**, and all of you brave Kiwanians who manned/womaned the Sales trailer. **Tom** tells us not to let up yet. We have candy remaining that still needs to be sold. So think of that special Valentine, OK maybe without the Christmas wrap on it, keep shopping.



SHS Science Fair Coming Soon



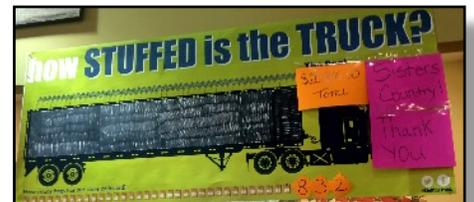
Our amazing **Cal Allen** promises not to be a "Mad Scientist" as long as we all show up to volunteer at this year's Science Fair. It's happening Saturday February 20th from 12 noon

to 4 pm at the high school. If you done it before you know it can be a real blast. It takes about 80 volunteers, doing 2 hours shifts to make everything from setup to science happen. No prior experience needed. Just come help us boost the interest in Science and Math in our schools. Be sure to see the "mousetrap" racers. You will be astonished.



Food Bank Has Its Busiest Month of the Year

On top of the regular business at the Food bank in December helping over a hundred families with over \$15,000 worth of food, we also hosted two other huge Food Bank events.



First, the Ray's Food Place ran a "stuff the truck" campaign and collected donations of 832 bags of groceries. That's more than 15,000 pounds. Read more on page 5.



And second, under the amazing guidance of **Shirley Lalli**, the Holiday Food Share was distributed to 174 qualified families. Many of you remember when for many years we distributed over a thousand *real* bags of groceries for the holidays with an army of volunteers and tons of food. When that became an unsustainable effort, the Holiday Food Share moved to a more manageable gift certificate process. Depending on the size of the family, recipients receive between \$75 and \$150 in gift certificates for Food4Less and Melvins market. Thanks also for help from **Naomi Rowe**, and **David and Laura Hiller**.

From the President



Dear Sisters Kiwanians,

Happy New Year!

Thank you for making this New Year a promising one!

Each year, as we turn the corner into February, our club really picks up steam gearing up for our Spring and Summer projects and fund raisers. It may seem like all is quiet outside, but now is when the planning and groundwork is laid for a year of successful events.

We finished off the year with a series of successful food drives thanks to the assistance of **Michele Hammer** at the Middle School, our Sisters Key Club at the High School, **Jeff McDonald** and Ray's Food Place, our community, and our hard working Kiwanis team.

This Spring, we will also have a food drive at our Elementary School and potentially some additional school partners as well.

For everyone who is hoping to land on a planning team and see all of the good that you can bring to our community, please reach out to **Chief Roger Johnson** or myself so you can share your special set of talents with our upcoming fundraisers and projects.

Every dollar that we contribute to our community comes from the teamwork of our club. We look forward to helping you all feel a part of the good that our club does for one another.

I wish that this New Year turns out to be a very special one for each of you. May each of your days be filled with health, happiness, togetherness and sunshine!

Together, we are making a difference,

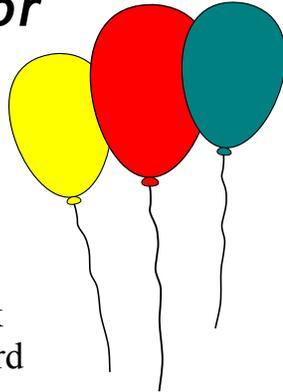
Happy New Year!

President Suzanne

Members



MILESTONES for JANUARY



Birthdays

- 6th Scott McKittrick
- 14th Michael Robillard
- 19th William Anttila
- 27th Suzanne Carvlin
- 29th Pat Woollard

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4th Yoshi & Cecilia Furuya 38 years
- 16th Dan & Carol Stearns 4 years
- 27th Al & Fran Boyette 59 years
- 28th Bruce & Marleen Rognlien 55 years

Club Anniversaries

- 4th Tom Fish 26 years
- 5th Mike Vermillion 4 years
- 6th Bob Walter 23 years
- 6th Roger Johnson 3 years
- 7th Jerry Taylor 19 years
- 12th Shirley Lalli 27 years
- 25th Tay Robertson 12 years

Winter Soup Social Warms Our Hearts and Souls.



Since the first soup social in 2012 we have tried to gather our

members to shake off the gray and wintry chill for an evening of soup and fellowship in early January. This year 38 members and spouses braved the chilly evening and gathered at the Tollgate Clubhouse to show off their



hidden cooking talents or, for others of us, eating talents.



One not so hidden talent on display was the professional party planning. Our multitasking **President Suzanne Carvlin** who is also known professionally as *Suzanne*



the Party Girl put every table and flower petal in its place for the evening.

Awesome job.

Good food, great company. Thanks to all who contributed to this special event, and especially **President Suz.** Photos - Suzanne Carvlin

Meetings



Jim Horsley, Rob Karwarth and Robyn Holdman

avoid unhealthy debate. This will lead to a more effective democracy, and help maintain our sense of community by increasing civic participation. We hope to reach not only elected officials and political groups but also regular people, like neighborhood organizations, church groups and even the parents on the sidelines of youth athletic contests. *We are not just targeting those who are uncivil, but those who allow uncivilized behavior to happen.* The key message is to promote nine simple tools for practicing civility, taken from P. M. Forni's book Choosing Civility.

You can find more information online at www.citizens4community.com and www.dsaspeakyourpeace.org

Program Speakers Schedule

January

- 7 - President's Meeting
- 14 - Citizens for Community -
Robyn Holdman/Rob Kawarth
- 21 - Youth Service Training
- 28 - Mike Walter - 49er's Superbowls

February

- 4 - President's Meeting
- 11 - Greg Zadow -
Greenridge Physical Therapy
- 18 - Ray Eyerly Prints - Discussions
- 25 - TBD

(If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact Jim Horsley, and be sure to thank him for all that he has scheduled for us.)

Speak Your Peace

A group of local citizens led by **Robyn Holdman** has formed an organization called Citizens for Community. They have begun an effort to bring more civility into public meetings and dialogue. With the help of the Ford Family Foundation they sponsored workshops led by **Rob Kawarth**, a founder of Speak Your Peace, from Duluth, Minnesota.

The purpose of the Speak Your Peace Civility Project is to urge citizens to communicate in a more respectful and effective way. This is not a campaign to end disagreements. It is a campaign to improve public discourse by simply reminding ourselves of the very basic principle of respect. The best way to determine what a community wants is to listen to what its people have to say. This is a fundamental principle of democracy. Disagreements can lead to healthy debate, which brings new information and ideas to light. By elevating our level of communication and avoiding personal attacks and general stubbornness, we can



Projects



Ray's Food Place Collects More than 800 Bags of Groceries for the Food Bank

Throughout the month of December **Jeff McDonald** and his crew at Ray's Food Place collected donations to sponsor food for the food bank. Customers were asked to purchase a bag of groceries for \$20 and Ray's added another \$5 to each bag. When the drive was done, 832 bags of groceries were on the



way to restock the Food Bank. Rather than

wrestle with that many real bags of food, **Jeff** translated the quantities into cases and 11 pallets, that totaled over 15,000 pounds of food valued at over \$20,550.



FOOD BANK RESULTS

DECEMBER 2015 (4 week mo.)
 Families Served-105
 Adults- 200 Children- 92
 Food boxes valued at \$17,992
 20 Kiwanis volunteers serving 177.5 hours.
 10 Community volunteers serving 54 hours.

On January 4 a small army of trucks and trailers and 21 Kiwanis volunteers loaded the food at Ray's and delivered and stocked it at the Food Bank. Amazingly the move took only an hour and a half. And more



surprising they got it all to fit into the Food Bank building with overflow into the Kiwanis House.

Photos - Suzanne Carvlin/Earl Schroeder



Thursdays at Aspen Lakes Lodge - 7:00 Coffee

**Sisters Kiwanis
We Celebrate Service!
We invite you to join us for
coffee! Thursdays at 7:00 AM
Meetings start at 7:30 AM
Aspen Lakes, Brand 33**

**Our Sisters Kiwanis
Purpose and Mission:**

The 75 members of the Sisters club take pride in a very real impact on our local community. Our club runs the food bank and has a massive food share event during the Christmas holidays. It supports fellow Sisters residents when emergency needs arise. It offers scholarships to many graduating seniors, and awards grants to dozens of organizations that have significant impact on the well-being of children and families. The club also gives "opportunity grants" to many deserving adults in the community to help them better their position in life. Other service projects include: cleaning Sisters' highways, reading to children, improving our city's parks, sponsoring our scout troops, staffing Red Cross blood drives, collecting eye glasses and cell phones, arranging community presentations, maintaining an entrance sign to our city, teaching kids poison awareness and helping screen children for health problems. Discover more at:

www.SistersKiwanis.org

**Calendar of Upcoming
Events**

SAVE THESE DATES

January 2016

7, 14, 21, 28 - Meetings
Aspen Lakes Lodge
16 - Winter Soup Social Potluck -
Tollgate Community Clubhouse

February 2016

4, 11, 18, 25 - Meetings
Aspen Lakes Lodge
20 - Science Fair at Sisters High School



March 2016

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Meetings
Aspen Lakes Lodge

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