

Siskiwan

Kiwanis Club of Sisters December 2014

It's an early Winter!

Well, by the calendar it may not be officially winter yet, by the weather outside it is certainly here, big time. Trekkers to the November 13th meeting were greeted with a blanket of white surrounding the clubhouse. Winter coats and snow boots were the order of the day. And the award for Awesome Snowboots of the day has to go to **Angela Linker**. Isn't that wild?

The weather for the following week's meeting was shaping up to be even worse so President Dave decided on Wednesday night before the meeting that it would

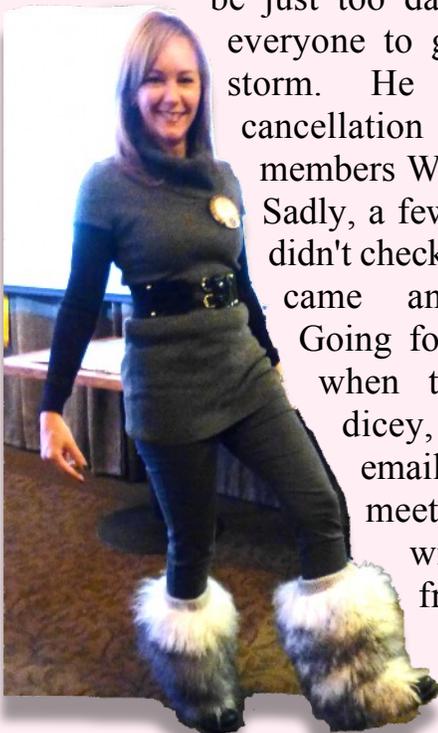
be just too dangerous to ask

everyone to go out into the storm. He emailed the cancellation to all the club members Wednesday night.

Sadly, a few die-hard folks didn't check their email and came anyway. Sorry!

Going forward, be sure, when the weather is dicey, to check your email just before the meeting. or check

with one of your friends to see if the meeting is on.



Past President

Dave Huni

AKA "The human snowplow", helped the Board of Directors tunnel through the snowbanks into the Kiwanis

House, so

they could have their November Board meeting indoors. Nice! Photo Suzanne Carvlin



Happy Holidays



Make it a special holiday for someone with a gift of See's Candies. Tell your friends. Order forms are on the website.

From the President



Fellow Kiwanians,

It is good to see that Kiwanis activities for the holiday season are gearing up and running smoothly. Thanks to **Tom** and **Gary**, the See's Candies rig is fully operational; and I hear that sales are a little ahead of last year. You all should have received an "order form" for candy so take a few to the your neighbors and see if we can ramp our sales. The Christmas lights are now up on the K house and food bank - thanks to all those **Daves** who put them up in the ice!

Bill Rainey has reluctantly turned in his resignation from the Board. He and **Cindy** will now be spending about 6 months in Arizona during the winter. This makes it impossible for **Bill** to meet the requirement that Board members cannot miss more than three straight meetings. We will miss **Bill's** expertise on the Board. **Bill** and **Cindy** assure me that they will be returning in the spring and fully participate in club volunteer activities. This departure means that we are seeking a new Board member; so, if you are interested let me know.

In our November Board meeting the primary agenda item was to approve the club Foundation budget. We were able to maintain most of the previous year's giving levels, because of carry over from last years budget. There still will be a reduction in the donations to scholarships over the next year though. **Jack McGilvary** will report more on the details, but our fund raising success over the next year is crucial. **Jack** says that this year's fund raising budget is the lowest we have had in 15 years. Unless we offset the funds raised from the golf tournament, our giving in 2015/2016 must decline from previous years. Also, **Michele Hammer** announced that she would contribute her Key Club Advisor stipend to Kiwanis for additional scholarships; thank you **Michele**!

The food bank continues to fill an important need during the holiday. However, many of our members who work a lot at the food bank are gone for parts of the holidays. So please give **Naomi** a call if you can work, because they need our help.

Finally, I have been thinking about the concept of idealism and how it fits into our clubs purpose. In many ways, idealism seems a forgotten concept in the modern culture. So, I have been intrigued by the Kiwanis "Objects". I checked these out on the Kiwanis website. Corny, outdated, who knows – but they are interesting. Kiwanis says that they were approved in 1924 and have not been changed since. Kiwanis makes sure to mention that while the Objects may sound "religious" they are meant to be "spiritual" and available to all. So check them out; maybe we will revisit them later.

President Dave

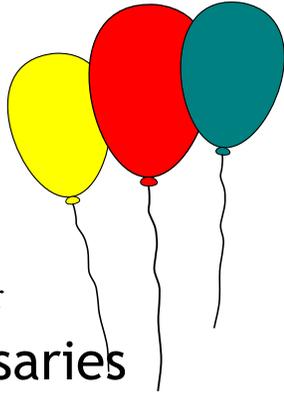
Members



MILESTONES for DECEMBER

Birthdays

- 6th – Bruce Rognlien
- 14th – Tom Kopec
- 19th – Jerry Hanford
- 27th – Yoshi Furuya
- 31st – Michele Hammer



Wedding Anniversaries

- 3rd – Naomi & Don Rowe, 56 years
- 23rd – Julia Dougan & Michael McMillan, 10 years
- 28th – Tay & Sharon Robertson, 40 years
- 30th – Vern & Kati Renner, 36 years
- 31st – Shirley & Frank Lalli, 8 years

Club Anniversaries

- 7th - Gary Frazee - 25 years
- 15th - Cindy Rainey - 3 years
- 15th - Bill Rainey – 3 years
- 15th - Karen Keady - 3 years
- 16th - Gretchen Dakin - 1 year
- 16th - Jeff Omodt - 5 years
- 28th - Ron Mohler – 14 years
- 29th - Dan Stearns - 2 years
- 30th - Liam Hughes - 1 year

NEW MEMBER: Family Style



Our newest member seemed sort of like a part of our family even before he joined us. And, if you stop to think about it, with the amount of Kiwanis activity that **Shirley Lalli**

does for the Club, anyone living in the same house would want to be part of it too. And that's just what happened. **Frank Lalli** has taken the leap from super-busy Kiwanis Spouse, to full member. Welcome **Frank!**

And even more, **Frank and Shirley** join our growing number of couples members. A special group including, **Barb and Kerry Bott, Cindy and Bill Rainey, Suzanne and Chris Carvlin, and Pat and Bob Woollard.** A special **J.I.S.T.** recognition pin comes from Past PNW Governor

Pamela Smith who is also a couples member with her husband **Greg.**



Meetings



Program Speakers Schedule

December

- 4 - President's Meeting
- 11 - Jim Golden – Chinese teaching in the Sisters schools
- 18 - John McLaughlin – Children's Forest of Central Oregon
- 25 - Christmas Day - NO MEETING

January

- 8 - President's Meeting
- 15 - Chief Roger Johnson - Sisters Fire Dept. update
- 22 - Katie Keranen - Hope Africa

(If you have program suggestions or ideas please contact **May Fan**, and thank her for all that she has scheduled for us.)



He told us some interesting background stories about world events as the CIA saw them, and some of the Cold War Intelligence operations



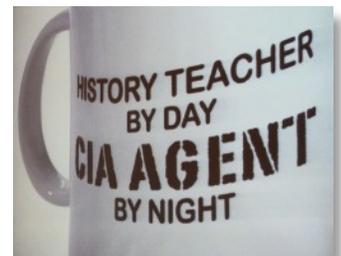
Former CIA member **Rodger Gabrielson** joined our meeting to tell us about his thirty-plus year career as a SPY. Well he really couldn't tell us about that part, but he did give

that he witnessed. He even gave us a favorable review for the film **ARGO**, for a realistic look at some of the CIA in action.



a great overview of how the agency operates and what it tries to do.

When he talked about data security and how difficult it was to keep anything secret, some of you might have noticed how cautious he was... he



he brought his own computer... he brought his own microphone... he brought his own sound system... and nobody else was allowed to touch any of it. Thanks, **Rodger**, or what ever your real name is.

Projects



See's Candies Sale is off to a great start!

Just in time for the holidays, we have a chance to sweeten everyone's gift basket and make some cash for the club.



As most of you remember, we buy a truckload of delicious See's Candies every November, then we set up an RV in the Ray's parking lot (Thanks to **Jeff McDonald** for the space and power). Then for most of November and December we all volunteer for one or more 4-hour shifts manning the sale. Early sales are ahead of past years, don't let up, this can be a great year

FOOD BANK RESULTS

November 2014

Families Served-99

Adults-228 Children-87

Food boxes valuing \$15,450

12 Kiwanis volunteers
serving 107 hours.

11 Community volunteers
serving 35 hours.



Tom Kopec (AKA the Candyman) has generously stepped forward again to herd all of us candy cats. Sign-ups for sales shifts are now filled. If you have a shift that you can't do, arrange for your own replacement, and let Tom know too. To be sure you don't forget, **Suzy Ramsey** and **Sheryl McLaughlin** will make a reminder call to you the day before your shift. Thank you, ladies. Don't forget to BUY some for yourself, too.

Photos - Jeff Omodt

Odds & Ends



the classes Freshmen through Seniors compete to see who can collect the most canned food for the food bank. Last year more than 1300 pounds was collected and delivered to the food bank. This year they all plan is to break the old record.

And a wish for ALL !

Interclubs keep rolling along

Pat Woollard and her amazing band of interclubbers are up to 11 interclubs and it's only the 3rd month of the new Kiwanis year. Shown above is a visit with the Key Club at Sisters High School. In the picture (l. to r.) **Dave Huni, Vern Renner, Allen Hull, Frank Lalli, Tom Kopec** and **Shirley Lalli**. At the podium is Key Club President **Brenna** who is helping get the plan going for the Key Club annual canned food drive. Every year, each of





Join Us

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 76 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**

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<http://sisterskiwanis.org/join-us/>**

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