



# Siskiwan

Kiwanis Club of Sisters December 2015

## Winter and the Snow is Here, Hooray!

So much snow, in fact, that we've had to cancel two meetings in December.



But snow or ice can't stop the See's Candies project. Sales are on track to meet the carefully crafted plans of **Tom "Candyman" Kopec** and his able sidekick, **Gary Kutz**. **Tom** tells us that although



we're are running a little behind the pace of last year (which was a record year), he still hopes

to sell out all \$22,000 worth of candy and put a tidy \$6,700 in the bank for our club projects. If you haven't finished your holiday gifting, stop by the trailer and buy a box or ten.

## Holiday Greetings

Whatever your traditions, may it be a most joyous season for you and your family and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.



## Songs of the Season



What would the holidays be without singing? **Pat Woolard** and **Sheryl McLaughlin** took their beautiful voices on tour singing with their church choir in Vienna, (yes, Austria, wow!).

Closer to home, **Yoshi Furuya** joined the High Desert Chorale for two holiday concerts at the Community Church.

Thanks for sharing your holiday music.



# From the President



Dear Sisters Kiwanians,

Happy December!

What a month it has been thus far with the tough news that **Jean O'Hara** has passed and **Shirley Lalli's** home was crushed by not one, but two trees, while she, **Frank** and **Leora** were watching TV during an after-dinner break.

I am always impressed by the generosity of our club and particularly so when someone in our club has suffered a loss. You are all an amazing group of people.

Let's keep **Shirley** and her family in our thoughts, as their task of rebuilding their home will take some time. Those who give the most have the most difficult time asking for help. Our **Shirley** is the biggest giver ever! An account has been set up for the **Lallis** at Washington Federal. You can deposit donations with Washington Federal to "**Shirley Lalli**" and in the subject line "disaster recovery fund."

Our community is working hard doing good deeds for others this season as well. The Sisters Key Club and Sisters High School and Sisters Middle School are hard at work collecting canned goods for their food drives. Thank you to Key Club Advisor, **Kristy Rawls**, and Key Club President, **Jackson Morgan**, and our own **Michele Hammer**, for working so hard to make these events come together. I can't wait to see all of the food weighed in and the smiles on the kids' faces when they see how much money they raised with their Roundhouse Foundation Matching Grant!

Together, we are making a difference,

Happy Holidays!

*President Suzanne*



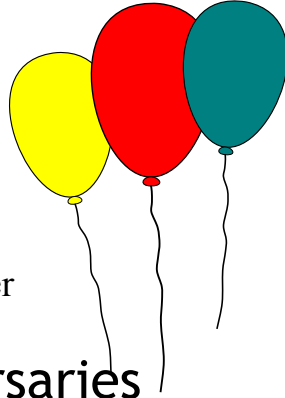
# Members



## MILESTONES for DECEMBER

### Birthdays

6th Bruce Rognlien  
14th Tom Kopec  
27th Yoshi Furuya  
31st Michele Hammer



### Wedding Anniversaries

3rd Naomi & Donald Rowe 57 years  
21st Jim & Sonya Horsley 47 years  
23rd Julia Dougan &  
Michael McMillan 11 years

28th Tay & Sharon Robertson 41 years  
30th Vern & Kati Renner 36 years  
31st Shirley & Frank Lalli 9 years

### Club Anniversaries

7th Gary Frazee 26 years  
15th Cindy Rainey 4 years  
15th Bill Rainey 4 years  
15th Karen Keady 4 years  
16th Jeff Omodt 6 years  
28th Ron Mohler 15 years  
29th Dan Stearns 3 years  
30th Liam Hughes 1 year

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## Welcome New Member Tom Hesse



Membership Chair **Suzy Ramsey** presents our newest member to the club, **Tom Hesse**. He has lived in Sisters with his wife Linda since 2007. They have spent the last 8 years building barns and a new home in the Cloverdale area. They have a son **Michael** who is Federal

Police Officer at Fort Campbell, KY. **Tom** was born and raised in Portland and lived there for 38 years. He said "We wanted to retire to a drier climate, close to fishing and other outdoor opportunities with a property suitable for horses, llamas and alpacas". **Tom's** career was 38 years in Automotive Financial Services with Chrysler Financial. **Tom** now enjoys woodworking and the challenge of keeping things working around the farm. **Linda**, is an accomplished quilter and volunteers at the Habitat Thrift store. **Tom** says "I chose Kiwanis because its focus is on Sisters community, its needs and its youth. I believe if there is a true need in our community, Kiwanis can find a way to get it done!"

**Tom** was sponsored by **David Roberts** with a big assist from co-sponsor **Tom Kopec**. **Thank you gentlemen, (and Suzy) and welcome Tom!**

# Meetings



## Program Speakers Schedule

### December

- 3 - President's Meeting (Snowed-out)
- 10 - Daniele McKay - Offshore Fault/Earthquake
- 17 - Dave Cox - Long Range Plans (Snow)
- 24 - Christmas Eve -NO MEETING
- 31 - New Years Party & Dave Cox

### January

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

(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.)

## Cascadia Earthquake/Tsunami Preparedness

**Daniele McKay** has a PhD in geology from the University of Oregon. She studies volcanic activity and has focused much of her research on central Oregon volcanoes. She is also interested in how societies prepare for and respond to natural disasters, especially volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. She has worked



with Deschutes County, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience, and the Red Cross on natural hazard preparedness and mitigation issues. More information is available at OPB:



## Darkness to Light



**Shanon Rackowski** brought us up to date on a cause that she is passionate about. The subject of Child Abuse

Prevention. She teaches with the organization Darkness to Light. The extent of the problem is shocking, but the hope for improvement through awareness and training is very hopeful. Learn more at [www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.org).

### "Unprepared":

<http://www.opb.org/news/series/unprepared/>  
Excellent source of information for preparedness in Oregon!

### "Aftershock":

<http://www.opb.org/aftershock/>  
Enter your zip code to see what impacts a 9.0 earthquake will have in your area.

**Full Rip 9.0**, by Sandi Doughton  
Great book by a science writer for the Seattle Times. Very well written and easy to understand.



# Projects



## Sisters Middle School Joins with the Key Club for the Can Food Drive This Year

Our Key Club members at Sisters High School are just wrapping up another great annual Can Food Drive.

The Drive is a school wide competition between the classes (Last year the Seniors



won, again). This year, thanks to the efforts of **Michele Hammer** at the Middle School, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be joining in too. Students collect and sort cans of food and nonperishable goods and deliver them to the Food Bank. The donations help the Food

Bank meet increased demand for the Holiday season.



**Naomi Rowe** weighs in another bin.

## FOOD BANK RESULTS

NOVEMBER 2015 (3 week mo.)

Families Served-105

Adults- 212 Children- 98

Food boxes valued at \$18,103

18 Kiwanis volunteers

serving 135 hours.

9 Community volunteers

serving 74 hours.

Last years drive brought in over 1,500 pounds of food. This year there is a very special bonus added to the drive. The Roundhouse Foundation had pledged to contribute \$1.00 for each pound of food that is collected. Thank you to **Kathy Deggendorfer** and the Roundhouse Foundation for this generous support of the Food Bank, the Key Club and the community.



# Remembering Jean O'Hara



Jean O'Hara April 3, 1924 - December 9, 2015

We are sad to share the news that our beloved **Jean O'Hara** passed away this month. Recently, as Jean's health was declining, she had gone to stay with her daughter, **Cathy**, in Madras so she could be closer to both daughters. **Jean** was such a strong lady, you would have never known that she was ill and battling cancer. If you inquired about her, she would always tell you the sunny news and ask how you were doing instead.

**Jean** and **Harold** met in Detroit, Michigan, where **Harold** was stationed after enlisting in the Navy. **Jean** and **Harold** were married on May 19, 1945. **Harold** was discharged in December, 1945, and they then moved to Southern California, where they had their two daughters, **Cathy** and **Karen**. **Jean** raised their family while **Harold** was first a lithographer and then in the restaurant business for 20 years.

They moved to Sisters in 1976, and **Harold** became a charter member of the new Sisters Kiwanis Club. Jean became a member in November, 1995. **Jean** and **Harold** were both active in Kiwanis. **Jean** was our club secretary

for many years and **Harold** was Lt. Governor for 2 terms. **Jean** and **Harold** traveled extensively, visiting all 50 states. Each state they visited, they would try to attend a Kiwanis Club meeting!

Sadly, **Harold** passed on February 24, 2010.

We were all pleased that Jean was well enough to attend our most recent Installation of Officers meeting last September.

**Bob Grooney**, saluted her for more than 20 years of service and for her many efforts of volunteering and caring for others. The club



presented her with some beautiful flowers as she proudly showed her "vest of a thousand badges". She received a well earned, standing

ovation from the entire club.

**Jean** is survived by her daughters **Cathy** and **Karen**, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. **Jean** really took an interest in other people and she was such a kind spirit. She will be greatly missed by us all. Plans for services are pending.



# Postcards From...



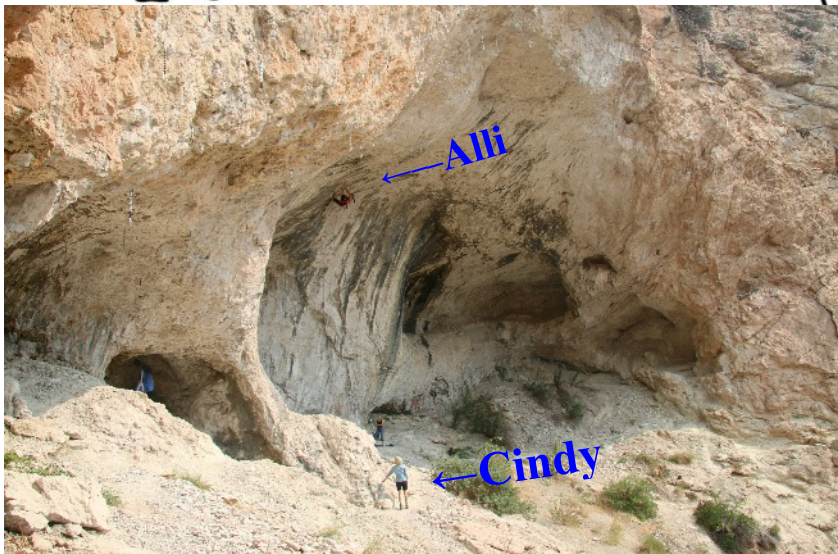
You may have noticed in last month's Siskiwan in the salute to veterans, **David Roberts** name had the annotation RAF next to his branch service. Here's a postcard from David as he returned to the scene of his early youth in service to the Queen.

## PostCard



*Greetings from London*  
Hi All,  
This was my spot on June 2, 1953 for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. At the time I was wearing my blue RAF uniform. Please note that now I am sporting the Sisters Kiwanis hat.  
Regards, David

## PostCard



*Greetings from Arizona*

Hi All

Great view from up here, but you all look like little ants, actually, upside down ants.

Alli

Most parents support what ever their kids decide to do, even when it's a little scary. Everyone needs to find their own way to climb to the top of their dreams. Here we see Cindy and Bill Rainey's daughter Alli climbing a rock near her home in Arizona. In the foreground Cindy and Bill cheer her on thru slightly clenched teeth. Go Alli!

# 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 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](http://www.SistersKiwanis.org)**

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

*SAVE THESE DATES*

### **December 2015**

3, 10, 17 - Meeting Aspen Lakes Lodge  
24 - NO Meeting - Christmas Holiday  
31 - Meeting Aspen Lakes Lodge



### **January 2016**

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

### **February 2016**

4, 11, 18, 25 - Meeting Aspen Lakes Lodge



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