

# Siskiwan

Kiwanis Club of Sisters September 2015

## September is Year-End

As most of you know, the Kiwanis year runs from October to September every year. With the changing year we will be transitioning to a new leadership team of officers and Board members and thanking the current ones for a great year of service. At the PNW District convention in Portland in August our club delegates welcomed incoming PNW Governor, **Jackie Sue McFarlin**, and celebrated the year just completed by current governor **Bob Munger** (pictured below).



At our local level we will all be meeting for the annual Installation of Officers on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of **David and Karen Roberts**. Along with a tasty potluck luncheon we will swear in our new officers and board members and present some well earned awards and recognition for service this past year. We we may even have a special guest, outgoing Governor **Bob Munger**.

## Run to the Top Goes Over the Top

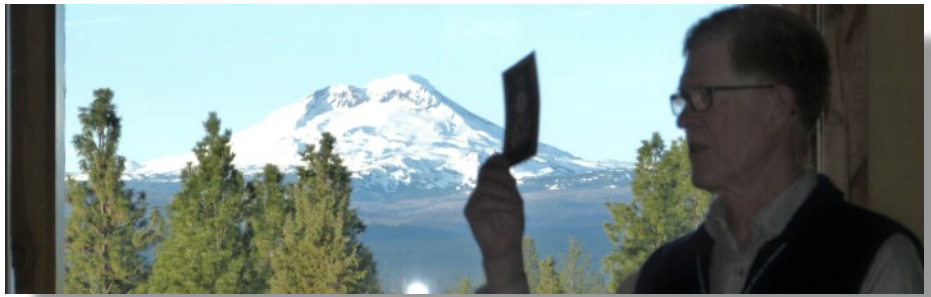
After more than 8 months in development the first ever Black Butte Challenge, a 10K run to the top of Black Butte, went off with out a hitch. **Suzy Ramsey** and her team of planners and visionaries led the rest of the club to one of the newest and most

creative fund raisers the club has ever tried. Putting on a running event is challenging enough, but in the face of several

existing events every weekend all summer it really has to be special to get noticed. Well it was! Feedback from everyone who participated by running, sponsoring and working the race was universally positive. It will take a little time to sort out all the details and count the money and the bills, but it looks like it was also a financial success too. Thank you **Suzy** for your amazing effort and leadership. Past President **Dave Huni** was at the top with his camera and captured the banner picture above and some exceptional shots of the day on the mountain. More on pages 6-7



# From the President



Fellow Kiwanians,

Don't you just love September in Sisters? While the weather around here just always seems to be fantastic (unless we have that darn smoke) this month brings more than the normal level of excitement. The town is filled with lively visitors for the Folk Festival and the Fall Street Festival. Kiwanis continues to play a big role in the Taste of Sisters, and then we gear up the next weekend to haul, water, and feed excited runners back and forth between Black Butte and Camp Sherman. And then there is the Installation ceremony at Dave Roberts' home on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Wheew !

Your Board had a productive meeting in August: **Conner Bates** was endorsed as a new member; we decided to give a Doggie Dash entrance fee "scholarship" to someone in need (as selected by the Library); and authorized the fundraising committee to spend up to \$370 to have four Ray Eyerly lithographs framed and matted for sale at the Library. Discussions about food sources for the Food Bank continue and the Food Bank committee presented a sample donation form and envelope package for those who would like to make a contribution to the food bank or the Foundation. The Board discussed its concern about the lack of members signing up for the MeetUP system; it was decided to continue experimenting with this tool even though some members may not sign up.

Last month, **Jeff Omodt**, **Linda Walker** and **yours truly** attended the 98<sup>th</sup> PNW District convention in Portland. A main function of the convention is for club delegates to elect new District officers, and vote on formal policy and by-law issues. **Jackie Sue McFarlin** (the incoming Governor for 2015/2016) recognized the new District chairs for all the Kiwanis functional committees – there are a LOT of them! The delegates elected **Ron Meyers** as Governor-elect. Many service awards are also handed out. In addition to a lot of red jackets, there is a lot of positive energy at these District conventions. One cannot help but be impressed by the level of dedication and enthusiasm so many people bring to the Kiwanis family.

It is hard for me to believe that this is the last letter I will send as your President. These past 14 months have gone by so quickly! I want to thank all of you for the help and support you have given me. The Board has been a delight to work with and I am impressed on its thoughtful and enthusiastic development of policies and activities that will help the club grow and thrive.

*President Dave*

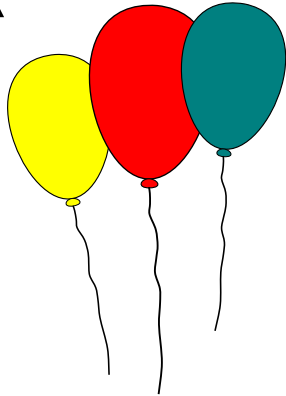
# Members



## ***MILESTONES for SEPTEMBER***

### **Birthdays**

8th – Tay Robertson  
13th – Doug Roberts  
24th – Shirley Lalli  
28th – Liam Hughes  
28th – Roger Johnson



### **Wedding Anniversaries**

11th – Jan & Hank Failing, 17 years  
20th – May Fan & Kris Calvin, 29 years  
23rd – Gary & Cookie Kutz, 19 years

### **Club Anniversaries**

5th – Jan Failing, 7 years  
6th – Dave Marlow, 14 years  
27th – David Roberts, 10 years  
29th – Pat Woollard, 6 years  
29th – Gary Kutz, 6 years

## **Welcome New Member Connor Bates**

**Earl Schroeder** has sponsored another great new member into the club. This time it is **Connor Bates**. **Earl** won't tell us why he was hanging out in our local CPA's office, but that's where he met **Connor**. After bringing him to several meetings **Connor** was persuaded that Sisters Kiwanis was a fit for him. **Connor** has deep local roots. He grew up in Bend and lived there until he went off to College in Portland. That where he met **Emily** who became his wife. The couple then moved to Illinois where **Emily** completed a doctorate degree in Audiology. When that was done they move back to Central Oregon. Currently they are living in Bend, but Connor's parents are here in Sisters (retired) and his job is here too. So he says they want

to save to buy a house and move here. **Emily** will be looking for a place to apply her Audiology expertise somewhere in this area too (so if you hear of anything....or if you can hear anything... whatever! ). When asked why he chose Kiwanis **Connor** said "Kiwanis seemed to have a bigger reach and ability to serve the community that some of the other service organizations."

We think so too.

Welcome aboard,

**Connor!**





# Meetings



## Program Speakers Schedule

### September

- 2 - President's Meeting
- 10 - Jodi Winnwalker - Music Therapy
- 17 - Jen Binks - Heart of Oregon Corps
- 24 - Community Survey - Dave Cox

### October

- 1 - President's Meeting
- 8 - TBD
- 15 - Stu Garrett - Newberry Crater  
Natural History and Politics
- 22 - TBD
- 29 - TBD

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

## Over \$1,000 was earned Selling Quilt Raffle Tickets

**Jeanette Pilak**

Executive  
Director of the  
Sisters Outdoor  
Quilt Show  
presents a check  
to **Shauna**

**Rocha,**

**Shauna** coordinated the Club's effort help sell raffle tickets for the Quilt Show in July. The club receives a share of the quilt raffle proceeds from all of the tickets sold. This year it was \$1,004. Nice work **Shauna**, and thank you to **Jeanette** and SOQS.



## Career Opportunity Scholarship



**Jan Failing** presents a Career Opportunity check to **Yumi Eykelbosch**. **Jan** explained to us that **Yumi** is already trained and working as a dental assistant,

but she wants to go back to school to become a dental hygienist. Sounds good to us. Good luck **Yumi**. (Here's an idea: If we all stop flossing until Yumi graduates she'll have an easier time getting a new job... OK some of you can start, then stop.)

## Don't Call It Monkey Business

**Kaleigh Rhoades** brought us an interesting program on the work that is being done by the animal rescue group in Tumalo, called Chimps Inc. The group provides a home and care for chimps abandoned as pets or movie actors.



# Projects & Awards



## Club Receives Awards and Recognition from PNW

We all know that we are a pretty special club, but its nice to have it confirmed by our district leaders and officers. Here are a few of the awards we collected for 2013-2014 at this year's PNW District Convention in Portland. (Most are awarded on a one year delay)



## Int'l Convention Delegate.

Our very own **Linda Walker** brought this one home to our Club. As Div.78 Lt. Governor she attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention in Indianapolis meeting with Kiwanians from around the world.

## Round Robin Award.

**Pat & Bob Woollard** again coordinated the required number of 24 interclub trips to all our Division 78 clubs including at least twice to each. Only 23 recipients from 300 clubs

## SOS Save Old Spectacles

**Earl Schroeder** and **Bill Anttila** collected and sent boxes of hundreds of eyeglasses to be redistributed to needy families in the Philippines.

## FOOD BANK RESULTS

AUGUST 2015

Families Served-113

Adults- 239 Children- 107

Food boxes valuing \$21,273

12 Kiwanis volunteers

serving 165 hours.

9 Community volunteers

serving 67.5 hours.

## Outstanding Secretary

For a *Fifth Consecutive Year* **Jan Failing** brought honors to the Club with her flawless work as Club Secretary! To accomplish this requires the brain of a rocket scientist and the patience of a saint to navigate the Monthly Reporting Package that the club sends to the District. Only 40 were recognized from 300 Clubs.

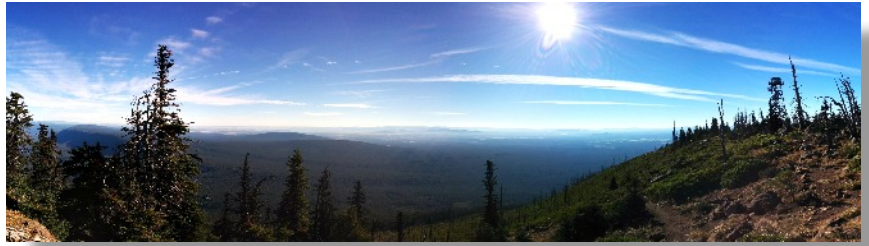


## Outstanding Club

Awarded based on an extensive set of club performance criteria. We were 1 of 96 clubs recognized from a total of 300 in the District.



# Once upon A Mountain



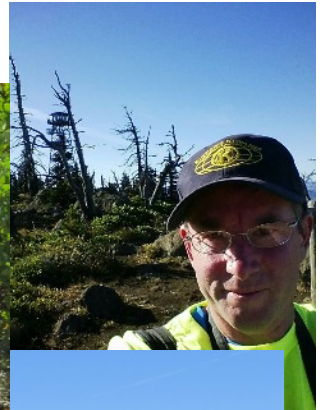
## Black Butte Challenge - Race to the Top

Eight months in the planning and preparation. Something new and outside the bounds of what the club had ever done before. With a lot of detailed debriefing yet to be done, it is already clear that it was an awesome accomplishment and a fund-raising and image-raising success.

Congratulations to every one who helped make it happen. **Suzy Ramsey** should get a Nobel Prize for perseverance and courage. Her support crew including **Matt Kirchoff**, **May Fan**, **Berni Huggett**, **Jan Failing**, **Dave Huni**, **Cindy Rainey**, **Julia Dougan** and **Jeff Omodt** brought a diverse set of skills that all worked together. Long time friend of our Club **Gene Trahern** (think Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts and more) who is a champion mountain trail runner brought expertise and advice that was crucial to the success. And on race day the whole club was out in force. Well Done. And working on top of the mountain with his camera Past President **Dave Huni** captured some incredible images of the day.  
*Even a selfie ;-)* →



Women's First - Andrea Terry  
in 1:19:56 (right)



Men's First and First overall -  
Mario Mendoza in 57:55.5 (above)





# More from the Race



Most of the Club Was Mobilized to Put on the Event



Carrying the Club Colors (OK, a Kiwanis hat anyway)  
and running a fine race was our own Mike Robillard



Mike (far left) was the only Kiwanian to run in the race, but **Berni Huggett's** daughter **Amber Mcleod** (not pictured) was also a finisher.



# For the Community

## ALS Fundraising



No matter how busy we are with our own club's service projects, most of our members still find time to work in the community on other programs that are a particular passion for them. ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease has recently received more attention and support than in the past. Last year the Ice Bucket Challenge caught on as a fundraiser and the search for a cure got a terrific boost in funding. The increased funding has already begun to show some hopeful breakthroughs in new research. To sustain the momentum, the Ice Bucket challenge is back this year as well as the annual Walk to Defeat ALS.



**Allen Hull**, whose wife **Carmen** has ALS, challenged club members to join in this year's IBC and Walk. Two weeks ago about 20 supporters took the icy plunge including Kiwanians **Jeff Omodt & Bill Anttila** (right). The effort raised about \$950 for the cause.



Last week **Allen** and **Carmen** led a team of about 35 walkers called the **Hull Hustlers** at the ALS walk for a cure in Bend. Their team raised over \$4,000 from walkers and donors. The team was second highest fund raising team at the event this year which raised more than \$50,000 for ALS. Nice work **Allen** and **Carmen**!







# 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 77 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:  
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